



DISTRICT CALENDAR

2025-2026

BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION

Board Members

Kristin Hubley, *President*

Robert Mahardy Jr., *Vice President*

Sandra Dare

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New York Mills UFSD Mission Statement

Through combined efforts of students, staff, parents, and community members, our mission is to foster the confidence, knowledge, cognition, and character necessary to instill a strong work ethic, to create an environment of tolerance and respect, and to ignite an attitude of inquiry and enthusiasm for learning that will enable students to become productive, responsible citizens.

What is a Board of Education?

The Board is the official policy making body of the School District. The Board is composed of seven members elected by the public. Each member serves a five year term of office. Board of Education members receive no compensation for their service to the District and the community.

What are the responsibilities of the Board?

- Establish District policies
- Identify the District philosophy and direction
- Develop an annual budget for voter approval
- Act on the Superintendent's recommendations regarding personnel matters

Point to Remember:

No person or group of persons acts in the name of the Board. All motions require a majority vote before the Board can act. A Board member acts in an official capacity only during an official Board meeting. The Board employs a Superintendent of Schools as the Chief Executive Officer of the School District. The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the district and administration of Board policies, programs, and plans for Board action.

How is a Board Meeting Conducted?

A typical agenda for a Board meeting includes:

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Communications
3. Consent Agenda
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Building Reports
7. Superintendent's Report
8. Visitor Comments
9. Executive Session (if needed)
10. Adjournment

SEPTEMBER 2025

Grades K-6: 315-768-8129
 Grades 7-12: 315-768-8124
 Attendance Office: 315-768-3378
 Bus Garage: 315-768-7948



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY	2 Superintendent's Conference Day	3 Superintendent's Conference Day	4 First Day of School for Students	5	6
7 GRANDPARENTS DAY	8	9 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	10 Athletic Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	11 PATRIOT DAY	12	13
14	15	16	17 PTSO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	18 K-12 Open House, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Music Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	19	20
21	22 Jr./Sr. High Picture Day FIRST DAY OF FALL ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS	23	24 ROSH HASHANAH ENDS	25	26	27
28	29 K-6 Picture Day	30			AUGUST 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION

The New York Mills Board of Education commits itself to the following vision and core beliefs and values statements in an effort to provide support for its students on their journeys toward success:

VISION

Our vision is to create an incomparable K-12 School District that is as highly regarded for its academic excellence, as it is for its pride and commitment to actively serve and improve its surrounding community.

CORE BELIEFS & VALUES

We believe that all students:

Should be provided the opportunity to reach their full academic, physical and social-emotional potential in order to become productive citizens.

Should demonstrate respect, honesty and integrity as part of maintaining good citizenship.

Should be responsible and accountable contributors to society through leadership and service to others.

Should be treated fairly and equitably based on individual needs.

Should have learning experiences that expand beyond the classroom.

Should develop technological awareness, problem-solving and analytical skills.

Should be empowered to learn and grow through both successes and failures.

Have value and worth and are part of a greater whole.

Must feel welcome and safe.

Are valued members of the school community.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

The New York Mills Board of Education invites community members to attend its meetings that are held on the dates below beginning at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated, in the High School Library.

Please Note: These meeting dates are subject to change.

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – Budget Workshop

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – Adopt Budget for Vote

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – Vote on BOCES Admin Budget (5:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – Public Budget Hearing (5:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – Budget Vote and BOE Election (12-8 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 – Reorganizational Meeting

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5	6 SUKKOT BEGINS	7 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	8 PTSO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12	13 COLUMBUS DAY SUKKOT ENDS NO SCHOOL	14 Five-Week Progress Reports Mailed	15	16	17	18
19	20 DIWALI	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 K-6 Student of the Month	30	31	
					HALLOWEEN	

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

Bus Loading/Unloading Area

To avoid blocking buses when bringing students to school in the morning, please do not park in the circle in front of the school. There are posted signs on our front lawn stating, "Bus Zone Absolutely No Standing or Parking Anytime." Parents may park in allotted spaces in the front or side parking lot. Also, it is unlawful to pass a school bus with flashing red lights on. Please adhere to these procedures for your children's safety.

Special Transportation Requests

If you have any special transportation requests, please contact the Director of Transportation, at the bus garage - (315) 768-7948. Please note that such requests must be for pick-up and drop-off points within the District.

Grades K-6 Bus Schedule

BUS	DESTINATION	Time to be Ready	Last Pick Up
Red	Lower Young Ave., Prospect St., Main St. from Burrstone Rd. to Greenman Ave., Wallcott Ave., Sauquoit St., Floyd Ave., White St., Blitzen, Wadas, Hillside	7:25 a.m.	7:55 a.m.
Green	New Hartford St., Crescent, Henderson Ave., Burr Ave., Royal Brooke, West Dr., Clinton St., Burrstone Rd.	7:25 a.m.	7:55 a.m.
Orange	Lower Wilcox Ave., Calder, Lower Myers, Campbell Ave., First St. – Ninth St., Douglas @ Montrose, Main St. from Oriskany Blvd. to Wetmore	7:25 a.m.	7:55 a.m.
Blue	Chestnut, Glod, Crestway, Cedar Lane, Pine, Beech, Maple, Cottage, Pleasant, Crandall, Elm, Meadow, Comenale Crescent, Porter, McPhearson, Country Club, Parkside, Pulaski, Upper Young Ave.	7:25 a.m.	7:55 a.m.
Purple	Winchester, Washington, Fairway, Davis, Shepard, Cross, Calvin, Andrews, Hillcrest, Ney Ave., Upper Dudley, Upper Wilcox, Upper Myers Upper Montrose, Douglas Crescent	7:25 a.m.	7:55 a.m.

Grades 7-12 Bus Schedule

BUS	DESTINATION	Time to be Ready	Last Pick Up
Orange	Cross St., Winchester & Davis, Davis & Fairway, Ney Ave., Corner of Douglas & Montrose, Corners of Campbell & Dudley, Myers, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Ninth	7:05 a.m.	7:20 a.m.
Green	Corner of New Hartford St. @ West Dr., Carolyn Courts, 99 New Hartford St., New Hartford @ Hapanowicz, Corners of Clinton & Burr, Henderson @ Park Entrance, Henderson & Royal Brooke, Henderson & Burr	7:05 a.m.	7:20 a.m.
Blue	Corner of Comenale & Country Club, Main @ Porter, Chestnut, Maple, Cottage, Wadas, Cedar Ridge, Across from Greenman (Bottle Shop), Main & Campbell Ave., Main & Wetmore, Floyd, Mill	7:05 a.m.	7:20 a.m.



Students should be ready and waiting at their bus stop **FIVE** minutes before the time of bus arrival.

Traffic should not be held up while the bus waits for your child to board.

Use caution when crossing the street and wait for the driver's signal before entering the road.

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2 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	3	4 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m. ELECTION DAY	5 Athletic Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	6	7 K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences	8
9	10	11 VETERANS DAY NO SCHOOL	12 PTSO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	13	14 1st Quarter Ends	15
16	17	18 1st Quarter Report Cards Mailed	19 K-6 Student of the Month	20 Music Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	21 K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 7-12 Student Assemblies	22
23	24	25 Go Home Early Drill, Grades 7-12 - 1:50 p.m. dismissal; Grades K-6 - 2:30 p.m. dismissal	26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY THANKSGIVING RECESS - NO SCHOOL	28	29
30						

HEALTH NOTIFICATIONS

Pesticide Notification

The New York Mills Union Free School District uses current Integrated Pest Management practices to reduce the use of pesticides in our buildings and on our grounds. It may be necessary, however, to use pesticides periodically during the year. New York state law requires that schools maintain a list of staff and parents who wish to receive a written notice 48 hours prior to a pesticide application at their school facility. If you wish to be included on this notification list, or would like further information, please contact Mark Burnop at (315) 768-8516. For further information on the District's pesticide program, contact our business manager at (315) 768-8127.

Asbestos Notice

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1987 (AHERA), a copy of the New York Mills UFSD Building Inspection Report and Management Plan is available for review from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday - Friday or by appointment. Please contact Mark Burnop, at (315) 768-8156 if you need to set up an appointment or if you have any questions.

Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES performs an Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Inspection Report every six months.



Please Visit Our Website at
<http://www.newyorkmills.org>
for more information on many school-related topics.

DECEMBER 2025

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	1	2 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	3	4	5	6 46th Annual PTSO Craft Fair, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
7 46th Annual PTSO Craft Fair, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	8	9	10	11 Jr./Sr. High Band/Chorus Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.	12	13
14 HANUKKAH BEGINS	15	16 Elementary Band/Chorus Winter Concert, 5:30 p.m.	17 K-6 Student of the Month	18	19 Five-Week Progress Reports Mailed	20
21 FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22 HANUKKAH ENDS	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS	26 KWANZAA BEGINS	27
	WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL					
28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE		NOVEMBER 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JANUARY 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
	WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL					

GENERAL INFORMATION

New Student Registration

Parents must register students before the opening day of school.

Please contact:

Grades 7-12
Grades K-6

Main Office • (315) 768-8124
Main Office • (315) 768-8129

Secondary Class Schedules

Schedules will be provided to all grades 7-12 students by the end of August.

Visitors

All visitors to the school must first report to the front desk monitor, sign in and receive a visitor's badge. After a visitor receives his/her badge, the visitor must then report to the appropriate office. Arrival and departure from the K-12 building must be through the Jr./Sr. High School lobby doors. Visitors must sign out and return their visitors badge.

Family Information/Emergency Notification

A family information/emergency notification form will be mailed home. It is imperative that parents complete a form for *each* child and then return the form during the first week of school. This information will enable the school to contact the appropriate adult in the event of medical or other emergencies.

Elementary Outdoor Play

When inclement winter weather arrives, the school closely monitors weather conditions to determine if elementary children should be outside with the proper attire. Parents should ensure that students are prepared for outdoor recess everyday.

Elementary Class Placements

Elementary parents who have not yet received information about their child's assigned teacher should contact the elementary office. All class placements are final.



JANUARY 2026

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4	5	6 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	7 Athletic Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 PTSO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	15 Music Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	16	17
18	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY NO SCHOOL	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			K-6 Student of the Month			

GENERAL INFORMATION

Absences, Tardiness & Early Dismissal

If a student is absent due to illness or other reason, the parent should call the Attendance Office at (315) 768-3378 as soon as possible the morning of the absence. Additionally, an absence or tardy note must be sent with the student the day he/she returns to class. If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, please send a note to Attendance prior to the pick-up date. Notes can be e-mailed to hsattendance@newyorkmills.org.

Student Immunizations

All students entering school must be immunized to meet state regulations. Please call the School Nurse at (315) 768-3391.

K-6 YMCA Child Care Program*

We are pleased to announce that the Greater Tri-Valley YMCA will continue to offer an after-school child care program at New York Mills Elementary School this year. This program is designed to provide parents with a safe, structured and fun environment for their children currently enrolled in grades K-6. Hours of operation are:

Afternoon:	3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Half Days:	11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Off-Campus Location (no busing provided)
Vacations/Snow Days:	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Off-Campus Location

**If you would like to register your child for this program, please contact the YMCA Child Care Program Director at (315) 797-4787 for prices and registration information.*

Snacks

Kindergarten - Sixth Graders: If you feel your child needs a nutritious snack, you may send it to school with them. The first elementary lunch period begins at 11:20 a.m.

Athletic Health History Forms Needed

New York State guidelines for sports participation require parents to complete an Athletic Health History form for their child at the beginning of each new sports season. These health histories must be on file with the school nurse before student athletes are allowed to practice for or participate in interscholastic sports.



FEBRUARY 2026

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1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	4	5	6 2nd Quarter Ends	7
8	9	10 2nd Quarter Report Cards Mailed	11 PTSO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	12	13 7-12 Student Assemblies	14 VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16 PRESIDENTS' DAY	17 LUNAR NEW YEAR RAMADAN BEGINS MARDI GRAS	18 ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS	19	20	21
MID-WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL						
22	23	24	25 K-6 Student of the Month	26	27	28
JANUARY 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MARCH 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31					

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS/EARLY RELEASE INFORMATION

There are times when school must close early, open late, or not open at all due to weather or other emergencies. Such decisions are made by the Superintendent. The news media is then informed of this decision.

In the event of an emergency closing after students arrive at school, it is impossible for us to contact each parent individually to determine where your child should be sent. Therefore, you need to have a plan, **we** need to know your plan and your child needs to know what to do. If the emergency requires immediate evacuation, or the roads are impassable, trying to pick up your child may be unsafe or impossible.

The two most viable options for your child are:

- 1) *Go home or to a sitter, or*
- 2) *Take the bus to a prearranged emergency location*

The safety of your child will be best met if you take the time now to consider the options, develop a plan and make sure your child and the school understand your plan. Emergency school closing forms will be sent home with K-6 students during the first few weeks of school. Grades 7-12 parents should contact the Executive Principal if you need to make special arrangements.

K - 12 STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Our graduating students will be:

1. Responsible Citizens
2. Physically and Emotionally Healthy
3. Respectful of Self and Others
4. Self-motivated, Life-long Learners
5. Effective Communicators
6. Collaborative Workers
7. Critical, Creative Thinkers



Radio & Television Stations

Listed below are the local radio and television stations you should listen to or watch for school closings or delays due to inclement weather.

WIBX	950	AM
WLZW	98.7	FM
WFRG	104.3	FM
WKTV	Channel 2	TV
WUTR	Channel 7	TV
Spectrum News	Channel 10	TV

Website

Observer-Dispatch

www.uticaod.com

You will also receive a ParentSquare announcement for emergency school closings or delays.

ParentSquare

We will be using ParentSquare as our phone notification service throughout the New York Mills Union Free School District.

With ParentSquare, principals and select district administrator will be able to record, schedule, and send a personalized voice message to parents and families with one recorded phone call. More importantly, they are able to reach families at a moment's notice should an emergency arise. The system can also send messages to a particular group. For example, calls may be sent only to the homes of all second graders or all PTSO members.

ParentSquare may be used for a variety of needs, including, but not limited to, informing parents about upcoming meetings, reminding parents about standardized tests, and sending out daily attendance messages. ParentSquare provider has a wealth of experience and best-practice examples that are available to all users. These resources help to guide the content and frequency of calls to maximize their impact.

In addition, calls through ParentSquare can be automatically posted to our website and social media.

MARCH 2026

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1	2 PURIM BEGINS	3 Board of Education Budget Workshop, 6:00 p.m. PURIM ENDS	4 Athletic Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m. HOLI	5	6	7
8 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	9	10	11 PTSO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15	16	17 Five-Week Progress Reports Mailed ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 RAMADAN ENDS	19 National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:00 p.m. Music Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	20 Superintendent's Conference Day FIRST DAY OF SPRING NO SCHOOL	21
22	23	24	25 K-6 Student of the Month	26 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:00 p.m., Monarch Banquets	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY	30	31			FEBRUARY 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	APRIL 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The OHM BOCES School Food Service is pleased to announce that during the 2025-26 school year, we will be operating under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), meaning all meals are FREE to all students!

The Food Service team strives to provide students with tasty, nutritious, fresh foods that appeal to students and the school community. We have continually exceeded federal and state guidelines for all required nutrients and increased our offerings of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Each student has their own meal account with an assigned pin number. Please be sure to help your children learn their numbers, especially if they are new participants. You can also use this account to make payments for a la carte items. Online prepayments through ezschoolpay.com are preferable, however, checks should be made out to OHM BOCES Food Service and cash in a labeled envelope is also an option.

Because we are operating under CEP this year, families do not need to fill out free/reduced meal applications. However, it is helpful to your school if you complete the income collection form available at ezmealapp.com. PDFs and hard copies are also available. Eligible families may qualify for benefits such as waived test fees.

While complete meals are FREE, single items like milk will still be charged to student accounts. Milk this year will be \$0.75. Other a la carte items such as frozen yogurt, baked chips and whole grain cookies will be available for purchase most days in the school cafeteria. Prices on those items range from \$0.75-\$2.00. There is no charging of a la carte items, meaning students must have a positive account balance or cash in hand in order to purchase.

Breakfast Program

The New York Mills School offers a breakfast program for all students, in addition to lunch every morning.

Breakfast is served for elementary students in the cafeteria as students get off the bus before the school day begins. Items on the breakfast menu will include a variety of cold cereals and pancakes, bagels, muffins, etc. (be sure to read your breakfast menu as well as your lunch menu every day).

CONCERNS AND PROCEDURES

Problems may develop during the school year that require cooperation between parents and school officials to resolve. If and when those circumstances arise, please follow the procedures that are outlined below. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with these procedures.

Classroom/Instruction Concerns

Step 1: Please contact the classroom teacher

Step 2: If a resolution to the problem is not reached, please contact the K-12 Principal or K-12 Executive Principal

Step 3: Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Transportation Concerns

Step 1: Please contact the District Transportation Supervisor at (315) 768-7948

Step 2: Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Interscholastic Athletic Concerns

Step 1: Please contact the coach

Step 2: If a resolution cannot be reached, please contact the Athletic Director at (315) 768-8124

Step 3: If a resolution is still not reached, please contact the Executive Principal

Step 4: Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Student Health Concerns

Step 1: Please contact the school nurse

Step 2: If a resolution cannot be reached, please contact one of our K-12 Principals

Step 3: Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Scheduling/Financial Aid/College Applications Concerns

Step 1: Please contact the guidance office at (315) 768-3395

Step 2: If a resolution cannot be reached, please contact the Executive Principal

Step 3: Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Please feel free to contact the K-12 Principal, Executive K-12 Principal and/or the Superintendent of Schools for other concerns.

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			1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY PASSOVER BEGINS	2	3 GOOD FRIDAY SPRING RECESS - NO SCHOOL	4
5 EASTER	6	7	8	9 PASSOVER ENDS	10	11
	SPRING RECESS - NO SCHOOL					
12	13	14 Board of Education Meeting to Adopt Budget for Vote, 6:00 p.m.	15 PTSO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	16	17 3rd Quarter Ends	18
19	20	21 3rd Quarter Report Cards Mailed	22 EARTH DAY	23	24 ARBOR DAY	25
	GRADES 3-8 NYS ELA ASSESSMENTS					
26	27	28 Board of Education Meeting and BOCES Budget Vote, 5:30 p.m.	29	30	MARCH 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	
	GRADES 3-8 NYS MATH ASSESSMENTS					MAY 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

Junior Year

September/October – Register in the Guidance and Counseling Office for the October PSAT. ACT Exam is administered in October. Attend local college fairs.

April – ACT Exams. Generally taken by juniors. Registration material available in Guidance and Counseling Office or online.

May – SAT Exams. Juniors generally take them at this time. Registration material available in Guidance and Counseling Office or online. Beware of deadlines.

June – SAT/ACT Exams.

April-June – Juniors should be researching colleges and career options. Those students interested in the Military Academies should be writing Congressmen and Senators for nominations, as well as filing pre-candidate questionnaires with each academy. ROTC inquiries begin in late spring. AP exams are administered in May.

June-September – Use summer to make campus visits. Registration deadline for the October SAT is usually early September.



Senior Year

September – College representatives begin high school visits. Check Guidance and Counseling Office calendar. Continue researching colleges, visiting campuses and requesting interviews. Register for November SAT/October ACT. Ask teachers for letters of recommendation.

October – Fall College Fair at Mohawk Valley Counseling Association. Pick up catalogs and attend financial aid seminars to get appropriate information. Start filling out college applications. ACT exams are given. You may file your FAFSA starting October 1.

November – SAT exams are given. Begin submitting applications - primarily Early Decision candidates. Be aware of college application deadlines. Continue campus visits. Do you have a special talent? Contact appropriate personnel at the colleges. Attend Financial Aid Night.

December – SAT exam is given. Submit college applications to your counselor.

February-April – Admissions decisions are generally made by April 15. Check website for scholarship information.

May – Tuition and housing deposits are due May 1. TAP applications, used only for New York State colleges, are mailed. Continue checking for scholarship information. AP Exams are administered in early May. Please see the Guidance and Counseling Office webpage on the school website for more information.



MAY 2026

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3	4	5 Public Budget Hearing, 5:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m. CINCO DE MAYO	6 K-6 Student of the Month Athletic Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	7 GRADES 5 & 8 NYS SCIENCE ASSESSMENTS	8 7-12 Student Assemblies	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11	12	13 PTSO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	14 Jr./Sr. High Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.	15	16 ARMED FORCES DAY
17	18	19 Budget Vote and BOE Election, 12:00-8:00 p.m.	20 Elementary Band/Chorus Spring Concert, 5:30 p.m.	21 Music Boosters Meeting, 6:00 p.m. SHAVUOT BEGINS	22	23 SHAVUOT ENDS
24	25 Memorial Day Parade, 11:00 a.m. MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	26	27 Five-Week Progress Reports Mailed	28	29	30 Grand March, 6:00 p.m., Auditorium Jr./Sr. Prom, 7:00 p.m., Monarch Banquets
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CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL COUNSELOR FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR

1. Understand the expertise and responsibilities of your child's school counselor. School counselors make a measurable impact in every student's life, assisting with academic, career, and personal/social development. Professional school counselors are trained in both educating and counseling, allowing them to function as a facilitator between parents, teachers, and the student in matters concerning the student's goals, abilities, and any areas needing improvement.
2. Meet or contact your child's school counselor during the school year. By communicating with one another at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year, parents and counselors can have a definite impact on a child's success.
3. Discuss your child's challenges and concerns with the school counselor. As a parent, you know your child best. However, the school counselor can help you better understand your child as a student. It's important to encourage your child's expression of needs, hopes and frustrations.
4. Learn about your child's school and social connections from the school counselor. When you need information or assistance, your child's school counselor can help you get in touch with the appropriate school officials; learn about school policies on behavior, attendance, and dress; and stay connected with the school in many other ways. The school counselor can also help you locate resources in the community when you need them.
5. Work with the school counselor to identify resources and find solutions to problems. Discuss resources available within and outside of the school and get information on how such programs can benefit your child.

The K-12 Comprehensive Guidance Plan is available on the counseling page of the school website or by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone.



HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL

- Encourage your child to use their daily agenda; the agenda is a place to write assignments and keep track of tests or other projects. This is a great way to help your child be organized and serves as a communication tool between parents and teachers.
- Remain involved with your child and create a schedule to help him or her develop good study habits.
- Review the five-week progress report and report card with your child. Contact teachers by phone, email or set up a parent-teacher conference if you have any concerns.
- Parents of elementary, middle and high school students can access information about their child's grades, attendance and discipline through the SchoolTool Parent Portal. The permission form for the parent portal is available at the High School and Elementary Offices or via the school website at www.newyorkmills.org.
- If a student is absent, they are required to make up any work they missed. If absent two or more days, parents may call the Attendance Office to request work.
- If you have specific questions about one of your child's classes, please contact the teacher directly. The elementary counselor, high school counselor or social worker can assist you with overall academic, behavioral or social concerns regarding your child.
- Middle and high school teachers are available Mondays through Thursdays from 2:08 to 2:40 p.m. to answer questions or provide extra support to students.
- The school counselors and social worker can also help you identify and connect with resources in the community if your child may need them.

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JUNE 2026

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	1	2 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	3 K-6 Student of the Month	4 Jr./Sr. High Awards Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.	5	6
7	8	9	10 PTSO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	11 Athletic Banquet, 6:00 p.m.	12	13 Senior Trip
14 FLAG DAY	15	16 Grades 7-12 Last Day of Classes Senior Breakfast & Walk	17	18	19 JUNETEENTH	20
21 FATHER'S DAY FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22 Kindergarten Moving Up, 9:00 a.m.	23 6th Grade Graduation, 9:00 a.m.	24	25	26 Last Day of School 4th Quarter Ends Graduation, 6:00 p.m.	27
28	29	30			REGENTS RATING DAY	
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ORGANIZATIONS

PTSO News

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year. The PTSO is looking forward to welcoming new members again this year! We would like to invite you to join the PTSO by either coming to one of our monthly meetings or following our Facebook page (New York Mills PTSO). The PTSO does keep the Facebook page updated with events that take place throughout the year.

The PTSO meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and there is no fee to join the PTSO. We strongly encourage your participation in the PTSO this year. Your participation allows the PTSO to provide school activities, supplies, events for the students and staff that are not funded by the school budget. Joining the PTSO is truly a great way to get involved in your child's school as well as know other parents and staff involved in our school community.

This year will mark the 46th Annual PTSO Craft Fair, which is the primary source of our funding. This year it will be held on December 6 and 7. The PTSO is always in need of parents, students, staff and community members to help out that weekend with this event. For more information about the PTSO or to express your willingness to volunteer, feel free to reach out to us via Facebook or email ptso@newyorkmills.org.

Here are some of the PTSO sponsored events from the previous year and upcoming year:

46th Annual NYM PTSO Craft Fair
5K Ugly Sweater Run
After Prom Party
Banana Splits Program
Battle of the Books/Breakout EDU Club
Caterpillar/Butterfly Project
Elementary Science Fair
Elementary Trunk or Treat
Field trip to The Wild Animal Park
High School/Sixth Grade Graduations
Kids of Character
Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
Mills Money Store



National Honor Society
Olympic Day
PARP (Parents as Reading Partners)
Poinsettia/Wreath Sale
Principal's Most Improved Awards
Recess activities for rainy days
Scholastic Book Fair
School yard signs
Senior scholarships
Spirit Week
Teacher Appreciation Week
Welcome back to school, graduation and last day of school yard signs

The PTSO officers for 2025-2026 are:

Co-President Tamara Casella
Co-President Sarah Marcy
Secretary Monja Mitchell
Treasurer Jennifer Faustino
Parliamentarian Kristy Clifford

Athletic Booster Club

The New York Mills Marauder Athletic Booster Club's purpose is:

1. To support and promote all formal sport activities of the New York Mills Junior Senior High School Athletic programs.
2. To encourage and recognize high school achievement, sportsmanship, and character.
3. To contribute to the morale, spirit, and enthusiasm of the student body and community.
4. To provide a vehicle for positive involvement by the community with the school and athletic teams.
5. To assist in the area of the sporting event promotion, publicity, and athletic program development.
6. To develop an organization with an active and involved membership that is concerned with the total athletic program and all of its participants.



Some ways that we were able to raise funds this past school year for our student athletes:

- We have had our Apparel Online Store available all school year to parents and students. We are selling T-Shirts, sweatshirts, hats, pants, shorts, car stickers, ornaments, gloves, scarves and many more items. [Go to our Facebook page: New York Mills Athletic Booster](#), and click the apparel store link. We held a VERY successful month-long raffle in the month of March.

Through these efforts, we were able to provide our student athletes and their teams with:

- Three scholarships to graduating seniors
- Senior gifts for each Senior Night for all varsity sports to NYM seniors AND the visiting team's seniors
- Homecoming football games picnic lunch for our team and the visiting team
- Olympic Day T-Shirts for ALL K-6 students and staff

Look for us on Facebook: [New York Mills Athletic Booster](#). It is up-to-date on weekly sports schedules, pictures from games, upcoming meetings and any information regarding sports at New York Mills.

For more information or to join the New York Mills Athletic Booster Club, please email us at athleticbooster@newyorkmills.org

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Library.

JULY 2026

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12	13	14 Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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AUGUST 2026

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TYPES OF DIPLOMAS

Regents Diploma

Requirements:

- 4 credits of English, including the Comprehensive English Regents exam.
- 4 credits of social studies, including the Global History & Geography and U.S. History & Government Regents exams.
- 3 credits of mathematics and the Integrated Algebra Regents exam.
- 3 credits of science and one science Regents exam (usually Earth Science or Living Environment).
- 1 credit of Language Other Than English (LOTE).
- 2 credits of physical education.
- 0.5 credit of health.
- 1 credit of art or music.
- Elective classes.
- Certification by the principal that 22 credit hours have been completed.

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

Requirements:

- 4 credits of English, including the Comprehensive English Regents exam.
- 4 credits of social studies, including the Global History & Geography and U.S. History & Government Regents exams.
- 3 credits of mathematics, and the Integrated Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra 2/Trigonometry Regents exams.
- 3 credits of science and two science Regents exams (usually includes Earth Science and Living Environment).
- 3 credits of Language Other Than English (LOTE) and a foreign language Regents exam. (Note: there are several alternatives to meet this requirement. Please contact the school counselor for more information).
- 2 credits of physical education.
- 0.5 credit of health.
- 1 credit of art or music.
- Elective classes.
- Certification by the principal that 22 credit hours have been completed.

Local Diploma

Requirements:

- Only students identified through the Committee on Special Education as having a disability who score 55-64 on any of the required Regents Exams may earn a local diploma. Other compensatory options to earn a diploma for a student with a disability exist through regulations. Contact the school counselor for more information.

Please see the Course Selection Guide for additional information.



Alma Mater
by Agnes Gmyr, Class of 1936

New York Mills High we praise you
And the Orange and Blue
We'll ne'er forget you
Or the golden days gone by.
And so we sing to your glory.
To your beauty fair.
And for Alma Mater.
We'll ever do our share.

Let us all sing praises.
And rejoice anon.
Let mem'ries linger
And never fade or wan. New York Mills
We'll raise our voices
And proclaim afar
Days that we spent with you
Our golden guiding star.

When we leave your portals
Each a separate lane
And start life's journey
On the rocky road to fame
We'll ever sing to your memory
With hearts so true
Loyal to our colors
The Orange and the Blue.

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Attendance Office
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K-6 School Office
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(315) 768-8124

School Nurse's Office
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Committee on Special Education Office
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Athletic Director's Office
(315) 768-8127

Building & Grounds Office
(315) 768-8516

Bus Garage
(315) 768-7948

Emergency Telephone Numbers

New York Mills Fire Department
911

Yorkville Fire Department
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New York Mills Police Department
(315) 736-6623

Oneida County Sheriff's Department
(315) 736-0141

New York State Police Department
(315) 736-0122

Poison Control Center
(315) 476-4766

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