

HERRICKS CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY

2023-2024



Gabriella Cardone

What is the Board of Education?

The Board of Education is made up of five district residents who have been elected for a three-year term by the qualified voters of the district. They serve without compensation. The Board of Education sets goals and establishes policies for the conduct of the public schools. It assures the opportunity for a high-quality education for every student to the extent possible within the fiscal constraints imposed by New York State and makes the well-being of students the fundamental principle in all decisions and actions. Its responsibilities include: prescribing courses of study; reviewing, adopting and overseeing the school budget; levying taxes in accordance with the law; contracting and employing staff members; setting attendance zones; providing school sites, buildings and transportation; purchasing educational supplies and equipment as well as fuel, furniture and other necessities. These responsibilities are carried out in accordance with New York State Education Department's rules and regulations.

When does the Board of Education meet?

The Board of Education usually meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. All Board meetings begin at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted in the calendar. The Board may call an executive session for proposed, pending or current litigation; collective negotiations; review of an employee's appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension or removal of a particular person; the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property; the sale of securities, such as bonds; the preparation, grading or administration of exams; and matters that may imperil public safety (Pub. Off. Law § 195).

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend all Board of Education meetings. At every meeting, residents will be given the opportunity to ask questions of presenters following major reports and to ask questions related to agenda items.

Those who wish to communicate with the Board of Education may call 516-305-8901 or send their comments to the Board President James Gounaris, or any individual trustee, via email or at the following address: Herricks UFSD, Community Center, 999 Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-1302. Their email addresses are listed below. Please note: Emails addressed to members of the Board of Education will also be sent to the BOE liaison.

2023-24 Board Member E-Mail Addresses:

James Gounaris, President
boardofeducation@herricks.org
Henry R. Zanetti, Vice President
boardofeducation@herricks.org
Juleigh Chin
boardofeducation@herricks.org
Nancy Feinstein
boardofeducation@herricks.org
Brian Hassan
boardofeducation@herricks.org

Board meetings have been primarily scheduled for the Community Center, but are also held in other school buildings during the year.

The Board is appreciative of the many community volunteers who have offered their expertise to benefit the school district, as well as the various residents and groups who have made donations to the schools.

Front Cover Artwork by Gabriella Cardone, Class of 2024



From left: Board of Education Trustee Nancy Feinstein, Trustee Brian Hassan, Trustee Juleigh Chin, Vice President Henry Zanetti, President James Gounaris.



Superintendent's Page

Dear Members of the Herricks Community,

When I look back on my first year in Herricks the one word that most consistently comes to mind is... community! The strong sense of community – and unity – are what set Herricks apart from other school districts and neighborhoods. We may not be bound by one town or village; instead we are bound by our commitment to our school community and specifically the success and well-being of our students. Our children are our most precious assets, and it is through the collaborative effort between parents, educators, and the wider school community that we can continue to nurture an environment where our students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

The 2022 -23 school year was an extraordinary journey highlighted by remarkable achievements and resounding success. One of the most significant points in the journey occurred late last summer when we received notice from the state that all pandemic-related restrictions were lifted, which allowed us to reimagine our learning spaces so we could prioritize collaboration, communication, and critical thinking. Our schools were immediately filled with a palpable level of energy and enthusiasm sparked by our students, faculty and staff. If the smiles were any indication, it was clear that everyone was thrilled to be back. As a result, there were many academic successes and accomplishments last year. Some of the highlights included a group of HHS students taking second place in the country in the National History Day competition, our HHS Chamber Orchestra winning second place in the 2023 ASTA National Orchestra Festival, and a group of fifth graders earning first place in the region in the National Stock Market competition. It was an amazing year for our school community and we look forward to continued learning and success in the 2023-24 school year, which will be informed by our Strategic Coherence Planning process.

In addition to the meaningful learning experiences, there were also a number of critical facilities improvements that took place. As we prepare to kick off the new school year, capital projects continue to unfold. We are updating the Community Center Auditorium, refreshing the elementary school lunchrooms, and renovating several classrooms and bathrooms at the secondary level.

It is truly an incredible joy and privilege to serve as your Superintendent of Schools and I cannot wait to continue spotlighting our amazing students, faculty, staff and community in this year's Herricks' Happenings Video Updates! Feel free to contact me or anyone on our administrative team if you have any feedback, questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful year!



Dr. Tony Sinanis
Superintendent of Schools
Telephone: 516-305-8901
Email: tsinanis@herricks.org
#WeAreHerricks

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

The Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction works closely with the District's leadership and teaching staff to ensure that the curriculum delivered to our students prepares them for college, career and life. This office facilitates high-quality professional development for all staff members, and also oversees curriculum development, instructional evaluations and instructional data analysis.



Questions may be directed to the office of:

K. Elizabeth Guercin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Telephone: 516-305-8902
Email: eguercin@herricks.org

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

The Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Business supports all instructional, operational and extracurricular activities. This department includes the offices of Accounts Payable, Finance, Payroll and Purchasing. By adhering to the highest standards of efficiency, accuracy and ethics, the Business Office allows educational personnel to focus on providing high-quality education services to all students while serving the needs of the Herricks community.

Ms. Rutkoske has an extensive background as a business administrator and financial officer. A certified public accountant, she holds a school district business leadership certification from LIU Post, a Master of Science in accounting from New York University Leonard Stern School of Business and a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Columbia University.



Questions about the business and finance operations of the school district may be directed to the office of:

Lisa Rutkoske, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Telephone: 516-305-8903
Email: lrutkoske@herricks.org

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources works closely with administrators, faculty and staff members, providing support to both the operations and instructional components of the district. This office oversees the personnel program for all administrators, teachers and support staff. This includes the District hiring process, monitoring staffing needs and providing employee assistance. Ms. Maggiasco has extensive experience in managing employee relations and developing environments in which teachers, administrators and district staff collaborate to drive improvement.



Questions may be directed to the office of:

Dina Maggiasco, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Telephone: 516-305-8909
Email: dmaggiasco@herricks.org

Directory Information

The Board of Education of the Herricks UFSD has designated certain categories of student information as directory information. Directory information includes a student's name, address, telephone number and photograph. Parental permission is assumed unless the Herricks Public Schools is contacted in writing. Please contact the Superintendent's office at 516-305-8901 with questions, comments or concerns.

Emergency Closing and Delayed Opening

Should it become necessary to delay a school opening or close school because of inclement weather or other emergency conditions, announcements will be made through a variety of means. All parents will be notified via email, text and phone through our Blackboard Connect system immediately after a decision is reached. TV and radio stations will also be notified. They will refer to the district as HERRICKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The announcements will be carried on Cablevision Channel 12, WNYW Channel 5, NBC News 4, Channel 7, Verizon Fios News 12 Long Island Channel 29, our website (www.herricks.org) and the following radio stations: WCBS 880 AM, WHLI 1100 AM, WALK 97.5 FM, WKJY 98.3 FM, and WINS 1010 AM.

Parents/guardians are reminded that transportation services are not provided to private or parochial schools or to BOCES or special schools when the Herricks Public Schools are closed. When school opening is delayed, bus schedules for public schools and for nonpublic schools, which are part of the fleet contract, are also delayed.

If, because of an emergency, schools must close while students are in attendance, all parents/guardians will be notified through the website and Blackboard Connect system.

Snow Makeup Days

The first five days will not be rescheduled. If more than five snow days are used, additional days will switch to remote learning.

BOARD POLICIES OF SPECIAL INTEREST Student Discipline Code

The Code of Character, Conduct and Support of the Herricks Public Schools is based upon understanding that discipline is not synonymous with punishment. Rather, the district views discipline as an integral part of an overall instructional program which supports the development of students' sense of personal responsibility both as individuals and in groups. The Code of Character, Conduct and Support rests upon the dual assumptions that individual students can reasonably be expected to be responsible for their own behavior and that the majority of students do act responsibly.

The Code of Character, Conduct and Support establishes rules of conduct designed to provide consistency and direction so that students will know what is expected of them and be aware of what steps may be taken in case of an infraction. These rules of conduct focus on respect for the rights and property of others and the maintenance of school safety. Students who violate school rules will be subject to firm, but fair, disciplinary action that will be administered in an impartial and consistent manner. At all levels, the District recognizes the need to identify and help students whose individual problems prevent them from functioning in the regular school setting, and appropriate disciplinary responses will be provided.

Students will review the Code of Character, Conduct and Support with school officials in September. A summary of the code will be provided to all families at the beginning of the school year.

The Code of Character, Conduct and Support has provisions related to all community members. Community members with no children in school may obtain a copy of the Code at the main office of any school building. The complete Code of Character, Conduct and Support can be found on the district website.

Internet Use Policy

The Board of Education believes that providing access to computers is an integral part of a contemporary education. The technology resources at the School District are provided to support the educational and administrative activities of the School District and should be used for those purposes. All users of the School District's computer network and the internet must understand that use is a privilege, not a right, and that use entails responsibility. The School District reserves the right to control access to the internet for all users of its computer resources. To access the full policy: BOE Policy #4526 COMPUTER, NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE, visit the Herricks website, Board of Education tab, then click on Board Policies link and search for policy #4526.

Dangerous Weapons in School

No student shall have in their possession, upon entering any Herricks Union Free School District premises, any rifle, shotgun, revolver, other firearms, box cutters, knives, fireworks or incendiary bombs or other contraband and/or facsimiles of these objects and/or possessing or using any object in a manner which is capable of causing physical injury. A more complete definition of a "weapon" is contained in the student Code of Character, Conduct and Support. Any student who is determined to have brought a weapon to a school under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education may be excluded from school for a period of not less than one year; the Superintendent of Schools may modify such exclusion requirement on a case-by-case basis in accordance with federal and state laws.

Damage to School Property

Students shall be disciplined for damaging or destroying or threatening to damage or destroy property. The district shall pursue the cost of the repair from the parents/guardians of the student. Community members can also be assessed for damaged property. Legal action may be taken, if necessary, by the Board of Education.

Substance and Alcohol-Free Environment

No person may use, possess or distribute alcohol or other substances, nor may they use or possess illicit drug paraphernalia, on district grounds or at any district-funded event. The terms “alcohol and other substances” shall be construed throughout this policy to refer to the use of all substances including, but not limited to, alcohol, inhalants, cannabis, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alikes, and any of those substances commonly referred to as “designer drugs.” The inappropriate use or sharing of prescription and over-the-counter drugs shall be prohibited.

Additionally, any person exhibiting behavior, conduct, or personal or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol or other substances shall be prohibited from entering school grounds or school-sponsored events.

Tobacco-Free Environment

To protect the health of all members of the Herricks community, the Board of Education has established a policy prohibiting smoking/vaping and other use of tobacco products in all school buildings and grounds at all times by students, staff and visitors. This prohibition includes smoking a cigarette, e-cigarette, personal vaping device, cigar, pipe or using chewing or smokeless tobacco. FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS SMOKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Access to Student Records

Student records and any personally identifiable material which they contain are confidential and are not available for public inspection. However, official student records may be inspected or reviewed by parents/guardians or eligible students. Only students who are 18 years of age or older, or those who are already attending an institution of postsecondary education, are eligible to inspect records. Those who wish to review student records must submit a written request to Ms. Lisa Rutkoske, the District’s Records Access Officer. There will be a fee of \$2.00 for each transcript requested by postgraduates and former Herricks students.

Nondiscrimination Policy

The Herricks Union Free School District advises students and parents/guardians that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational educational opportunities, without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, gender (including gender identity), sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status or domestic violence victim status.

The District will provide appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities, pursuant to federal and state law. In addition, the District will relocate meetings of the Board of Education, employment interviews, meetings with District administrators, etc., to an accessible location whenever necessary to accommodate people with disabilities.

Inquiries regarding this policy may be directed to Ms. Dina Maggiacomo, Title IX Compliance Officer, at (516) 305-8909, or to Dr. Thomas Sposato Section 504 Compliance Officer at (516) 305-8904. Both have offices in the Herricks Public School Administration Building at 999 Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-1302. *The Policy Manual can be reviewed in the central office, all school buildings and the Shelter Rock Library.*

Gifts to School Personnel

Board of Education policy discourages gifts by pupils or parents/guardians to District employees. A Board member, officer or employee shall not directly or indirectly solicit any gift or accept or receive any gift having a value of \$75 or more from any group, entity or individual whether in the form of money, services, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or any other form. However, the Board welcomes and encourages the writing of letters or notes expressing gratitude or appreciation to staff members. Gifts from children that are principally sentimental in nature or of insignificant financial value may be accepted in the spirit in which they are given. The need to strike a balance between ethical practices to be observed by employees and spontaneous expressions of appreciation by students is recognized.

Administrators, teachers and parents are asked to share the responsibility for assisting students to understand the rationale underlying this policy.

Tutoring (Academic Assistance or Private Instruction)

Board of Education policy regulates tutoring, academic assistance and private instruction by district teachers. The Board believes that most of the assistance students need is provided by teachers within the normal school day. Alternatives to tutoring such as extra-help classes, the high school’s Learning Center, informal meetings with teachers, peer assistance and class placement should always be fully explored.

However, should additional instruction be required, the Board policy states that teachers may not tutor their own students in subject matter pertinent to their courses.

ATTENDANCE

If a student is tardy, departs early or is absent from school for all or part of the school day, the student’s parent/guardian must provide a reason for this absence. The building principal or their designee shall determine whether the absence is considered excused or unexcused using the following reasons:

1. Illness of student.
2. Serious illness or death in the student’s family.
3. Unsafe travel conditions.
4. Religious observance.
5. Doctor appointment.
6. Quarantine or chronic/extended illness or disability.
7. Required appointments with court, social service agencies, or other state agencies that cannot be scheduled outside of school hours.
8. Approved college visit.
9. Approved cooperative work program.
10. Out of school suspension.
11. Approved school-sponsored trips and activities.

Reporting School Absence

It is essential that the school be notified whenever a student will be absent. Early in the day, a school staff member receives attendance lists, checks the names recorded in parents'/guardians' messages against the names of actual absentees and notes absences which are not accounted for.

Every attempt will be made to reach parents/guardians by calling the contact numbers in the Parent Portal. It is important that all contact information remain current regarding telephone numbers to be called in case of unexplained absences. At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians are advised to review and edit the telephone/email contact information through the Parent Portal or notify your child's school regarding any changes.

Center Street School	(516) 305-8399
Denton Avenue School	(516) 305-8499
Searingtown School	(516) 305-8599
Herricks Middle School	(516) 305-8699
Herricks High School	(516) 305-8774
Shelter Rock Academy	(516) 305-8884

Registration of New Students

Permanent residency within the boundaries of the Herricks School District is required for admission into the Herricks Public Schools. A minimum of three proofs of such residency must be submitted at the time of registration. All registrations will take place at the Administration Offices, Community Center, 999 Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, NY. (516) 305-8900. The office is open daily between the hours of 9 AM-3 PM.

Residency Concerns

Concerns regarding residency can be submitted to

the District at any time. Contact the superintendent, Dr. Tony Sinanis, by phone 516-305-8901, or email tsinanis@herricks.org. All concerns are investigated.

Center Street School

240 Center Street
Williston Park, NY 11596-1099

School Hours - Grades K-5 8:40 AM-3:15 PM

Mr. Brennen Bierwiler, Principal	(516) 305-8300
Mrs. Melissa Blady, Assistant Principal	(516) 305-8302
Mrs. Nicolette Barbarino, Secretary	(516) 305-8333
Ms. Diane Lieberman, Nurse	(516) 305-8305
Ms. Michelle Cristina, Psychologist	(516) 305-8310
Ms. Marisa Pugliese, Social Worker	(516) 305-8332

PTA Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Jen Stanza and Priscilla Manni-Khan
VP Committee Chair Liaison: Melissa Faraguna
VP Membership: Barbara Lam
VP Special Events: Jean Kruger
VP Ways and Means: Rhea Aningalan and Yvonne Lo
Treasurer: Shiju Abraham
Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Nadely Brady
Council Delegates: Dian Dennis, Yoona Kwon, Jean Lee, Maria Danielle Rizzuto Mainolfi, Virginia Ward

Denton Avenue School

1050 Denton Avenue
New Hyde Park, NY 11040-2299

School Hours - Grades K-5 8:55 AM-3:30 PM

Mr. Dominick Tolipano, Principal	(516) 305-8400
Ms. Lily Ho, Assistant Principal	(516) 305-8402
Mrs. Sheila Condron, Secretary	(516) 305-8433
Mrs. Anney Johnson, Nurse	(516) 305-8405
Dr. Stacey Souravlis, Psychologist	(516) 305-8430
Ms. Jaclyn Mirabile, Social Worker	(516) 305-8432

PTA Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Aphrodite Hephpeastou & Kishuwa Chowdhury

Treasurer: Vivian Lam
VP Membership: Emily Wong
VP Fundraising: Anny Ko
VP Programming: Rima George
VP Special Events: Johanna Singh
Corresponding Secretary: Susan Fung
Recording Secretary: Lisa Mathews
Council Delegates: Sebeen Ahmed, Amina Peeran Ghatala, Preeti Gupta-Signorello, Ivan Khan, Shaheda Quraishi and Sharlene Surujbali

Searingtown School

106 Beverly Drive
Albertson, NY 11507-1304

School Hours - Grades K-5 8:40 AM-3:15 PM

Mrs. Diana DeGiorgio, Principal	(516) 305-8500
Mr. Daniel Salerno, Assistant Principal	(516) 305-8527
Ms. Judy Ruffino, Secretary	(516) 305-8500
Mrs. Kathryn Mirino, Nurse	(516) 305-8505
Mrs. Maureen Andres, Psychologist	(516) 305-8510
Mrs. Kathy Wong, Social Worker	(516) 305-8513

PTA Executive Board

Co-presidents: Naomi Rodolico & Natalie Schneider
VP Special Events: Sonika Kashyap
VP Programming: Kavita Sood
VP Membership: Athena Katsanos
VP Fundraising: Maria Mishurova
Honorary VPs: Diana DeGiorgio & Daniel Salerno
Corresponding Secretary: Sarah Porras
Recording Secretary: Angel Hsiao
Treasurer: Evi Gounelas
Council Delegates: Sandra Ferriera, Nili Major, Joyce Jacob, Arvind Purohit, Coleen Radocaj and Anisha Vora

Herricks Middle School

7 Hilldale Drive, Albertson, NY 11507-1021

School Hours - Grades 6-8 7:45 AM-2:51 PM

Main Office (516) 305-8600
Mr. Brian McConaghy, Principal (516) 305-8601
Mrs. Gina Horton, Assistant Principal (516) 305-8603
Mr. Matthew Hubbard, Assistant Principal (516) 305-8602
Mrs. Dana Lieberman, Nurse (516) 305-8605
Dr. Annegret Brown, Psychologist (516) 305-8630
Ms. Jessica Eichin, Psychologist (516) 305-8631
Ms. Christina Juarbe, Social Worker (516) 305-8632
Ms. Michele Ng, Social Worker (516) 305-8669

Guidance Department

Mrs. Kerrin Melendez (516) 305-8659
Mr. Dennis Conroy (516) 305-8660
Mrs. Stephanie Gallo (516) 305-8658

PTA Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Joyce Jacob & Nicole Barba
VP Membership: Shaheda Qurashi
VP Fundraising: Alice Yu
VP Special Events: Aimee Rumont
VP Programming: Anna Chung-Ko
Honorary VPs: Brian McConaghy, Gina Horton and Matthew Hubbard
Treasurer: Elizabeth Dinda
Recording Secretary: Preeti Gupta-Signorello
Council Delegates: Amaris Ramos DeDona, Doris Corporan, Emily Wong, Josephine Cimino, Kavita Sood and Seemeen Pathan

Herricks High School

100 Shelter Rock Road

New Hyde Park, NY 11040-1356

School Hours - Grades 9-12 8:00 AM-2:53 PM

Attendance Office (516) 305-8774
Main Office (516) 305-8700
Ms. Joan Keegan, Principal (516) 305-8701
Mr. Bryan Hodge, Assistant Principal (516) 305-8702
Mr. Andrew Frisone, Assistant Principal (516) 305-8703
Mrs. Marianne Marsigliano, Nurse (516) 305-8705
Mrs. Ellen Vespe, Nurse (516) 305-8885
Dr. Steven Shatz, Psychologist (516) 305-8730

Dr. Michael Yoo, Psychologist (516) 305-8731

Ms. Natasha Khan, Dir. of Guidance (516) 305-8756

Guidance Department (516) 305-8721

Ms. Elizabeth Bartels, Mrs. Meredith Cofer, Mrs. Danielle Gigante, Mrs. Sheena John, Mrs. Caryn Krucher, Ms. Victoria Lee and Ms. Erin Molinet

Social Workers

Ms. Nicole Cestari (516) 305-8732
Ms. Tara Sheets (516) 305-8765

Shelter Rock Academy (516) 305-8884

Ms. Allison Bianco, Director (516) 305-8881
Mrs. Jaclyn Tamura, Psychologist (516) 305-8882
Mrs. Heather Imondi, Social Worker (516) 305-8849

PTSA Executive Board

President: Stephanie Helgeson
Treasurer: Grace Yen
Secretary: Dorothy Yam
VP Fundraising: Maria Bono
VP Programming: Stephanie Visconti
VP Membership: Eva Eng
Honorary Vice Presidents: Andrew Frisone, Bryan Hodge and Joan Keegan
Immediate Past President: Barbara Baur-Rizzo
Council Delegates: Cara Albert, Maryam Azhar, Lia Bono, Enya Chen, Nikita Kumar, Lauren Marzo
Contact the HS PTSA at herrickspta@gmail.com.

SCOPE Saturday Enrichment Program

Herricks, through a partnership with SCOPE Education Services, sponsors a recreation and academic enrichment program open to all students residing in the district. During the school year, this program helps students make positive and productive use of their leisure time through a series of morning workshops designed for grade K through grade 8. Courses feature cooking, coding, robotics, STEM, theater, sports and many more academic and recreational courses. Additional information is available by visiting the Herricks website (www.herricks.org), through SCOPE at www.scopeonline.us or by calling (631) 360-0800, ext. 233.

School Lunch Program

Herricks offers a nutritionally balanced lunch every day in our five schools. The meals are designed to meet the National School Lunch Program's dietary guidelines. Each meal includes protein, grain, vegetable, fruit and dairy. They are prepared with the best ingredients available to our program. We also offer a number of a la carte beverages and nutritional snacks approved by the state for students to purchase.

A parent can prepay for their child's lunch with cash, a check or via the District's online payment system, MySchoolBucks. Go to myschoolbucks.com and follow the three easy steps to create an account. You can set up payments with your credit/debit card or electronic check. You even have the option to set up automatic payments. Parents can deposit money into their child's account, view daily purchases from our cafeteria as well as view their child's available balance so you will be able to replenish their account before it goes negative.

Lunch for elementary students is \$3.00 a day and for middle and high school students is \$3.50 a day.

If you choose to pay by check, please include your child's full name, phone number, school and grade. Only include one child per check. Please note all checks for September must be in no later than Aug. 22 so they can be processed and put on your child's account for the first day of school.

The Board of Education recognizes that on occasion, students may forget to bring meal money to school. To ensure that students do not go hungry, but also to promote responsible student behavior and minimize the fiscal burden to the School District, the Board of Education will allow students who may forget meal money to "charge" the cost of meals to be paid back at a later date in accordance with District Policy 8505.

The Board of Education provides free and reduced-price lunch for students whose families qualify by meeting yearly income criteria. The information chart will be sent with an application to each family's home, and is also available on the Herricks website and in the main office of your child's school. If you have any questions you may call the School Lunch Program office at (516) 305-8752.

Ms. Kimberly James, Food Service Director
(516) 305-8751

District Council of PTAs

The Herricks Council of PTAs is the organization that encompasses all of the members in all of the individual PTA units in the Herricks School District. Council members work together to develop better educational opportunities for children, share programming ideas and resources, and effectively advocate on behalf of all of the District's children to the District's administration and the Board of Education. Members of any Herricks School PTA are welcome to attend council meetings and to serve on council committees. These committees include Nutrition, Transportation, Traffic, Summer Rec and Parent Education. Please contact District Council if you are interested at HerricksDistrictCouncil@gmail.com.

President: Madeline Svitak
Vice President: Maryam Ahzar
Vice President: Maria Bono
Vice President: Stephanie Visconti
Treasurer: Stephanie Helgeson
Recording and Corresponding Secretary: Grace Yen

Special Education PTA

SEPTA Mission Statement:

Herricks Special Education PTA is a very active group of parents and guardians of children receiving support services provided by the Herricks School District. We combine the talents of Herricks parents, teachers, administrators and staff to continuously improve the quality of our students' education and personal development. SEPTA is a place to meet people with similar experiences and to get helpful information. The collective experience and expertise SEPTA members possess are boundless! We welcome the valuable wisdom acquired by the parents of children with special needs.

Co-Presidents: Christina DePaola and Jenny Yang
VP of Programming: Glenna Rubin
VP of Fundraising: Jen Stanza
Honorary Vice Presidents: Eleni Chronas, Stephanie Knowles, Thomas Sposato, Robyn Tsiokos
Past President: Tammy Smiley
Treasurer: Judy Olson
Secretary: Neha Chopra
Council Delegates: Helen Papaioannou, Melissa Thorp

Athletic Boosters Association

The Herricks Athletic Boosters Association is organized to promote, enhance and support interest in, and the activities and endeavors of, the Herricks School District Athletics Program. Check the District calendar for meeting dates and location. All are welcome.

President: David Baksh
Camp and Clinic Director: Kevin Dowd
Corresponding/Recording Secretary: Michelle Haller
Treasurer: Beth Flood
Apparel: Mary Lee
Fundraising: Maryanne Cardone
Membership: Ilene Haase

Herricks ARTs Boosters

The Herricks ARTs Boosters Association is organized to promote and support interest in, and the activities and endeavors of, the Herricks School District Art Department. Check the District calendar for meeting dates. All are welcome. For information, email us at: herricksartsboosters@gmail.com.

President: Angela Wan
Treasurer: Patricia Wu
Secretary: Anna Chung-Ko
VP Membership: Alice Yu
VP Fundraising: Yun Chen
Honorary Vice President: Anissa Arnold

Music Boosters Association

The Herricks Music Boosters Association is organized to promote and support interest in, and the activities and endeavors of, the Herricks School District Music Department. Check the District calendar for meeting dates and location. All are welcome. For more information, email us at: musicboosters@herricks.org.

President: Grace Yen
Vice President Ways and Means: KhinMee Chan
Vice President Membership: Open
Vice President Programming: Andrea Somma
Treasurer: Marisa Lin
Secretary: Janice Chan
Honorary Vice President: Anissa Arnold

Herricks Technology Boosters

The Herricks Technology Boosters looks to support our teachers' and students' use of technology and provide the best program possible to encourage meaningful integration of technology in our schools and community.

This is not an easy task and we need your support!
Email Address: HerricksTechBoosters@gmail.com
Website: www.herricks.org/techboosters
Co-Presidents: Chris Frangopoulos and Cliff Katz
VP of Membership: Russel Stuart
VP of Finance: Will Yen



The Many Services Available for Herricks Students and Families

Guidance and Counseling

Formal guidance services are provided for all students beginning at the Middle School. Counselors assist pupils in assessing their abilities, aptitudes, interests and educational needs, and attempt to increase student understanding of occupational and educational opportunities. To these ends, counselors assist pupils, plan academic programs, and provide information on college admissions, Scholastic Achievement Tests, and other sources of training beyond the High School level.

Social Workers

Herricks K-12 social workers are available for individual, group and family counseling, staff consultation, home visits and as a liaison with community agencies and resources. At the Middle School and High School, their services are funded in part under the terms of a grant administered through Nassau County's Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction. Social workers are involved with parents/guardians, students and other school staff in educational programs such as "Too Good For Drugs" to prevent substance abuse and bullying and other topics relevant to teenagers. At weekly group meetings, discussions deal with peer pressure, drugs and alcohol, academic pressures and family stress, and other topics relevant to teenagers. In the elementary schools, the school social worker teaches curriculum units dealing with personal safety and decision-making skills, as well as prevention of drug and alcohol abuse.

Psychological Services

State-certified school psychologists serve students in each school. Using their clinical evaluation skills and specialized knowledge of the learning process and the importance of interpersonal relations, they attempt to ensure that the educational program will help students reach their full potential. Psychologists may observe students in class, perform in-depth psychological evaluations, consult with teachers, or see students and/or parents/guardians individually in a confidential

setting. A request for psychological services can be made by school personnel, parents/guardians or students themselves.

Speech and Language Services

Speech and language therapists assess and provide services to students identified with speech and/or language disabilities. Such difficulties may include delays in receptive and expressive language processing, articulation, intelligibility and difficulties in voice, fluency or oral-motor development. The District also provides services to students identified with hearing disabilities. Services are provided consistent with the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). Speech improvement services may be provided to students when deemed appropriate.

Non-public Schools

Pursuant to Education Law Section 3602-c, students who attend nonpublic schools may be entitled to receive certain services from the school district where the private school is located, in the areas of career education and special education and related service for students with disabilities, provided the services are appropriate and the parent/guardian has requested these services, in writing, from the Herricks Board of Education on or before June 1 prior to the year for which the request is made. Parents/guardians of students who are not residents or are not identified by June 1 must submit their requests within 30 days after the student is first identified or establishes residence, as applicable. For students who are first identified or establish residence in the District after March 1 of the current school year, any such request for services submitted between April 1 and June 1 of the current school year shall be deemed a timely request for such services in the following year.

Reading

Each of our schools offers support to students whose reading skills need to be enhanced. Students

are identified for reading support through a variety of data points by a team that includes reading specialists and the child's classroom teacher. Support can take varying forms. In the elementary years, a child may meet individually or in small groups with a reading teacher or teaching assistant for special instruction. Additionally, reading teachers work in collaboration with classroom teachers to enact strategies that can help the specific reading needs of students. In the secondary years, a child who has been recommended for reading support services will have a reading class taught by a reading teacher scheduled as a period during the school day.

Special Programs

The Herricks Gemini program is a K-7 gifted enrichment program model designed to enhance the educational experiences of students by fostering 21st-century skills, and responding to their developmental, academic and social-emotional needs. While the core program is for identified gifted students in grades 4 through 7, the Gemini program extends to all students in grades K-5, through a modified Schoolwide Enrichment Model combining push-in and pull-out instruction. Gemini offers three types of instruction: Type I enrichment for ALL students in grades K-5 through push-in STEM or PLTW lessons; Type II targeted pull-out enrichment clusters on project-based units for identified grade 4 and 5 students; and Type III in-depth enrichment seminars for identified students in grades 6 and 7.

STAC (Student Theatre Arts Company) is a multi-disciplinary arts program at Herricks High School that integrates the fine and performing arts, including art, music, dance, drama, filmmaking, and creative writing. Admission to STAC is based on auditions and portfolio submissions. STAC students work individually, as an ensemble, and in collaboration with professional artists in workshop settings. Students explore film studies and attend trips to art museums, live theater and dance performances. All STAC students have dedicated fine arts classes as part of their program.

Special Education Programs

To meet the needs of students with disabilities, from preschool through grade 12 or age 21, the District provides a continuum of services in the “least restrictive environment” (LRE). The preschool component begins with the referral process to the Committee on Preschool Special Education (age 3-5). The Committee on Special Education plans services for school-aged students ages 5-21. Students can receive Itinerant Services or Related Services (e.g., speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, counseling) only or in addition to special education program(s) along the continuum of services. Consultant Teacher services provide supports for students who remain in the mainstream and need minimal support. Resource Room services provide direct support outside of the classroom in a small group to supplement classroom instruction. Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) classes are provided when indicated for a group of students for a grade or specific subject which consists of both a general education and a special education teacher providing the instruction. Special classes are taught by special education teachers and are available for students needing more intensive instruction. In the elementary schools this can be provided in STRIVE or IG (Individual Growth) classes. PACE, PACEi and IG classes are offered at the Middle School and VIP1, VIP2 and IG classes are provided at the High School. Teaching assistants may also support and provide instruction under the supervision of the teacher. Inclusive environments and mainstreaming are encouraged and opportunities are provided when appropriate. Herricks Public Schools supports placements outside of the district in other public and private schools when needed and appropriate. The Herricks Transition Coordinator is available for assisting families with post-high school adult services and programs. Any parent who suspects that his or her child (birth to age 21) may have a disability should contact the Office of Pupil Personnel Services for program referral information and assistance and/or write a letter requesting an evaluation to the building principal.

Committees on Special Education

The **Committee on Preschool Special Education** (CPSE) identifies and plans services for children between the ages of 3 and 5 years of age. An Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed for preschool children classified by this Committee.

In accordance with federal law and the New York State Commissioner’s regulations for the education of children with disabilities, the **Committee on Special Education (CSE)** or, where appropriate, a **CSE Subcommittee on Special Education**, is responsible for evaluating and identifying students (5-21 years of age), recommending an IEP for classified students, and conducting an annual review to monitor student progress/placement. The members of the CSE are:

Chairpersons (CSE and CPSE):

Dr. Thomas Sposato, Pupil Services Director (516) 305-8904

Mrs. Eleni Chronas, Assistant Director (516) 305-8904

Chairpersons (CSE and CPSE):

Dr. Stephanie Knowles, Special Education Chairperson High School, (516) 305-8729

Dr. Robyn Tsiokos, Special Education Chairperson Middle School, (516) 305-8629

Danielle MacPherson, CPSE Chairperson, (516) 305-8940

Heather Imondi, District Transition Coordinator

Jaclyn R. Mirabile, Social Worker (Homeless Liaison)

Psychologists:

Mrs. Maureen Andres, Dr. Annegret Brown, Ms. Michelle Cristina, Ms. Jessica Eichin, Ms. Danielle Macpherson, Dr. Steven Shatz, Dr. Stacey Souravlis, Mrs. Jaclyn Tamura, Dr. Michael Yoo, and consultants, as needed, and approved by the Board of Education.

Teacher Representatives

All Herricks teachers, social workers and out-of-district teachers representing a particular student and/or involved in that student’s evaluation are approved by the Board of Education.

Parents/guardians, school staff, and/or students who are over 18 and under 21, who are emancipated minors, may initiate a referral to the CPSE/CSE. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are members of the committee and may attend all meetings. They will receive notification of date and time at least five days prior to the meeting (per SED regulations). They will also receive a Procedural Safeguards Notice, which includes due process procedures, in the event they wish to appeal the recommendation of the CSE. Parents/guardians may call the Pupil Services office if they wish to discuss concerns and/or need additional information before the meeting is held. SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Association) provides support and informational meetings for families and students.

CPSE and CSE Parent Members

Parent Members can contribute valuable information and support to families who request their attendance at an IEP meeting. Parent Members participate in discussions about: eligibility for special education services, educational planning and goal-setting, learning in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), understanding the evaluation and placement processes. If you want a Parent Member at your child’s IEP meeting, make this request in writing to your school or Committee on Special Education (516-305-8904) at least 72 hours in advance of the CSE meeting.

CPSE and CSE Parent Members 2023-24:

Christina DePaola

Jenny Yang

Glenna Rubin

English as a New Language (ENL)

To meet the needs of English language learners, the district provides English as a New Language classes. This program services K-12 students on five levels: Entering, Emerging, Transition, Expanding and Commanding. Students are helped to assimilate into the Herricks school system through this program.

Health Services Information

Herricks Public Schools play an active role in health promotion. In addition to innovative educational programs about substance abuse, family life and sexuality, nutrition, AIDS prevention and other health topics, an extensive health services program is also provided.

Full-time school nurses participate in health counseling, screening tests, annual health examinations, athletic physical and emergency care. School nurses offer vital services to the students of the community.

For more health services information, please visit the website, www.herricks.org.

Community Service Programs at the Herricks Community Center

The Herricks Community Center is celebrating its 36 years of service as a Community Center for the Herricks school community. In a diverse and vibrant district, the Community Center serves as a central hub of the school community. We offer programs for preschool children, students, adults and those in the senior population. The scope of activities provided includes District Universal PreK, Adult Continuing Education Programs, a year-round preschool program, several programs for Senior Citizens, as well as after school district team sports. The center also has year-round occupants on a contractual basis and rents space which may be used on daily or long-term basis, according to Board of Education guidelines.

Adult and Continuing Education

The Adult Continuing Education Program in conjunction with the Roslyn School District offers a comprehensive program with classes in a variety of career and health-related courses, physical activities, and other recreational, social and cultural programs. It is open to all Herricks residents (18 years of age and over) and to nonresidents for an additional nonresident fee.

A detailed brochure is mailed to everyone in the District twice each year in September and February. For further information, call the office of Ms. Dina

Maggiacomo at 516-305-8909 or the Adult Education office at 516-801-5091. Information is also available on the Herricks website.

Herricks Community Fund

The Herricks Community Fund (HCF) is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization established to raise funds to support educational programs in Herricks. Its Board of Trustees is comprised of Herricks residents who represent a broad spectrum of the community. Officers of the HCF are Co-Presidents Iona Davis and Paul Ehrbar; 1st Co-Vice Presidents Gary Davis and Doreen Ehrbar; 2nd Vice President Richard DeMartino; Secretary Carolyn Hayes; and Treasurer, Dawn Sarnel.

The HCF works collaboratively with local businesses, service organizations, the school district, residents and alumni. Monies raised by the HCF are used to fund special projects for Herricks Schools and support Herricks Community Center programs which otherwise might not be possible.

HCF fundraisers include a spring carnival, winter dinner dance, ad journal and the Herricks Community Players productions. We also accept personal donations to honor or memorialize a loved one. The Fund is a partnership for a greater Herricks.

For information, please call (516) 742-1926 or visit us at www.herricks.org. Volunteers are welcome.

Herricks Youth Council

The Herricks Youth Council is under the umbrella of the Herricks Community Fund. It is committed to the prevention of both violence and substance abuse in Herricks. It receives funding from town grants and the Herricks Community Fund.

The Middle School Recreation Program meets on Friday evenings from 7–9 PM (see this calendar). The program offers a safe, drug-free environment to all District teenagers from grades 6-8. It offers many exciting programs and activities for our teens (arts and crafts, sports, video games, Wii, movies) and a place to meet new people.

Come join us for a safe night of fun. Please contact us at tkrinsky@herricks.org or (516) 305-8745 for more information.

SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

The Herricks Leisure Club

The Herricks Leisure Club meets on Thursdays starting the first week in September through the end of June. This group provides people 60 years of age or older opportunities for social, recreational, and educational activities. The program coordinator is Rosalie Cooper, who can be reached at (516) 741-8739.

Senior Community Service Center

This program is funded by Herricks Community Fund, Nassau County Office for the Aging, New York State Office for the Aging, the Town of North Hempstead and U.S. Administration on Aging. This program provides opportunities to nourish the body, mind and soul for Nassau County residents who are 60 years of age and older, regardless of religious affiliation. We offer nutritious hot and cold lunches and ongoing recreational and social activities. Participants in all classes are encouraged to register for lunch to support all program operations. A monthly menu and schedule of activities and programs can be viewed at www.herricks.org/scsc. The program, under the direction of Carol MacBride, operates year-round Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9 AM-2 PM. Bus transportation is available from Albertson, East Williston, Garden City Park, Mineola, New Hyde Park, Searingtown, Williston Park and Roslyn Heights. For further information, please call (516) 305-8976 or (516) 305-8975.

Sid Jacobson JCC "Our Space" Adult Day Program

Sid Jacobson JCC manages the "Our Space" Adult Day Program at Herricks Community Center, in addition to the renowned adult day programs at the campus at 300 Forest Drive in East Hills. All SJJCC social model adult day programs provide cognitive,

physical and social stimulation through a variety of structured, supervised activities such as music, art and exercise to those at any stage or age with a neuro-degenerative condition such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, stroke, or other dementia or frailty. These supervised programs enable individuals to function at their highest level while providing needed respite to caregivers.

These programs are made possible with funds from Nassau County Office for the Aging through New York State Office for the Aging and the United States Administration on Aging, and private contributions. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, and to schedule an assessment, please contact Christine Pizzo, Herricks Site Supervisor, at (516) 484-1545, ext. 788.

Health-Related Programs

Health programs available for senior citizens throughout the year include health screening, flu immunization and monthly blood pressure screening, as well as a series of specially designed health and nutrition education programs for Herricks residents.

Herricks Parent Education and Community Awareness Committee (PECA)

PECA is comprised of PTA Council, Herricks Youth Council and Herricks School Administrators. PECA members include parents, school officials and other concerned residents and leaders in the Herricks school community.

Our purpose is to help parents as they try to raise their children in the midst of today's significant challenges. We hope to provide useful information, educational programs and material as well as raise the awareness of the Herricks community about the numerous issues that parents and children face in today's rapidly changing society. We will employ a variety of strategies to meet our objectives: listserv communication; interesting and informative workshops; public service announcements as well as an

updated website that will give the community access to important resource material to help them address a wide variety of issues. All of this is vital to foster healthy and safe children in a society where new and dangerous trends seem to be popping up all the time. PECA is committed to a model where the entire community-at-large participates. That is why we invite all areas of our Herricks community to get involved. Anyone interested in volunteering, donating or needing more information may visit us at herricks.org/PECA or email us at herricksdistrictcouncil@gmail.com.

TRANSPORTATION

Department Information

Questions about transportation should be directed to the Transportation Department via email at transportation@herricks.org or phone at (516) 305-8950. The Transportation Department is open from 7 am to 4 pm to receive calls. The Transportation Department is located at the Herricks Community Center, 999 Herricks Rd, New Hyde Park, NY 11040 in room 204. Additional transportation information and transportation forms can be found on the transportation page on the Herricks UFSD website: <https://www.herricks.org/Domain/1517>.

Eligibility

Transportation is provided in accordance with the Herricks UFSD school calendar, starting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 for the 23/24 school year. Students in grades K-5 will receive transportation if they live more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from their school of attendance and students in grades 6-12 will receive transportation if they live more than 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from their school of attendance.

Transportation is automatically arranged for eligible students. Families will be notified about their child's transportation schedule for the 23/24 school year by the end of the fourth week in August. Students must be registered to receive transportation and should follow the District's established procedures for

registration, even if the student is attending a non-public school.

Student Behavior

Safety is the top priority for the Transportation Department. Every student is expected to behave in a manner consistent with the established standards for classroom behavior. Appropriate and safe school bus behavior will allow the school bus driver to concentrate on safe driving and safe loading and unloading of students. Parents should work with their children to reinforce the safe rider expectations. Transportation privileges will be suspended or revoked for students who violate the Student Code of Character, Conduct and Support.

Transportation to Non-Public Schools

Transportation will be provided in accordance with NYS Education Law, to the non-public school of choice, up to the statutory 15-mile limit within the mileage eligibility requirements. Requests must be made in writing and submitted to the District no later than April 1 each year for the upcoming school year. The written request forms can be found on the Herricks UFSD transportation webpage, updated for the upcoming school year by January 15th, and must be sent back to the transportation department via email to transportation@herricks.org. If more than one non-public school is being considered, a written request must be submitted for each school. School choice must be given to the transportation department via email by April 1 or within five days of the school's admission decision (verified with letter). Students who move into the District after the April 1 deadline have 30 days to submit a written request for non-public school transportation. New students must be registered in order to receive transportation and must follow the District's established procedures for registration. Students who previously attended public schools and want to send their children to non-public schools need to re-register and submit a registration

for transportation services only. If a written request for transportation to a non-public school is received for a student who needs to register or re-register, a representative from the Transportation Department will contact the family and direct them to the District Registrar.

PASSING OF STOPPED SCHOOL BUSES IS AGAINST THE LAW!

It is against the law to pass a stopped school bus displaying its flashing red lights on any public highway. Legislation adopted in 1990 made it illegal to pass a stopped school bus in parking areas and driveways located on school grounds or any BOCES facility.

The driver of a school bus must display flashing red lights when receiving or discharging passengers crossing a road, until such passengers have reached the other side of the road. The flashing lights must remain on until all passengers are at least 15 feet from the bus and either off the roadway or on a sidewalk.

For the added safety of our students, all buses are equipped with two-way emergency radios and/or cell phones.

Class Size Guidelines

At the present time, the District is following the long-established class size guidelines listed below. For references, the guidelines are as follows:

Kindergarten	22
Grades 1-3	24
Grades 4-5	27
Grade 6	28
Grades 7-8	30
Grades 9-12	30

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

The Herricks UFSD has adopted an Integrated Pest Management Program in accordance with NYS Education Department regulations. This program dictates that the least toxic pesticide be used only when

absolutely necessary. Any student, parent/guardian or staff member may register to receive written notification 48 hours prior to a regulated pesticide application. Individuals may request that their name be added to the school registry at any time during the school year.

All interested parties should contact the District's Pesticide Representative, Mr. Marty Abrams, 305-8905, Monday through Friday, 8 AM-4 PM.

Asbestos Compliance

The district's regular maintenance of the schools includes asbestos inspections in all facilities. In compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act we undertake the following:

- Reinspect all buildings and spaces every three years for all asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM).
- Conduct a visual surveillance of all known and assumed ACBM in each building once every six months.
- Sample previously untested building materials suspected of containing asbestos as needed.
- Update our asbestos management plan.

Several members of the District's custodial and maintenance staff are trained and certified in the handling and removal of asbestos-containing materials. Their training is updated on an as-needed basis annually and all activities are documented in the asbestos management plan.

The reinspection and updated management plans are available for review in the main office of each building and at the District Office.

PTA Council Fundraising Event

The Herricks PTA Council is dedicated to helping our graduating seniors. Since 1960, the Scholarship Fund has awarded grants that assist our students in their pursuit of higher education, whether it is vocational or academic.

Monies to support this worthy cause are raised by direct donations and our wonderful Council fundraising event. This year our communitywide event is on March 2, 2024.

The collective support from our parents, administrators, faculty, community members, and local and nonlocal businesses is wonderful. Our sincere thanks are extended to all in advance.

All Herricks High School seniors are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the High School Guidance office and can also be obtained through our website. Please visit our PTA website at <http://www.herricks.org/> and follow the link to PTA Council.



High School Sports Starting Dates 2023-2024

Fall Season

Monday, August 21, 2023 - Football
Monday, August 28, 2023 - Boys Badminton,
Cheerleading, Boys & Girls Cross-Country, Boys Golf,
Boys & Girls Soccer, Girls Swimming/Diving, Girls
Tennis, Boys & Girls Volleyball

Winter Season

Monday, November 13, 2023 – Boys & Girls
Basketball, Competitive Cheerleading, Boys & Girls
Fencing, Boys Swimming/Diving, Boys & Girls Winter
Track, Boys & Girls Bowling, Wrestling

Spring Season

Monday, March 11, 2024 – Baseball, Girls Flag
Football Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Softball, Boys & Girls
Track & Field
Monday, March 18, 2024 Girls Badminton, Girls Golf,
Boys Tennis

Middle School Sports Starting Dates 2023-2024

Fall Season

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – Boys & Girls Cross-
Country, Cheerleading, Football, Boys & Girls Soccer,
Girls Tennis

Winter I Season

Monday, November 6, 2023 – Boys Basketball,
Girls Volleyball, Cheerleading

Winter II Season

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – Girls Basketball, Boys
Volleyball, Wrestling

Spring Season

Monday, March 25, 2024 – Boys & Girls Lacrosse,
Boys & Girls Spring Track & Field, Baseball, Softball,
Boys Tennis



Child Abuse Hotline

New York State Office of Children and Family Services
(OCFS)
Toll-Free Telephone Number: 1-800-342-3720
Website: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/cps/>

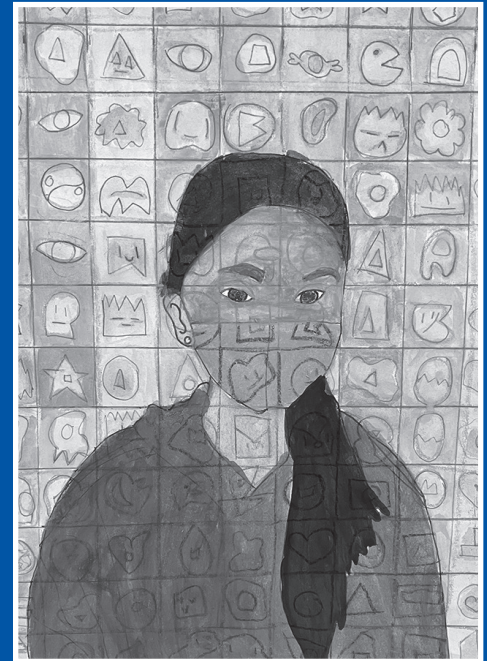
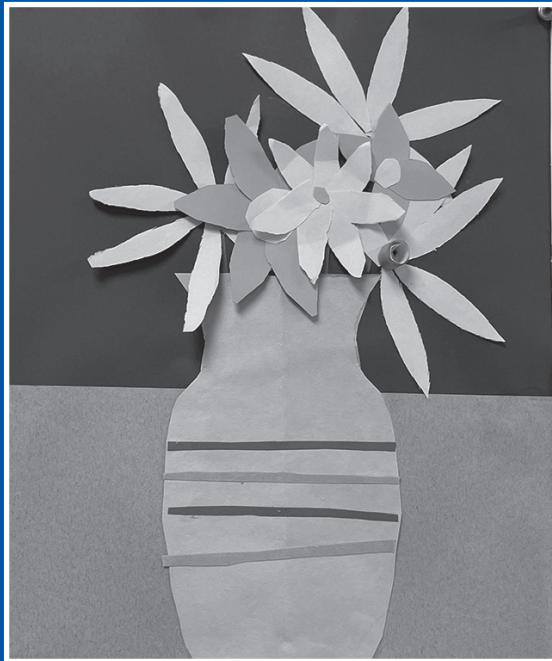
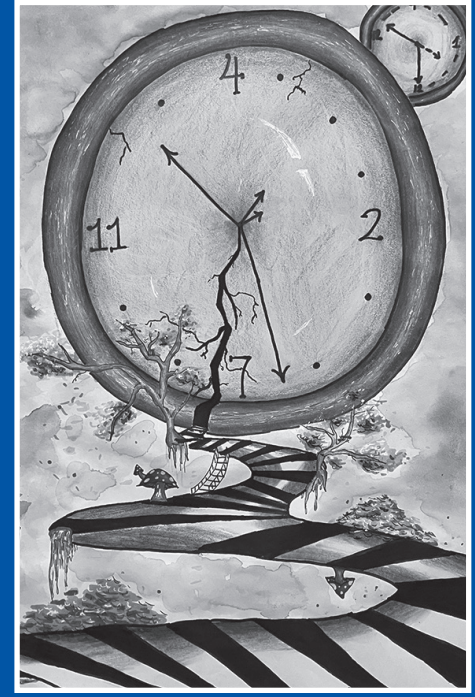
La Línea de Servicios de Protección Infantil

La Oficina de Familia y Niños del Estado de New York
El Número Gratuito: 1-800-342-3720
El Sitio Web: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/cps/>

Religious Holidays/ Ethnic Festivals

A Multicultural Calendar has been referenced for the religious holidays and ethnic festivals listed. This is not a complete list of the observances of any religion. Note: Bahá'í and Jewish holidays begin at previous sundown. Regional customs, group preference or moon sightings may cause a variation of dates.

Top row artwork by Catherine Zhang, Grade 5, Samantha Hughes, Grade 12 and Aarushi Patel, Grade 8.



Bottom row artwork by Hurayra Solat, Grade 5, Daniel Zhang, Grade 7, and Saanvi Anantha, Grade 4.

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AUGUST 2023


A Class To Be Proud Of

Herricks High School congratulated 318 Class of 2023 graduates, 100% of whom received Regents Diplomas or higher. Eighty-eight percent earned Advanced Regents Diplomas or Advanced Regents Designation with Mastery in specific subject areas. Ninety-seven percent went on to two- or four-year colleges.



Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals

- 1 Lugnasad (Wicca)
- 2 Ilinden (Macedonia)
- 8 Fravardeghan (Aug. 8-17) (Zoroastrian)
- 15 Assumption (Christian)
- 16 Now-Ruz (Shenshai) (Zoroastrian)
- 19 Asmá (9th month) (Bahá'í)
- 24 Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Shenshai) (Zoroastrian)
- 25 Paryushana-Parva (Aug. 25-Sept. 1) (Jain)
- 30 Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)

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20	21	22	23	24 Bagels & Locks HS 9-11 AM Incoming Freshmen Orientation Board of Education Regular Meeting Comm. Ctr. 6 PM	25	26
27	28	29 MS PTA Locker Supply Sale Grade 6: 9AM-12 PM All Grades: 12-3 PM & 5-8 PM	30 Staff Day	31 Staff Day		

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Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals

- 6 Arba'een (Shia) (Islam)
- 7 Janmashtami (Hindu)
- 8 Izzat (10th month) (Bahá'í)
- 12 Gahambar Paitishahem (12-16) (Zoroastrian)
- 16 Rosh Hashana (16-17) (Jewish)
- 19 Samvatsari (Jain) Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)
- 20 Dashalakshani-Parva (Jain) Ksamavani (Jain)
- 23 Mabon (Wicca)
- 24 Yom Kippur (24-25) (Jewish)
- 27 Mashiyyat (11th month) (Bahá'í)
- 28 Eid Maulad-un-Nabi (Islam) Pavarana (Buddhist) Ananta-Chaturdasi (Jain)
- 29 Kathina (Buddhist) Mid-Autumn Festival (Asian)
- 30 Sukkot (10-16) (Jewish)

National Merit Scholars

Each year, Herricks is proud to share positive news with regard to achievements in the National Merit Scholarship Program. For 2022-23, all 11 seniors who were named National Merit Semifinalists in the fall advanced to Finalist status as a result of their PSAT scores and academic excellence.

Additionally, 37 members of the Class of 2023 were recognized as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. This is a record number for Herricks and extraordinary accomplishment for the class, representing the students' academic excellence.



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10	11 MS Photo Day MS PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Athletic Boosters HS 7 PM	12 SAT w/ Accommodations MS Photo Day Searingtown PTA Exec. Bd. 9 AM Gen. Mtg. 9:30 AM HS PTSA Exec. Bd. 6:45 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	13 SAT w/ Accommodations Center St. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM 12th Grade Parent College Application Program HS 7 PM	14 MS Back to School Night 7 PM	15 Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown Center St. New Parent Tea 9:30 AM	16 Rosh Hashanah
17 Rosh Hashanah Ends at Sundown	18 Denton Ave. Gr. 5 Picture Day HS ID Picture Day #1 (All Day) Music Boosters HS 7 PM	19 Denton Ave. Gr. K-4 Picture Day HS ID Picture Day #2 (All Day) Class of 2024 Senior Retakes 3-7 PM Financial Aid Night HS 7 PM	20 Center St. Family Fun Night 5:30-8 PM Searingtown Picture Day Class of 2024 Senior Retakes 3-7 PM Technology Boosters HS 7 PM	21 Searingtown Picture Day Board of Education Regular Meeting Comm. Ctr. 7:30 PM	22 Center St. Family Fun Night Rain Date Denton Ave. Back To School Picnic 5-7 PM Searingtown Back to School Picnic	23
24 Yom Kippur	25 Yom Kippur Schools Closed	26 Sophomore Parent Night Meeting HS 7 PM Elementary Health and Safety Week	27 Elementary Schools Back to School Night 7 PM	28 High School Back to School Night HS 7 PM	29	30

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OCTOBER 2023

Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals

- 7 Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)
- 8 Simchat Torah (Jewish)
- 9 Columbus Day
- 12 Gahambar Ayathrem (12-16) (Zoroastrian)
- 15 Navratri (Hindu)
'Ilm (12th month) (Bahá'í)
- 16 Birthday of the Báb (Bahá'í)
- 17 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)
- 22 Durga Puja (Hindu)
- 23 Chong Yang Festival (Asian)
- 24 Dussehra (Hindu)
- 31 Samhain (Wicca)

A Continued Emphasis on STEAM

Herrick science research students are among the top in the country, as indicated by their success in the nation's most prestigious competitions. Additionally, students continue to make strides in other STEAM areas such as mathematics and robotics thanks to an assortment of opportunities.

- Three students were recognized as Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars and are among the top 300 scholars for this prestigious math and science competition.
- The district received the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for AP Computer Science Principles.



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1	2 Athletic Boosters HS 7 PM	3 Center St. Gr. 3-5 Picture Day Welcome to SEPTA Searingtown 7 PM ARTs Boosters 8 PM	4 PTA District Council Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Comm. Ctr.	5 Center St. Gr. K-2 Picture Day Denton Ave. PTA Staff Appreciation Lunch "World Teacher Day" Shelter Rock Academy Back to School Night 6 PM Board of Education Regular Meeting Comm. Ctr. 7:30PM	6 Searingtown Fun Run HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grade 6 7-9 PM	7 SAT HS 8 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	9 Columbus Day Schools Closed	10 SAT w/ Accommodations World Mental Health Day Searingtown PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Spirit Week	11 SAT w/ Accommodations Center St. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM ACT vs. SAT Presentation HS 7PM	12 Homecoming Banner Night 4-8 PM	13 Homecoming Community Event HS 3:30-5:30 PM Homecoming "Football Kickoff vs. Roslyn" HS 5:30 PM	14 PSAT HS 8AM SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS
15	16 MS PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Denton Ave. Submerge Storytime Week	17 HS ID Make-Up Picture Day (All Day) Denton Ave. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	18 DECA Installation Ceremony HS 6 PM Technology Boosters HS 7 PM MS Book Fair Unity Day	19 Board of Education Regular Meeting Comm. Ctr. 7:30PM Denton Ave Pumpkin Patch MS Book Fair	20 Searingtown Pumpkin Patch Center St. Pumpkin Patch Denton Ave. Pumpkin Patch HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM	21 ACT HS 8 AM SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS
22	23 Music Boosters HS 7 PM	24	25 TRI-M Honors Concert HS Aud. 7:30 PM	26 PECA Workshop 7:30 PM	27 Center St. Trunk or Treat 4:30-5:30 PM Denton Ave Halloween Celebration Searingtown Trunk or Treat LI Tri-M Conference HS 4 PM-7 PM MS Halloween Howl 5-7 PM	28 SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS
29	30	31 Center St. Pumpkin Contest				

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NOVEMBER 2023

Flourishing Musical Talents

Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals


- 1 All Saints Day (Christian)
Karva Chauth (Hindu)
- 2 All Souls Day (Christian)
- 4 Qudrat (13th month) (Bahá'í)
- 12 Diwali (Sikh, Hindu)
Mahavira Nirvana (Jain)
- 22 Qawl (14th month) (Bahá'í)
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur (Sikh)
- 26 Day of Covenant (Bahá'í)
- 27 Guru Nanak's Birthday (Bikarami) (Sikh)
Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá (Bahá'í)
Lokashah Jayanti (Jain)

Herricks takes great pride in its musical enrichment program, which provides many opportunities for students to participate in performance ensembles and clubs. For over 13 consecutive years, Herricks was honored among the Best Communities for Music Education from The NAMM Foundation. These are just some of the many accomplishments from the 2022-23 school year:

- One student was accepted to the All-National conference, eight students were accepted to All-Eastern, 31 students were accepted to All-State and 200 students were accepted to All-County.
- Twenty-seven Herricks High School musicians participated in the Long Island String Festival Association's Secondary Festival based on their NYSSMA Solo Evaluation scores and teacher recommendation.
- Eighteen fourth graders from Herricks participated in the Parent, Educators and Kids Festival in mid-November.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Board of Education Regular Meeting Comm. Ctr. 7:30 PM	3 HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM	4 SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 Athletic Boosters 7 PM HS MS PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	7 Election Day/Staff Day Schools Closed for Students	8 MS Photo Makeup Day PTA District Council Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Comm. Ctr.	9 Searingtown Picture Retakes HS & MS End of Quarter 1 ARTs Boosters Exec. Bd. 7:30 PM Gen. Mtg. 8 PM	10 Veterans Day Schools Closed Model UN- Brown University	11 Model UN- Brown University
12 Diwali Model UN- Brown University	13	14 Center St. Picture Retake Day Denton Ave. PTA Exec. Bd. 9:30 AM Gen. Mtg. 10 AM Searingtown PTA Exec. Bd. 9 AM Gen. Mtg. 9:30 AM HS PTSA Exec. Bd. 6:45 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	15 SEPTA Searingtown 7 PM Music Boosters HS 7 PM Technology Boosters HS 7 PM	16 Board of Education Regular Meeting HS 7:30 PM Board Meets with HS Students at 6:30 PM	17 Denton Ave. Turkey Trot HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM High School Drama HS 7:30 PM	18 PEAK FESTIVAL Freeport High School Drama HS 7:30 PM SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS
19	20 Fall Sports Night HS 6 PM	21	22 Denton Ave. Turkey Trot (RAIN DATE) 15 Minute Early Dismissal Searingtown Pie Sale Pickup Shelter Rock Academy 20th Annual Thanksgiving Feast	23 Thanksgiving Day Schools Closed	24	25
26	27	28	29 Center St. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	30 NYSSMA All-State Rochester, NY		

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Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals

- 3 First Sunday of Advent (Christian)
- 6 St. Nicholas Day (Christian)
- 8 Hanukkah (8-15) (Jewish)
Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Christian)
- 11 Masá'il (15th month) (Bahá'í)
- 13 Aga Khan's Birthday (Islam Ismaili)
- 21 Yule (Wicca)
- 22 Tohji-Tasai (Shinto)
Dong Zhi/Winter Solstice Festival (Asian)
- 23 Joseph Smith's Birthday (Christian-Mormon)
- 25 Christmas Day (Christian)
- 26 Death of Prophet Zarathustra (Zoroastrian)
- 30 Sharaf (16th Month) (Bahá'í)
- 31 Gahambar Maidyarem (31-Jan 4) (Zoroastrian)

Winning Writers

Herricks offers an array of opportunities for students to express themselves creatively through writing. These highlights are just a few of the recognitions earned by our students:

- The high school's literary magazine, OPUS 64, earned a superior ranking in the 2022 National Council of Teachers of English REALM program.
- A high school senior earned a Gold Medal for a personal essay/memoir in the 2023 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Nationals.
- Twenty-one Herricks students were honored in this year's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards through the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers.



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						<p>1</p> <p>Elementary Schools End First Marking Period</p> <p>NYSSMA All-State Rochester, NY</p> <p>HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Herricks Annual Wrestling Tournament HS 10:30 AM</p> <p>SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS</p> <p>NYSSMA All State Rochester, NY</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 NYSSMA All-State Rochester, NY	4 Athletic Boosters HS 7 PM Denton Ave Holiday Boutique Center St. Snowman Shop	5 Elementary Students Half-Day Dismissal 11:30 AM Elementary Parent/Teacher Afternoon Conferences Evening Conferences 6:30-8:30 PM Gr. 8 Concert - MS Orchestra 6:30 PM Band 7:15 PM Chorus 8 PM MS Holiday Boutique	6 Board of Education Regular Meeting Middle School 7:30 PM MS Holiday Boutique	7 Hanukkah Begins at Sundown Elementary Students Half Day Dismissal 11:30 AM Elementary Parent/Teacher Afternoon Conferences	8 HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM	9 SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS
10	11 Gr. 7 Concert-MS Orchestra 6:30 PM Band 7:15 PM Chorus 8 PM	12 Searingtown PTA Exec. Only 9 AM	13 Breakfast with SEPTA Comm. Ctr. 10 AM-12 PM High School Orchestra Concert HS 7:30 PM	14 Elementary Concerts 9:30 AM HS Deck the Halls HS 3-6 PM	15 Hanukkah Ends at Sundown HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM	16 DECA Nassau County Regional Competition SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS
17	18 Districtwide Art Show HS 4-6 PM Music Boosters HS 7 PM Center St. Spirit Week	19 Elementary Concerts 9:30 AM HS Chorus Concert HS 7:30 PM	20 High School Band Concert HS 7:30 PM Technology Boosters HS 7 PM	21	22 Searingtown Brain Show Denton Ave. Pajama/ Hot Cocoa Day	23
24	25 Christmas Day Schools Closed	26	27	28	29	30
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Herricks Supports All Learners

The district continues to provide learning opportunities for students of all learning abilities. One example is the district's Vocational Independence Program. Through this, classes at Herricks High School run a part-time café called H-Cup.


The district is extremely proud that during the 2022-23 school year, the Special Education Parent Teacher Association celebrated 12 Herricks students for their kindness and compassion to their peers with different learning abilities.



Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals

- 1 St. Basil's Day (Greece)
Gatan-Sai (Japan-Shinto)
- 6 Christmas Armenia (Christian)
Epiphany (Christian)
Three King's Day (Christian)
- 7 Christmas (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 13 Lohri (Hindu, Sikh)
- 14 New Year-Eastern Orthodox (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 17 Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday (Sikh)
- 18 La Ba Festival (East Asian)
- 19 Sultán (17th Month) (Bahá'í)
- 24 Timkat/Theophany (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 25 Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day Jewish)

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	1 New Year's Day Schools Closed	2	3 NMEA Division 1 All-County Rehearsal MS 3-8 PM PTA District Council Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Comm. Ctr.	4 NMEA Division 1 All-County Rehearsal MS 3-8 PM	5 HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM	6 NMEA Division 1 All-County Rehearsal 8 AM-1 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 NMEA All-County Division 1 Concert Tilles Center	8 MS PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Athletic Boosters HS 7 PM NMEA All-County Rehearsals Divisions 2-5	9 Denton Ave. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Searingtown PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM HS PTSA Exec. Bd. 6:45 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	10 Center St. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM 11th Grade Parents Night HS 7 PM	11 Board of Education Regular Meeting Denton Ave. 7:30 PM	12 Searingtown Family Fun Night	13 NMEA All-County Divisions 2-5 Concert Tilles Center
14 NMEA All-County Divisions 2-5 Concert Tilles Center	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Schools Closed	16 SEPTA Searingtown 7 PM	17 NCAA Information Session HS 7 PM Music Boosters HS 7 PM Technology Boosters HS 7 PM	18 MS Tri-M Honors Concert MS 7 PM	19 MS Musical Comm. Ctr. 7 PM	20 SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS MS Musical Comm. Ctr. 7 PM
21 MS Musical Comm. Ctr. 1 PM	22 Incoming 9th Grade Parent Orientation HS 7 PM HS Regents and Midterm Exams	23 ARTs Boosters Exec. Bd. 7:30 PM Gen. Mtg. 8 PM	24 Grade 6 Concert-MS Orchestra 6:30 PM Band 7:15 PM Chorus 8 PM	25 Board of Education Regular Meeting Comm. Ctr. 7:30 PM	26 HS & MS End of Quarter 2 HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM Winter Ball HS 7-10 PM	27 SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS
28	29	30 District Jazz Concert HS 7:30 PM	31			

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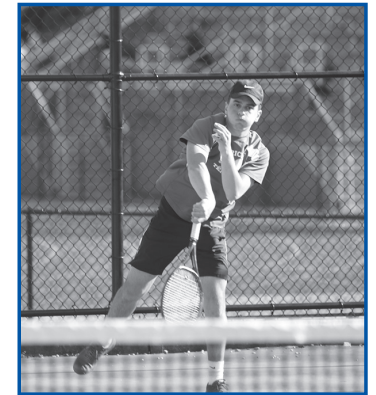
Excellence in Athletics



Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals

- 2 Imbolg (Wicca)
- 7 Mulk (18th month) (Bahá'í)
- 10 Lunar New Year (Asian)
Losar (Tibet, Buddhism)
- 13 Shrove Tuesday (Christian)
- 14 Basant Panchami (Hindu)
Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) (Christian)
- 18 Clean Monday (Great Lent Begins) (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 24 Yuan Xiao / Lantern Festival (East Asian)
- 26 Intercalary Days (Feb 26-March 1) (Bahá'í)

All 2022-23 school year fall, winter and spring varsity interscholastic athletic teams achieved Scholar-Athlete team status.

Additionally, Herricks athletes excel and demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the field. Each year, awards are presented to individuals and teams for their efforts, dedication and skills. Students have received special scholarship awards, service awards, seasonal distinctions and acknowledgments as three-sport athletes in addition to recognitions beyond the district level. During the 2022-23 school year, the girls swim team finished in first place in Nassau County in the 200 medley & 400 free relays and finished third place overall in the New York Swimming Championship. Additionally, the boys and girls bowling team captured the conference championship, while the district had several students compete in the New York State championships for swimming, wrestling and winter track.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 Center St. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM</p>	<p>2 Center St. PJ's and Hot Cocoa HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM</p>	<p>3 SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS Lunar New Year Celebration 7-9 PM</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 Center St. Drama Production MS PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Athletic Boosters HS 7 PM	6 Denton Ave PTA Exec. Bd. 9:30 AM Gen. Mtg. 10 AM Searingtown PTA Exec. Bd. 9 AM Gen. Mtg. 9:30 AM	7	8 Board of Education Regular & Budget Meeting #1 Searingtown 7:30 PM	9 HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM	10 Lunar New Year ACT HS 8 AM SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS
11	12 Music Booster HS 7 PM	13 3rd Grade Beginner Concerts 9:30 AM PTA District Council Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Comm. Ctr.	14 Technology Boosters HS 7 PM	15 Tri-M Honors Concert HS 7:30 PM MS Career Night MS 7 PM	16	17
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← Presidents Week Recess—Schools Closed →						
25	26	27	28 SEPTA Searingtown 7 PM	29		

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Language Immersion

Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals

- 2 Alá-19 Day Fast (March 2-20) (Bahá'í)
- 8 Shivratri (Hindu)
- 10 Ramadan Begins-Evening (Islam)
- 16 Gahambar Hamaspathmaedem (March 16-20) (Zoroastrian)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day (Christian)
- 19 St. Joseph's Day (Christian)
- 20 Eostre (Wicca)
Shunki-Sorei-Sai (Shinto)
Shunbun no hi (Japan)
Now Ruz (New Year) (Afghanistan, Zoroastrian, Islam Ismaili, Bahá'í, Iran)
- 24 Purim (Jewish)
Palm Sunday (Christian)
- 25 Annunciation (Christian)
Holi (Bikarami) (Sikh)
Holi (Sikh,Hindu)
Hola Mohalla (Bikarami) Sikh
- 26 Birth of Prophet Zarathustra (Fasli Zoroastrian)
- 28 Holy Thursday (Christian)
- 29 Good Friday (Christian)
- 31 Easter (Christian)

Herricks offers a unique Spanish Language Immersion program that begins in kindergarten and has been recognized as a model of excellence. It teaches language in the most natural way, delivering content and maintaining grade-level standards while balancing language needs.

At the elementary level, the program follows a 50/50 model in which half the day is conducted in Spanish and the other half in English and teachers work in teams. At the middle school, social studies classes are taught in Spanish and there is a specially designed Spanish course for the immersion students that involves advanced topics. High school students can take a course designed specifically for them.

Students have the opportunity to achieve the New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB). The NYSSB recognizes students who develop high levels of proficiency in English and one or more world languages. For the 2022-23 school year, 62 students earned this distinction.



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					<p>1</p> <p>LI Jazz Festival HS</p> <p>HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>PTA Council Scholarship Fundraiser Harlem Wizards HS Gym 11 AM-3PM</p> <p>SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 	4 Winter Sports Night HS 6 PM Athletic Boosters HS 7:30 PM Searingtown Book Fair	5 MS Honors Ensembles Visit Elementary Schools 9:30-11 AM Denton Ave. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	6 DECA State Career Conference Rochester, NY Center St. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	7 DECA State Career Conference Rochester, NY Disney Trip High School Music Department Board of Education Regular & Budget Meeting #2 Center St. 7:30 PM	8 Elementary Schools End of 2nd Marking Period DECA State Career Conference Rochester, NY Model UN Conference NYC Disney Trip High School Music Department Center St. PARP Opening Ceremony HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM →	9 SAT HS 8 AM SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS Model UN Conference NYC Disney Trip High School Music Department
10 Model UN Conference NYC Disney Trip High School Music Department	11 Model UN Conference NYC MS PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Center St. PARP Week/ Book Fair	12 Searingtown PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM HS PTSA Exec. Bd. 6:45 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	13 PTA District Council Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Comm. Ctr.	14 ARTs Boosters Exec. Bd. 7:30 PM Gen. Mtg. 8 PM	15 Center St. PARP Closing Ceremony HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM →	16 SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS Lunar New Year Celebration (Snow Date) 7-9 PM
17	18 Music Boosters HS 7 PM Denton Ave. Book Fair/PARP Week	19 Elementary Students Half- Day Dismissal 11:30 AM Elementary Parent/ Teacher Afternoon Conferences Evening Conferences 6:30-8:30 PM	20 Technology Boosters HS 7 PM	21 Elementary Students Half- Day Dismissal 11:30 AM Elementary Parent/ Teacher Afternoon Conferences Board of Education Regular & Budget Meeting #3 Comm. Ctr. 7:30 PM	22 HS Musical HS 7:30 PM HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM Denton Ave. Family Fun Night /Evening Book Fair →	23 SCOPE Saturday Enrichment at MS HS Musical HS 7:30 PM
24 HS Musical HS 2 PM	25	26	27	28 Holy Thursday Schools Closed	29 Good Friday Schools Closed	30
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High Marks for Herricks




Herricks is proud of our reputation as an outstanding public school system. Herricks' student performance on state assessments continues to be strong. Scores from the 2021-22 state ELA and math assessments indicate that Herricks students outperformed both the state and county averages. In fact, Herricks students in grades 3 through 8 outperformed other districts in the region by at least 20% or higher. In addition, scores indicate that Herricks students performed as well as or better than comparable districts in our immediate region in most areas.

Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals

- 1 Easter Monday (Christian)
Kha B'Nissan (Assyria)
- 4 Cold Food Festival (April 3-5) (Asian)
Qing Ming / Clear and Bright Festival (Asian)
- 6 Organization of the Church (Mormon)
Laylat al-Qadr (Islam)
- 8 Jalál (2nd Month) (Bahá'í)
- 10 Eid al-Fitr (Islam)
- 13 Songkran/New Year (Cambodia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand)
Baisaki (Bangladesh, Sikh, Hindu)
- 16 Ram Navami (Hindu)
- 20 Feast of Ridvan (Apr 20-May 1) (Bahá'í)
- 21 Mahavira Jayanti (Jain)
- 23 Pesach/Passover (April 23-April 30) (Jewish)
- 27 Jamal (3rd Month)(Bahá'í)
- 28 Palm Sunday (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 30 Gahambar Maidyozarem (Apr 30-May 4) (Zoroastrian)

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	1 Athletic Boosters HS 7 PM	2 SEPTA Student Peer Awards MS 6-8 PM	3 8th Grade "A Step Up Program" HS 7 PM PTA District Council Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Comm. Ctr.	4 Board of Education Regular & Budget Mtg. #4 & Budget Adoption Comm. Ctr. 7:30 PM	5 Herricks Idol HS 7 PM HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM	6

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7	8 MS PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	9 HS & MS End of Quarter 3 HS PTSA Exec. Bd. 6:45 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	10 Eid al-Fitr/ Staff Day Schools Closed for Students	11 ARTs Boosters Exec. Bd. 7:30 PM Gen. Mtg. 8 PM	12 NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival HS 3-9 PM HS Blood Drive HS Gym HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM	13 NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival HS 8 AM-5 PM
14	15 Denton Ave. Kindergarten Parent Orientation 6:45 PM Denton Ave. PTA Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Denton Ave. Plant Sale Begins HS Spirit Week	16 NYS ELA Assessment Grades 3-8 Board of Education Regular Mtg. & BOCES Budget Vote & Trustee Election Comm. Ctr. 7:30 PM	17 NYS ELA Assessment Grades 3-8 Center Street Kindergarten Parent Orientation 6:30 PM Center St. PTA Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Technology Boosters HS 7 PM	18 Searingtown Kindergarten Parent Orientation 6:45 PM Searingtown PTA Exec. Bd. 6:45 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM MS Tri-M Induction Ceremony 6 PM MS Tri-M Honors Concert 7 PM	19 Battle of the Classes HS	20
21	22 Passover Begins at Sundown	23	24 Spring Break Schools Closed	25	26 DECA International Career Development Conference - California	27 DECA International Career Development Conference - California
28 DECA International Career Development Conference - California	29 DECA International Career Development Conference - California	30 Passover Ends at Sundown				
Spring Break Schools Closed						

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Fine and Performing Arts

Herricks schools support exploration of the arts and opportunities for creativity. Students participate in the annual districtwide art show, AP Art Exhibition and other showcases, events and competitions. Numerous awards have honored the talents and efforts of artists at all grade levels.

In addition, the district encourages students to pursue their talents through the performing arts, offering opportunities for students in the middle and high school to participate in theater productions. During the 2022-23 school year, Herricks Middle School presented the Disney favorite, "Frozen Jr.," while Herricks High School presented "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." The student performers and behind-the-scenes contributors worked extremely hard to make the productions a success!



Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals

- 1 Beltane (Wicca)
- 2 Maundy Thursday (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 3 Holy Friday (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 5 Pasha/Easter (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 6 Easter Monday (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 9 Ascension (Christian)
- 10 Akshaya Tritiya (Jain)
- 16 Āzamat (4th month) (Bahá'í)
- 19 Pentecost (Christian)
- 23 Wesak (Buddhist) Declaration of Báb (Bahá'í)
- 28 Ascension of Bahá'ulláh (Bahá'í)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 DECA International Career Development Conference - California PTA District Council "Meet the Candidates" Comm. Ctr. 7 PM	2 Elementary Family Life Evening Center St. 7 PM	3 Elementary Family Life Daytime Searingtown 9:30 AM Searingtown Plant Sale Pickup Senior Signing HS 9 AM HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM	4 SAT HS 8 AM Denton Ave. Color Run 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 Athletic Boosters HS 7 PM Grade 8 Concert-MS 6:30 PM 7:15 PM 8 PM AP Exams	7 NYS MATH Assessment Grades 3-8 Spring Art Show Elementary / MS Community Center 4-6 PM Searingtown PTA Exec. Bd. 9 AM Gen. Mtg. 9:30 AM MS PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM	8 NYS Math Assessment Grades 3-8 9th Grade Concert HS 7:30 PM	9 Board of Education Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting Comm. Ctr. 7:30 PM	10 Searingtown Staff Appreciation Lunch Center St. Plant Sale Pickup Denton Ave. Staff Appreciation Brunch MS Spring Fling 5-7 PM 9th Grade Music in the Parks	11
12	13 Elementary Concerts 7 PM Elementary Kindergarten Screening Week AP Exams	14 NYS Science Assessment Grades 5 & 8 Center St. Staff Appreciation Lunch Grade 7 Concert-MS Orchestra 6:30 PM Band 7:15 PM Chorus 8 PM	15 NYS Science Assessment Grades 5 & 8 Center St. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Denton Ave. PTA Exec. Bd. 7 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM HS PTSA Exec. Bd. 6:45 PM Gen. Mtg. 7:30 PM Technology Boosters HS 7 PM	16 Elementary Concerts 7 PM	17 NYSSMA Majors Mineola Center St. Fun Run Model UN Herricks HS HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation Grades 6-8 7-9 PM	18
19	20 NYSSMA Majors Festival Hofstra & Adelphi Center St. Fun Run Rain Date Grade 10-12 Concert HS 7:30 PM Denton Ave. Health & Wellness Week	21 Budget Vote Comm. Ctr. Gym 7 AM-9 PM La votación del presupuesto Gimnasio del Centro Comunitario 7 AM-9 PM Spring Sports Night HS 6 PM NYSSMA Majors Festival Hofstra & Adelphi	22 NYSSMA Majors Festival Hofstra & Adelphi Grade 6 Music Orientation MS 6:30 PM MS Incoming Grade 6 Parent Orientation 7 PM Tri-M Honors Concert Molloy College 7:30 PM	23 NYSSMA Majors Festival Hofstra & Adelphi Board of Education Regular Meeting Recognition of Student Representatives Comm. Ctr. 7:30 PM	24 Track & Field Day Grade 4 & 5 HS 9:30 AM NYSSMA Majors Festival Hofstra & Adelphi Shelter Rock Academy 17th Annual Field Day/BBQ	25
26	27 Memorial Day Schools Closed	28 ESP Exhibition HS 5-6:30 PM National Honor Society Induction HS 7 PM	29 HS Art Show HS 4:30-6:30 PM Science Research Symposium HS 6-8 PM Music Boosters HS 7 PM	30 Grade 6 Concerts-MS Orchestra 6:30 PM Band 7:15 PM Chorus 8 PM Dance Theatre Show HS Aud. 7 PM	31 MS Long Island Music Festival Track & Field Day (RAIN DATE) Grade 4 & 5 HS 9:30 AM STAC Night HYC Middle School Friday Night Recreation 5th Grade Coming-up Orientation/ Recreation 7-9 PM	

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JUNE 2024




Celebrating Our Students' Personal Best

Religious Holidays and Multicultural Festivals

- 4 Núr (5th month) (Bahá'í)
- 5 Yom Yerushalayim (Israel)
- 10 Duan Wu / Dragon Boat Festival (East Asian)
- 12 Shavuot (June 12-13) (Jewish)
- 13 Ascension (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
- 17 Eid al-Adha (Islam)
- 20 Litha (Wicca)
- 23 Pentecost (Christian-Coptic & Eastern Orthodox)
Rahmat (6th month) (Bahá'í)
- 24 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh)
- 29 St. Peter and Paul Day (Chile)
Gahambar Madyoshem (Jun 29-Jul 3) (Zoroastrian)

During the 2022-23 school year, the Herricks High School guidance department recognized 50 freshmen at a Personal Best breakfast. The students were nominated by their teachers as positive contributors to the classroom. The Personal Best Awards event was designed to recognize ninth grade students who have made a successful transition to Herricks High School, and while doing so, have put their best foot forward and made a positive impact on those around them.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SAT HS 8 AM			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Tri-M Induction HS 6 PM Senior Music Awards HS 7 PM Athletic Boosters 7 PM HS	4 Regents Exams HS Senior Banquet HS Courtyard 6-8 PM Center St. PTA Installation and Awards Dinner	5 Class of 2025 Yearbook Sr. Portraits Athletic Boosters Sports Banquet 5:30 PM at Inn at New Hyde Park	6 Class of 2025 Yearbook Sr. Portraits Denton Ave. Gr. K Field Day Senior Send Off HS 10 AM Last Day of Classes for Seniors HS Board of Education Regular Meeting Comm. Ctr. 7:30 PM	7 Class of 2025 Yearbook Sr. Portraits Senior Awards Ceremony HS 8:30 AM Denton Ave. Grade 1-3 Field Day Center St. Gr. 5 Moving Up Celebration 5-7 PM Denton Ave. Gr. 5 Moving Up Dance 5-7 PM Searingtown Grade 5 Moving-Up Dance 6-8 PM Alumni Jazz Night HS Courtyard 6 PM	8 ACT HS 8 AM
9	10 High School Last Day of Classes HS MS PTA Installation & Awards 7 PM	11 Denton Ave. PTA Awards & Installation 7 PM Searingtown PTA Awards & Installation 7 PM HS PTA Awards & Installations 7 PM Finals and Regents	12 Beginner Band & Orchestra Concerts Grade 3 & 4 9:30 AM MS National Junior Honor Society Induction MS 7 PM MS Grade 8 Awards MS 8 PM Technology Boosters HS 7 PM	13 Denton Ave. Gr. K Field Day (RAIN DATE) PTA District Council Awards & Installation Comm. Ctr. 7:30 PM	14 Denton Ave. Gr. 1-3 Field Day (RAIN DATE) Denton Ave. Flag Day BBQ Searingtown Flag Day BBQ Center St. Flag Day BBQ	15
16	17 Eid al-Adha Schools Closed	18 Denton Ave. Moving-Up Day Comm. Ctr. 9:30 AM MS Graduation Tilles Center 7 PM Finals & Regents	19 Juneteeth Schools Closed	20 Center Street Moving-Up Day Comm. Ctr. 9:30 AM SEPTA Installation & Awards Ceremony 6-8 PM Finals & Regents	21 Searingtown Moving-Up Day Comm. Ctr. 9:30 AM MS Grade 8 Dance	22
23	24 MS & Elementary Schools Half Day of School Closing: MS 11 AM Center St., Searingtown & Denton Ave. 11:30 AM Graduation Rehearsal HS 9-11 AM High School Prom 6-11 PM Finals and Regents	25 MS & Elementary Schools Half Day of School Closing: MS 11 AM Center St., Searingtown & Denton Ave. 11:30 AM MS Grade 8 BBQ HS Graduation HS Field 5 PM	26 MS & Elementary Schools Half Day of School Closing: MS 11 AM Center St., Searingtown & Denton Ave. 11:30 AM Last Day of School HS & MS End of Quarter 4	27 Art Camp Begins at HS	28	29
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	Summer Music Program Begins at MS		Art Camp Ends	Independence Day Summer Music Program NOT in Session		
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