



Superintendent Report

Sweet Home Central School District

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May 3, 2022



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Tonight's Presentations

- 2022-2023 Calendar Presentation
- Superintendent Updates



Sweet Home Central School District

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Proposed Calendar 2022-23



May 2022

JoAnn Balazs, Assistant Superintendent

District Calendar Committee

Parents: Lisa Cazes (HS PTA), Mallory Piwtorak (GL PTA), Elizabeth Bechtel (MS PTA), Julie Thompson (MM PTA), Jessica Stephens & Deepa Saini (WR PTA)

SHEA: Paul Szymendera, Eva Basehart, Jen Heidinger, Amanda Glenn

SHSEA: Ron Farleo, Dan Fularz

SHASA: Bob Polino

District: JoAnn Balazs, Don Feldmann

Calendar Considerations

- NYSED Regulations
- NYS Assessments & Regents Exams
- Legal Holidays
- Contractual Language
- Stakeholder Interests
- BOCES Calendar
- Emergency Closures

NYSED Regulations

NYSED Ed Laws 1704(2) & 3604(7): Must be in session at least **180 days** to maximize Foundation Aid allocations.

Commissioner's Reg 175.2 & 175.5: Days based on on Annual Aggregate Minimum Hours:

- Grades K-6: 5 hours x 180 days = **900 hours**
- Grades 7-12: 5.5 hours x 180 days = **990 hours**

Permits half days or shortened days of student attendance to count toward total annual aggregate hours

NYSED Regulations (Cont.)

“Annual Aggregate Hours” includes:

Days in which student attendance is taken

Days for Regents Exams/State Assessments

Up to 4 Super’s Conference Days (SCD):

- ☐ Before or on the first day of instruction
- ☐ Any instructional day during the school year
- ☐ On the last day of instruction/Rating Day
- ☐ Parent-Teacher Conference Days can be counted as SCD
- ☐ SCD may be held in the last 2 weeks of August, subject to CBAs
- ☐ SCD may not be claimed on Saturdays or legal holidays

NYSED Exams/Assessments

Regents Exams:

- January 24-27, 2023
- June 14-22, 2023

NYS Assessments:

- Grades 3-8 ELA April 19-21, 2023
- Grades 3-8 Math May 2-4, 2023

Legal Holidays

Districts may not schedule on Saturday or a legal holiday (except Election Day, Washington's or Lincoln's Birthday)

- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Presidents Day
- Memorial Day
- **Juneteenth**
- Independence Day

SHEA Contractual Parameters

- **186 Teacher days** (incl. 4 Super Conf Days)
- **First day:** Day after Labor Day
- **Last day:** First day following Regents Rating Day
- **Two (2) half-days:** near last week of the first two trimesters for report cards
- **Two (2) half days** of elementary student attendance last 2 days of school
- **Parent-Teacher Conference Days:**
 - Elementary:**
 - One full-day
 - One extended day by 4 hours
 - Middle School and High School Teachers:**
 - One extended day by 4 hours

Additional Stakeholder Considerations

Annual Goals:

- Maximize instructional days/hours for students
- Align with Erie 1 BOCES calendar
- Build in options for emergency closures
- Minimize half days of student attendance at the elementary level
- Provide evening hours for parent teacher conferences at all levels
- Continue Elementary Trimesters
- Provide elementary teachers with half days prior to conferences to get report cards to parents

Proposed Parameters for 2022-23

September 6	Opening Day/Staff Development
September 7	First Day of Classes
November 8	Staff Development Day
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Recess
December 26-Jan 2	Winter Break
February 20-24	Mid-Winter Break
March 17	Staff Development Day
April 3-7	Spring Recess
June 22	Graduation Day
June 23	Rating Day/Staff Development

2022-23 Calendar Summary

Teacher work days 186

Student Attendance Days as per SED:

- Elementary 184
- Secondary 186

Superintendent Conference Days

- September 6
- November 8
- December 2 (half day elementary only; ½ day report cards)
- March 17 (full day secondary; half day elementary; ½ day report cards)
- June 23



SWEET HOME C.S.D. 2022-23 STUDENT/TEACHER CALENDAR DRAFT

2022-2023

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	Elementary 1/2 Day		Elementary P/T Conferences		Elementary Teacher Report Card Day
	Regents Testing		Holiday		Grades 3-8 ELA
	Event		Staff Development / Superintendent's Conference Day		Grades 3-8 Math

September	5	Labor Day
September	6	Staff Develop./Opening Day
September	7	1st Student Day
October	10	Columbus Day Observance
November	8	Staff Development Day
November	11	Veterans Day Observance
November	24-25	Thanksgiving Recess
December	2	Elem. Staff Dev./Report Card Day
December	8	Evening Parent/Teacher Conf.
December	9	Elem. Parent/Teacher Conferences
December	26-30	Winter Recess
January	2	New Year's Day Observance
January	16	Martin Luther King's Birthday
January	24-27	January Regents Exams
February	20-24	Mid-Winter Recess
March	17	Staff Dev./Elem. Report Card Day
April	3-7	Spring Recess
April	19-21	Grades 3-8 ELA Assessments
May	2-4	Grades 3-8 Math Assessments
May	29	Memorial Day Observance
June	14-22	Regents Exams
June	19	Juneteenth Observance
June	20-21	Elementary Half Days
June	23	Rating Day/Staff Development

*186 teacher/secondary days / 184 elementary days between September 6 and June 23

Western New York Region

School Calendar

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August

31 Staff Development Day

September

1-2 Staff Development Days

5 Labor Day

6 First Day for Students

October

10 Columbus Day

November

11 Veteran's Day

23-25 Thanksgiving Recess

December

26-30 Winter Recess

January

2 New Year's Holiday

16 M. L. King Jr. Day

February

20-24 Mid-Winter Recess

March

17 Staff Development Day

April

3-7 Spring Recess

May

29 Memorial Day

June

19 Juneteenth

23 Rating/Closing Day
(LAST TEACHER DAY)

CALENDAR DAYS					
	T	S		T	S
July	0	0	Jan	20	20
Aug	1	0	Feb	15	15
Sept	21	19	March	23	22
Oct	20	20	April	15	15
Nov	18	18	May	22	22
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TOTAL TEACHER DAYS = 188
TOTAL STUDENT DAYS = 184

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Pre-Kindergarten Grant

- More than doubled in size to \$710K contingent on offering full-day program. Very beneficial to child development.
- Principals met over the past two week to discuss ways to make PreK a SH program.
- Goal in 3 years to house full-day PreK at SH
- Offer four rooms at SH in 22-23 and four rooms with Four Seasons.



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Glendale Principal Search

- Input received through community survey and Glendale Faculty Meeting.
- 27 applicants
- Screened 13 candidates
- 7 candidates moving to committee round.
- April 28, Finalists Meet Constituency Groups at Glendale
- Finalist interviewed with cabinet and COS yesterday.
- Final candidate to meet BOE before May voting session.



Glendale

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Glendale Principal Search

As we celebrate the career of Mrs. Joleen Dimitroff, we must find our next dynamic leader who will continue to make Glendale a cutting-edge school, while at the same time, meet the vision of the district. While we search for the ideal candidate, it is critical that we hear from our community on what qualities they would like the next principal at Glendale to possess. Please take the time to provide your input regarding the search for the Glendale principal. Thank you.

Please Identify the Stakeholder Group That Best Describes You. *

- ☐ Parent
- ☐ Community Member
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Teacher at Glendale
- ☐ Administrator at Sweet Home
- ☐ Service Employee at Sweet Home



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Director of Human Resources Process

- 18 applicants
- 10 candidates screened.
- 7 candidates went to committee.
- Final interview with COS last Friday.
- Meet and greet with the Board at May voting session.



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Curriculum and Instruction

The Sweet Home District Office is located in the building adjoining the north side of the High School (enter through Door #6). This is also where the Vergil's Community Center is located.



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Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

- 34 Applicants
- 14 Candidates will be Screened on April 25
- 6 candidates went to committee today.
- Finalists to make presentation before DEI Committee.
- Final interview with COS/Cabinet.
- Finalist to meet Board in executive session at June voting meeting.



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The Sweet Home Way

Northwest Amherst Community Center

- Announcement made April 20 of the opening of the NWACC.
- May 14 and May 16 Open House to gather community input.
- Advisory Committee establishing governance structure.



TOWN OF AMHERST

5583 Main Street | Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 631-7000



We Are Sweet Home

COME JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST EVER
SPRING HOMECOMING WEEK!
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL EDITION



ATHLETIC EVENTS

- 5/5/22 - 12:30 PM UNIFIED BASKETBALL VS CHEEKTOWAGA - MAIN GYM
- 5/6/22 - 4PM B TENNIS VS AMHERST
- 5/6/22 - 5PM VARSITY SOFTBALL VS WILL SOUTH - SH TURF
- 5/7/22 - 10 AM VARSITY GIRLS LACROSSE VS NT - SH TURF
- 5/7/22 - 12PM VARSITY BASEBALL VS WSW - SH TURF

LET'S GO PANTHERS!
ALL OF US OR NONE OF US.

7:30 PM
MAY 6 2022
GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL
VS AMHERST HS

JOIN US FOR FOOD TRUCKS, BOUNCE HOUSES AND LAWN GAMES FROM 4:30-7:30PM ON MAY 6TH NEAR THE CONCESSION STAND AT THE SH TURF!



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High School Graduation

- Scheduled for June 23 at UB Performing Art Center.
- Students voted last week.



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Questions from the Board?

STRENGTH OF MIND AND BODY

Discipline yourself to be at your best to conquer adversity and challenge.

Preparation * Perseverance * Resilience * Focus * Energy

QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS

Build a support network of people that inspire you and challenge you to thrive.

Honesty * Empathy * Thoughtfulness * Respect * Trust

ACCOUNTABILITY

Take ownership of your life direction and master the sea.

Discipline * Responsibility * Reliability * Independence * Problem Solving

COURAGE TO LEAD

Believe in something that can improve the human condition, and show others the way.

Character * Humility * Communication * Service * Inspiration

