



The Weekly Torchlight

February 3, 2025

Please be sure to scroll all the way through for upcoming events! 🔔

Message From The Superintendent of Schools

In this video announcement, Dr. Matt Block shares important news regarding the new location and date of the upcoming graduation and moving-up ceremonies. Please refer to the [Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremonies webpage](#) for the latest details. Click on the image below to view the announcement.



Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremonies

New location and dates

Ardley Union Free School District | 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

Month	Key Dates	Student Days	Teacher Days
July 2025	Independence Day	19 (19)	19 (19)
August 2025	Superintendent Conference Day	5 (5)	5 (5)
September 2025	Labor Day, Back-to-School, Back-to-School	19 (19)	19 (19)
October 2025	Halloween, Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples Day	25 (25)	25 (25)
November 2025	Superintendent Conference Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Break	19 (19)	17 (17)
December 2025	17th Night of Hanukkah, Christmas, Holiday Break, 17th Day of Hanukkah	17 (17)	17 (17)
January 2026	New Year's Day, MLK Day	19 (19)	19 (19)
February 2026	Presidents Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Fast Night Hanukkah	19 (19)	19 (19)
March 2026	Superintendent Conference Day, St. Patrick's Day, Spring Break	18 (18)	19 (19)
April 2026	Spring Break, Memorial Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday	19 (19)	19 (19)
May 2026	Memorial Day, End of A.S.D.	20 (20)	20 (20)
June 2026	Juniata, June Commencement A, A.S.D., Last Day of School for Students, Raising Day	19 (19)	19 (19)

Legend: ■ Holiday or Vacation ■ Day Off (No Instruction) ■ Day Off (No Instruction) ■ No Instruction

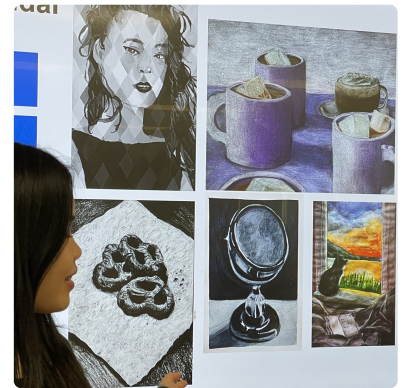
Calendar contains 182 days of regular instruction, 5 Superintendent Conference Days, 6 1/2 Spring Days. For a total of 194 days for teachers. 10 days in emergency contracts. Maximum of regular contract days 180 before 100. All days will be made up as soon as possible. March 11, March 16, March 19, NO INSTRUCTION PLANS SCHEDULED BE BASED FOR THIS MAKE-UP PLAN. BOE approved 2/28/25.

On Tuesday, January 28, 2025, the Board of Education officially adopted the [calendar for the 2025-26 school year](#). Mark your calendars and plan ahead for another fantastic year of learning and growth!

Smooth Transitions, Bright Pathways

AHS Students Introduce Visual Arts Program to Class of 2029

Five students from the Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art program at AHS introduced the visual arts curriculum to the incoming Class of 2029 during an informational session at AMS.



AHS Highlights



Ardley DECA Members Excel at Regionals Competition

The Ardsley DECA team celebrated a successful outing at the Regionals Competition at Rockland Community College, with 20 of its 34 participants earning medals and qualifying for the March State Competition in Rochester.

AHS Students Qualify for Prestigious Math Competition

Junior Aayan Kapoor and sophomore Avery Xu earned the opportunity to compete in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME) on February 6th.



Empowering Seniors for Safety After High School

The Counseling Department at Ardsley High School held an educational program in partnership with the Pace Women's Justice Center (PWJC) on January 23 in the 12th grade Social Studies classrooms, focusing on preventing intimate partner abuse and increasing awareness of community resources.

Eventful Moments

New Tradition Begins with AHS Junior Formal

The inaugural Junior Formal for Ardsley High School's Class of 2026, hosted by the Ardsley Community Enrichment - PTO, celebrated student achievements and friendships on January 28, 2025, marking the start of a new tradition



A Night of Painting and Connection for Parents/Guardians

The AFVA and PTSA hosted a successful fundraiser at AHS, where adult family members engaged in a creative painting activity that fostered social-emotional well-being and community connections, supported by dedicated volunteers.



Club Events & School Programs

AMS Musical

The Ardsley Middle School
Drama Department
proudly presents
Willy Wonka Jr.

Performances: Thursday, February 6 and Friday, February 7 at 7:00 pm.



The Ardsley Middle School Musical Production club proudly presents Willy Wonka Jr.! The performances are on Thursday, February 6, and Friday, February 7, at 7:00 PM at the Middle School auditorium. Click on the links below to purchase tickets.

[Thursday Tickets](#)

[Friday Tickets](#)

Supporting Organization Events

ACE-PTO Sweetheart Dance at CRS

Attend the Ardsley Community Enrichment PTO's Sweetheart Dance on February 7, 2025, at the Concord Road Gymnasium from 7:00 - 8:30pm. Sign up [here](#).



PTSA and the Ardsley Multicultural, Diversity, Inclusion Committee's Family Ramadan Crescent Lighting Ceremony

Learn about the colors, symbols and traditions of Ramadan on February 10, from 6 to 7:30pm at the Ardsley Middle School Library.



ACE-PTO Hosts 8th Grade Bowling Night

ACE-PTO is hosting an 8th Grade Bowling Night on March 13 at Bowlero. Tickets are \$40 per student and include two hours of bowling, shoe rental, dinner, beverages, \$10 video game card and \$5 gift card for a future visit to Bowlero. LINK TO SIGN UP my.cheddarup.com/c/20298thbowling

ACES AT AHS INVITES YOU TO



PANTHER MADNESS

A NIGHT OF FRIENDLY COMPETITION
WHO WILL WIN

BLUE OR GOLD

MARCH 13, 2025
5:30 PM DOORS OPEN / 6:00 PM START
AHS GYMNASIUM
FREE EVENT FOR ALL AHS STUDENTS

COMPETITION EVENTS
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, BLANKET PULL, SKIN THE SNAKE, DODGE BALL, KNOCKOUT, SLIP AND SLIDE, RELAY RACES & TUG OF WAR.

BONUS POINTS: BEST SPIRIT SECTION & SPORTSMANSHIP
STUDENT SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME

SIGN UP USING THIS LINK or QR CODE
<https://panthermadness24.cheddarup.com>
ALL PARTICIPANTS & SPECTATORS NEED TO BE SIGNED UP BY MARCH 5TH



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ACE-PTO Presents Panther Madness, Blue vs. Gold

ACE-PTO Invites you to a night of friendly competition at Panther Madness. Doors open at 5:30 on March 13 at the AHS Gymnasium. Link to sign up:
<https://panthermadness25.cheddarup.com>

Events Happening in our Local Area

Family Sweetheart Dance

Friday, February 7th, 2025: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Snow Date: Saturday, February 8th: 7:00-9:00pm
A.F. Veteran Park
click on photo for registration or download flyer [here](#)



Town of Greenburgh
Department of
Parks & Recreation



Family Sweetheart Dance

Children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade – bring a parent or adult relative/friend and enjoy a wonderful evening of music, dancing, photo booth!

When: Friday, February 7th, 2025: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Snow Date: Saturday, February 8th: 7:00-9:00pm

Where: Anthony F. Veteran Park, 11 Olympic Lane, Ardsley, NY 10502, 10am-4pm or online at greenburghny.com/parks

Cost: \$7.00/person for advanced registration
\$10.00/person on the day of the event if still available.

You must pre-register for this event!
Resident Registration starts 1/6/25
Non-Resident Registration starts 1/13/25

In person at Greenburgh Parks and Recreation,
11 Olympic Lane, Ardsley, NY 10502, 10am-4pm or online at
greenburghny.com/parks

Advanced Ticket Sale Deadline: Thursday, February 6, 2025

Light Refreshments will be served!

For more information please email
ajacoby@greenburghny.com or call




The Junior Naturalist Program at the Nature Center at Greenburgh

The six-week program starts on February 6. It is designed for middle school students aged 11 - 14 and includes hands-on activities, workshops, and leadership opportunities.



New Program for Middle Schoolers!

Junior Naturalists

The Junior Naturalist Program is a badge program designed to engage and educate youth about the natural world through hands-on activities, workshops, and leadership opportunities. This program also serves as a pathway to volunteering at the Nature Center.

Session 1: Conservationist Badge
6 Week Series: February 6th, 13th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th
Day & Time: Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm

First Session: Conservationist Badge
Students will consider ways they can be environmental stewards through conservation action. Includes topics of:



Sustainable fashion



Carbon footprint & climate change



Sustainable food systems



Scan for more information & to register!
For more information, contact instructor
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