



OPEN HOUSE

September 4

ES: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

HS: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

We will have food available and students can locate their lockers (if they have one), visit classrooms, meet teachers, etc.

THE REMSEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CALENDAR

For the complete District calendar, schedule of upcoming events and more District news, please visit www.remsencsd.org.

Mission: "REMSEN is a dynamic school community of stakeholders providing diverse, demanding and innovative educational opportunities. Our culture fosters a conscientious desire to learn and achieve to individual potential. Students learn that responsible citizenship comes from critical, determined and sustained effort."

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Remsen Families:

Success begins with a strong foundation. When I graduated from the Remsen Central School District, I was prepared to accomplish anything I set my mind to. I could not have asked for better teachers or a better school. Remsen gave me the building blocks to go on and earn multiple degrees, lead a successful career in education and understand the importance of hard work.

Becoming your new Superintendent is very exciting. I love Remsen. I was born and raised in Remsen. My wife and I are raising our son here. We plan to grow old here. Remsen is a very special place. It is a district where working together and understanding each student as an individual is not only articulated, it actually happens. A beautiful campus that provides countless opportunities for students, parents and community members is something we can all be very proud of.

As your new Superintendent, I plan to work with everyone to ensure that our students continue to learn and appreciate the importance of kindness, integrity, motivation, hard work and perseverance. These characteristics all but guarantee a happy, healthy, successful life.

When I first started my career in education as a high school mathematics teacher, I created a message that I posted in my classroom, on student assignments and on their tests. I announced it to my students every day to encourage and support them. I continued this message in my next math classroom and then spread the message building-wide when I became the principal. My message was to always "soar to success."

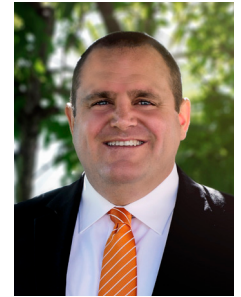
Now, as your superintendent, I plan to spread the message to all of our students, staff and community members in Remsen. This message combines my love of flight, my desire to help students and staff do great things and my belief that every person needs to know that we genuinely want to see them succeed in all that they do. The message is simple, but significant. It is easy to remember and hard to forget. It will motivate and inspire students and adults to be great people and to do great things.

I am excited to work with RCS students, staff, community members and the Board of Education to help ensure that Remsen Central School continues to "soar to success."

It is an honor and a privilege to be your Superintendent. I look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,


Superintendent



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New Employee Spotlight



Amanda Kerr

Amanda Kerr, Elementary School Office Secretary

Ms. Kerr began her career as an Office Specialist I in 2015 at Boonville Elementary School, where she served the students and families of the Adirondack CSD. She has seven years of experience with the Head Start program through MVCAA, where she received yearly training in the area of early childhood education. In addition to her experience in education, Ms. Kerr has been employed with U.S. Care as a personal care aide and earned her cosmetology and barber licenses.

Ms. Kerr is a 2003 graduate of South Lewis Senior High School and currently resides in Boonville with her two children, where she is an active member of the community. Ms. Kerr is very excited to join Remsen Elementary School and looks forward to working with and serving the staff, students and families of the Remsen community.



Robin McCormack

Robin McCormack, Special Education Teaching Assistant

Ms. McCormack has been an integral part of the Remsen Central School District since 2012 as a teacher's aide in the special education department. Most recently, Ms. McCormack completed the exams, courses and workshops necessary to obtain her NYS certification as a teaching assistant, and will be returning to Remsen CSD in the fall as a teaching assistant in the special education department.

Prior to 2012, Ms. McCormack was an active member of the Remsen community, serving the district as a substitute teacher. Prior to her time at Remsen, Ms. McCormack worked as a nursery school teacher at a day care center in Herkimer. She has an Associate in Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education and an Associate of Arts degree in Humanities from Herkimer College.

Ms. McCormack moved to Remsen in 2003 with her three children, all who attend Remsen CSD. She is an active community member and enjoys being a part of the Remsen Central School District.



Adam DeGrace

Adam DeGrace, Auto Mechanic/Bus Driver

For the past several years, Mr. DeGrace has worked for Hudson Forestry Equipment in Barneveld as a hydraulic technician. He was previously employed as a truck driver and served the U.S. Navy as an aviation structural and hydraulic technician. Following his time in the Navy, Mr. DeGrace attended the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Orlando, Florida, where he earned his motorcycle technician certification.

Mr. DeGrace graduated from Remsen High School in 1999 and currently resides in the District.



Important Dates

August	
19	JV & Varsity Fall Sports Begin
26	Pre-K Meet & Greet, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
September	
2	Labor Day - No School
3	Supt. Conf. Day Modified Fall Sports Begin
4	Supt. Conf. Day Open House; ES: 6 p.m., HS: 7p.m.
5	First Day of School for Students
10	BOE Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
14	ACT
16-20	Journalism Club Mum Sale
17	Grades 5 & 6 Conservation Day Trip, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
19	Sports Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
26	Journalism Club Mums Delivered
28	Remsen Barn FOTA, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
29	Remsen Barn FOTA, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
30	ES Band Recruitment Parent Night
October	
4	5 Week Progress Interval Ends for Q1
5	SAT
8	BOE Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
8	MVCA College Night
11	ES + HS Picture Day Jr./Sr. Progress Reports Mailed
14	Columbus Day - No School
16	PSAT
17	Sports Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
25	Supt. Conf. Day - No School
26	ACT
28	Modified Volleyball Begins
29-Nov. 3	FFA National Convention
31	Pre-K Halloween Gathering, 1:15-2:00 p.m. ES Parade of Costumes

Remsen Tax Collection Reminder

Adirondack Bank, Holland Patent branch, will continue to collect school taxes again this year. Please remember that payments may be made to this branch ONLY.

The bank will accept tax payments by mail to Adirondack Bank Holland Patent Branch, P.O. Box 235, Holland Patent NY 13354 or in person at 9576 Main St, Holland Patent, NY 13354 during normal business hours Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Please note, the drive through will NOT accept tax payments. You must go inside for proper credit of your tax bill.

If you have any questions pertaining to your individual tax bill you may contact our school district tax collector, Wendy Gaspa at 315.205.4300 x.4250 or wgaspa@remsenclsd.org.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED!

The Remsen Central School District is seeking per diem substitute teachers for grades K-12 for the 2019-20 school year.

The Remsen Central School District maintains an active list of substitute teachers who are utilized on an as-needed basis, to cover the classroom in the absence of the regular (full-time) teachers. The primary role of the substitute teacher is to continue student learning along the continuum, established by the teacher for whom he/she is substituting.

Substitute teachers, providing day-to-day service, are paid at the per diem rate, for the actual days worked. They do not receive any benefits. The Remsen Central School District substitute teacher rates are \$90.00 per day for non-certified teachers and \$100.00 per day for certified teachers.

Interested candidates may submit their completed application and a letter of interest to:

Timothy Jenny, Superintendent of Schools
Remsen Central School District
P.O. Box 406
Remsen, NY 13438

Teaching applications can be found on the district's website at www.remsenclsd.org/jobs.

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an Equal Opportunity Employer.*



A Message from the Elementary School

It is amazing how quickly time passes. In just a few short weeks, the halls and classrooms of the elementary school will be full and alive with the excitement and energy of our faculty, staff and students. It seems like just yesterday, we were lining the front walkway to wave goodbye and wish all of our students a safe and enjoyable summer vacation. Now, here we are getting ready to welcome students back, once again, for another excellent year at Remsen Elementary School.



Over the last few weeks, a great deal of work has been done to prepare for our opening day in the fall. If you have had the opportunity to drive by the school lately, you will have noticed that the work being done in both buildings and around the campus is quite extensive. By the time the work is done, the elementary school will have a new front walkway and bus loop, a new roof, updated lighting and heating throughout the building, as well as other enhancements. In addition to the physical work being done, we have a few changes to staff including our new elementary school office secretary, Ms. Amanda Kerr and the movement of Ms. McCormack into her new role as a teaching assistant.

It will be exciting to see how these changes, along with the curriculum work and planning that is being done over the summer, provide the students of Remsen Elementary School with an improved school experience and greater opportunities for learning and growth. As we prepare for the new school year, it is our goal to provide students with a quality learning experience in a safe and enjoyable environment. We thank you very much for your support of and commitment to the students and staff of Remsen Elementary School.

I am very much looking forward to the start of another great school year. To get our new school year started, we will be having our Back to School night on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary school and 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. high school. More information about this event will be provided as the date approaches. The first day of school for students will be on Thursday, September 5. As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. It is only in working together, that we will be able to provide the best for the students of Remsen Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Winghart Jr.
Remsen Elementary School Principal

A Message from the Jr.-Sr. High School

First Day of School

The first day of school for Jr./Sr. High School students will be Thursday, September 5, 2019. Students may not enter the building prior to 7:20 a.m. and all students will remain in the cafeteria until the 7:48 a.m. bell. First period begins at 7:53 a.m.

Student Schedules

Schedules for students in grades 7-12 will be mailed home in late August and will also be made available through the SchoolTool Parent Portal during the last week of August.

Student Online Resources

Please check out the following student online resources where students can continue to refine their skills and ensure academic success throughout the school year:

- Castle Learning - www.castlelearning.com
(Call 315.205.4300 ext. 5305 for log in information)
- Khan Academy - www.khanacademy.org
- Regents Practice Exams - www.nysedregents.org
- Grades 3-8 ELA and math Practice Exams
www.engageny.org/resource/released-2019-3-8-ela-and-mathematics-state-test-questions
- Science 8 Practice Exams
www.nysedregents.org/grade8/science/home.html
- Quizlet and YouTube
- Read, read, read!

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a web-based communication program that gives parents and students in grades 7-12 secure internet access to real-time assignment grades, progress reports, report cards, attendance and course information. In order to access the Portal, you will need to have a valid e-mail address and request a password from the school district. Once you have requested and been issued a password, you may log into the Portal website at schooltool.remsencsd.org/schooltoolweb. Please contact Mrs. Hajdasz in the Jr./Sr. High School Guidance Office (315.205.4300 ext. 5213) with questions or to request a Parent Portal password.



I can't wait to see you all soon!
Stay safe, have goals, be kind and give your best!

Mrs. Kristy McGrath
Remsen Jr./Sr. High School Principal



School Lunch Information

The 2019-2020 school year is rapidly approaching and the School Food Service staff look forward to welcoming your child back for another year here at the Remsen Central School District. The district contracts with the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES to provide school food services with healthy, well-balanced meals.

The school district offers families the opportunity to complete a free/reduced price meal application. Whether you feel that you qualify or not, please take a few minutes to complete the application and submit it to the school office.

If your child(ren) received free/reduced price meals this past school year, you must reapply annually for these benefits to continue. Free and reduced lunch applications are available at www.remsencsd.org/schoollunch or from the elementary and high school main offices.

We encourage all parents and caregivers to apply. If you have any questions, please call the BOCES School Food Service office at 315.738.0848.



Breakfast prices for 2019-20:

\$1.25 - full-price

FREE - reduced price meals

Lunch prices for 2019-20:

\$2.50 - full-price

FREE - reduced price meals

Remsen Teacher Resource Center

Once again, the Remsen Central School District Teacher Resource Center has received funding from the New York State Education Department to continue their mission of providing professional development to teachers in the district. The Teacher Center is a small piece of the New York State Teacher Center Organization, a larger network of over 125 centers across the state. All Teacher Centers provide local support for faculty and staff. The goal is to provide professional development to teachers and staff, to positively impact the classroom and the community.

The Teacher Center at Remsen CSD was busy and productive during this last school year. Allowing teachers to design and develop their own professional development is a core part of their mission, and this past year they were able to support several professional learning communities (PLCs). Teachers worked together to develop curriculum, activities and systems in order to engage students at a higher level and increase their opportunities for success. Some of the areas developed by the PLCs were STEAM programs, ELA in the primary school, and social and emotional strategies. The Teacher Center also provided Google training and held a book study focused on resiliency by students in the classroom.

This coming year, there are plans to expand their assistance in several areas. Along with continuing the PLC programs, they will also offer professional development scholarships to teachers. These will allow for teachers to attend training opportunities outside the district. Another initiative the Teacher Center will support is the opportunity for teachers to enhance their instruction by learning about the latest educational apps available for iPads. Teachers who attend this training will be given iPads to use in their classroom during the school year.

The Remsen Central School District Teacher Resource Center looks forward to another great year supporting teachers as they support students!

STUDENTS, SUMMER AND STEAM

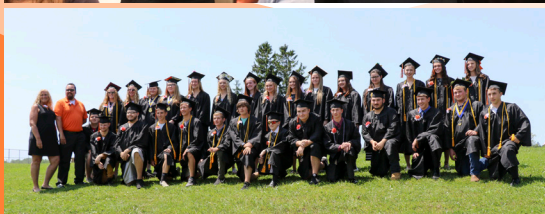
This summer, about 40 intrigued Remsen Central School District students entering grades 3-7 participated in a STEAM camp, held at the Remsen Performing and Visual Arts Center.

Program instructors included elementary and high school teachers: Ms. Janice DiNitto, Mr. Richard Gallo, Mr. John Glass, Ms. Rayne Ives, Mr. Dan O'Brien, Ms. Amy Piaschyk, Ms. Jodi Richard and Ms. Kelly Runniger.

Using fun, thought provoking and inspiring hands-on projects, students enjoyed making, thinking and creating using science, technology, engineering, art and math skills. Students experimented within the fields of eco-columns, turbines, irrigation, kites and planting. Among the projects, students were able to create catapults, home-made kites and "bottle rockets."

On the final day of camp, students visited local renewable resources including the Trenton Falls Hydroelectric plant, the Prospect water treatment facility and the Hardscrabble wind farm.

This camp allowed students the opportunity to explore STEAM and hopefully foster and inspire a growing interest in these opportunistic fields.



Congratulations to our Class of 2019 Graduates!

This past June, 29 students graduated from Remsen Central School District after years of hard work and dedication.

On June 23, students and family members gathered in the Remsen Jr./Sr. High School Gymnasium to honor and recognize the accomplishments of the class of 2019.

Among those graduating were Valedictorian Elise Thompson and Salutatorian Christa Fransman, who both spoke during the ceremony, sharing memories and advice with their classmates and friends.

Several students graduated with Regents or Advanced Regents diplomas, served as class officers and got involved with music or other extracurricular activities, a true testament to their dedication to their studies and personal growth throughout their time in the Remsen Central School District.

Congratulations, also, to our sixth graders and pre-K students who participated in their own "moving up" ceremonies this past June.

We wish the best of luck to our newest alumni and continued success to all of our students in the upcoming 2019-20 school year!

A Summer of Improvements in Remsen CSD

The summer has been a busy one in Remsen Central School District, with many improvement projects underway at both the elementary and Jr./Sr. high schools.

Projects that have taken place over the summer include:

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Reconstruction of Jr./Sr. high school 1936 entrance steps and stone surround
- Jr./Sr. high school corridor locker replacement
- Boys and girls locker rooms renovations, to include updated lockers, bathrooms and shower facilities
- Improvements to the outdoor track (regrading and resurfacing) and softball fields (drainage)
- Removal and replacement of the elementary school roof
- Reconstruction of curbs and walkways at the elementary school, including pedestrian safety improvements
- Replacement of the lights along the driveway and elementary school bus circle
- Replacement of flooring in the elementary school cafeteria and gymnasium
- Multiple technological upgrades including cameras both inside and outside of the buildings and utilization of a system of card readers to control access to the buildings

It is anticipated that all of these projects will be finished by the beginning of the school year and ready to be seen and enjoyed by all.





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2019 Fall Sports Schedule

Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country

9/7/19 @VVS Invitational 12:00 p.m.
9/11/19 @Adirondack 4:30 p.m.
9/18/19 @New York Mills 4:30 p.m.
9/21/19 @Pre-State Section 7 Inv. 10:00 a.m.
9/25/19 @Oriskany 4:30 p.m.
10/2/19 Home 4:30 p.m.
10/9/19 @Sauquoit 4:30 p.m.
10/12/19 @Rome Coughlin Inv. 12:00 p.m.
10/19/19 @Canastota 10:00 a.m.

Boys/Girls Modified Cross Country

9/11/19 @Adirondack 4:30 p.m.
9/18/19 @New York Mills 4:30 p.m.
10/2/19 Home 4:30 p.m.
10/9/19 @Sauquoit 4:30 p.m.
10/19/19 @Canastota 10:00 a.m.

Boys Varsity Soccer

9/3/19 @Waterville 5:00 p.m.
9/5/19 @Herkimer 7:00 p.m.
9/7/19 @Waterville TBD
9/12/19 West Canada 4:30 p.m.
9/16/19 Frankfort-Schuyler 4:30 p.m.
9/18/19 @Dolgeville 4:30 p.m.
9/20/19 Little Falls 4:30 p.m.
9/24/19 Town of Webb 4:30 p.m.
9/30/19 Herkimer 4:30 p.m.

10/4/19 @ West Canada 4:30 p.m.
10/8/19 @Frankfort-Schuyler 6:00 p.m.
10/10/19 Dolgeville 4:30 p.m.
10/12/19 @Poland 4:00 p.m.
10/13/19 @TBD TBD
10/16/19 @Little Falls 4:30 p.m.
10/18/19 @Town of Webb 4:30 p.m.

Boys Modified Soccer

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10/16/19 @Little Falls 4:30 p.m.
10/18/19 @Town of Webb 4:30 p.m.
10/22/19 @Herkimer 4:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer

8/30/19 @Copenhagen 11:00 a.m.
9/5/19 @Waterville 5:00 p.m.
9/7/19 @Waterville TBD
9/9/19 Hamilton 4:30 p.m.
9/11/19 @Cooperstown 4:30 p.m.
9/13/19 Owen D. Young 4:30 p.m.
9/17/19 @Poland 4:30 p.m.

9/19/19 @Hamilton 4:30 p.m.
9/23/19 @Town of Webb 4:30 p.m.
9/25/19 Oriskany 4:30 p.m.
9/17/19 Cooperstown 4:30 p.m.
10/1/19 Poland 4:30 p.m.
10/7/19 @Owen D. Young 4:30 p.m.
10/12/19 @Poland 4:00 p.m.
10/12/19 @TBD TBD
10/15/19 Town of Webb 4:30 p.m.
10/17/19 @Oriskany 4:30 p.m.

Girls Modified Soccer

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9/19/19 @Hamilton 4:30 p.m.
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10/17/19 @Oriskany 4:30 p.m.
10/21/19 Owen D. Young 4:30 p.m.

*Schedules subject to change

**For the most up-to-date schedules, please
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