

# NORTH SALEM

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Calendar and Handbook*

2025-2026



# Welcome 2025

## Letter from the Superintendent

I welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year with sustained energy and a deep commitment to every member of our school community. This year marks the second year of our district-wide goals focused on literacy, multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS), and student independence and leadership. These goals continue to guide our work as we strive to provide a learning environment and experiences that empower every student to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

Building on the foundation set last year, we are excited to deepen our work in these areas. Literacy remains a foundational skill for lifelong learning, and we are enhancing our instruction across all grade levels to ensure students develop as confident, capable readers, writers, and communicators. Our work with MTSS allows us to meet each student where they are, providing timely and targeted support so that all learners can thrive. At the same time, it is our goal to create opportunities for students to take initiative, make choices, and find their voice in support of their learning, independence, and leadership both in and out of the classroom.

This year, we will continue to build a culture that is responsive to student needs, encourages collaboration, and fosters a feeling of belonging and respect. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or in the community, we are working together to create an environment where every student can flourish.

Your support, trust, and involvement are vital to the success of our students and our schools. We look forward to a year of growth, connection, and continued excellence in the North Salem Central School District. Thank you for your continued partnership.

With appreciation,



Adam VanDerStuyf, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



## School District Directory

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[www.northsalemsschools.org](http://www.northsalemsschools.org)

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Julio Vazquez, Ed.D.	Director of Instruction and Human Resources, <b>ext. 1060</b>
Elizabeth Wright	Coordinator of Pupil Personnel Service <b>ext. 1061</b>
Michael Grundig	School Facilities, <b>ext. 1038</b>
Mary Rhuda	District Clerk, <b>ext. 1011</b>
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Vincent DiGrandi	Principal, <b>ext. 2072</b>
Kathleen Murphy, Ed.D.	Assistant Principal, <b>ext. 2029</b>
Shereene Shames	Assistant Principal, <b>ext. 2029</b>
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<b>Bus Garage</b>	<b>914-669-5854</b>

## School District Mission

Engage students to continuously learn, question, define and solve problems through critical and creative thinking.

# 2025-2026 Calendar

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# Profile of a North Salem Graduate as a Problem Solver

North Salem graduates are continuously improving learners who question, define and solve problems through critical and creative thinking. The graduate aspires to be a...

<p><b>Critical and Creative Thinker</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selects and implements creative, divergent thinking strategies to generate multiple ideas, gather a variety of resources, consider multiple perspectives for solving problems</li> <li>• Employs critical, convergent thinking strategies to analyze, synthesize, validate, evaluate multiple ideas, resources, data, perspectives and solutions</li> <li>• Combines creative, computational and critical thinking in processes for developing, evaluating, and solving problems in a timely manner</li> <li>• Applies curiosity, flexibility and openness when exploring new ideas</li> </ul>
<p><b>Collaborator</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works interdependently to promote learning, increase productivity and achieve common goals</li> <li>• Offers, seeks, and utilizes assistance and feedback and persists in accomplishing tasks</li> <li>• Utilizes divergent thinking and values diversity to engage in thoughtful discussions which result in greater understanding</li> <li>• Achieves and promotes exemplary individual and group work</li> <li>• Supports collaboration by initiating ideas, conducting research, evaluating resources and demonstrating a willingness to change opinions in the face of compelling evidence</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communicator</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advances understanding through active listening strategies</li> <li>• Incorporates effective writing and speaking skills for a variety of purposes and audiences</li> <li>• Broadens knowledge and experience through reading, questioning, and observing</li> <li>• Employs effective public speaking and presentation strategies suited to the topic, audience, and purpose</li> <li>• Expresses concepts and emotions to varied audiences using a variety of modalities which include the visual and performing arts</li> <li>• Speaks with thoughtfulness and sensitivity</li> </ul>
<p><b>Citizen</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibits and supports honest and ethical behavior in all academic, social, digital, and co-curricular activities</li> <li>• Shows empathy, compassion and respect for individuals and cultures on local, national and international levels</li> <li>• Applies concepts of government and historical context to balance personal freedom with the needs of the larger group</li> <li>• Uses talents, time, and resources strategically to positively impact the school and community</li> <li>• Actively engages in school and community in a way that respectfully addresses the needs of groups and individuals</li> <li>• Promotes environmental stewardship by committing to the conservation of earth's resources leading to a sustainable future</li> <li>• Considers current events to promote equity, make informed decisions, understand opposing viewpoints, and engage in civil discourse</li> <li>• Engages in positive practices of self-care and builds healthy relationships</li> </ul>
<p><b>Continuously Improving Learner</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuously advances knowledge of concepts, processes, and skills in and among the disciplines of English, math, social studies, world language, science, physical fitness and the arts to improve self and others</li> <li>• Demonstrates the responsible use of technology</li> <li>• Recognizes, understands, labels, expresses and regulates emotions</li> <li>• Utilizes self-reflection in a thoughtful, purposeful, and deliberate manner</li> <li>• Exercises Habits of Mind to support continuous learning and to meet personal and academic goals</li> </ul>

# August

**9**  
MS Fall Sports  
Registration Opens

**20**  
6th Grade  
Orientation 9:00am  
9th Grade Walk  
11am-12pm

**21**  
Board of Education  
Mtg, 9:00 am

**23**  
Football Begins

**25**  
HS Sports Begin

**26**  
HS Fall Sports Open  
House, 6pm

**29**  
PreK Families  
Playdate at PQ,  
2-3:30pm

# September

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# Board of Education

The Board of Education usually meets two Wednesdays each month. However, this may vary; please check the calendar each month. The seven members of the board are elected by the qualified voters of the district to serve without remuneration for three-year terms.

All citizens are encouraged to take an active role in the development of our schools by attending the public board meetings, which are held at the middle/high school.

Check the website for special meetings, or schedule changes, and watch all meetings that are streamed live on the website.

## School Trustee Elections

Candidates seeking election to the Board of Education must file a nominating petition with the District Clerk no later than Monday, April 20, 2026.

Qualifications for voting in any school district election are:

- U.S. Citizen
- 18 years of age by the date of the election (May 19, 2026)
- A resident of the school district 30 days prior to the election
- Registered voter

Persons may register during each school day at the office of the District Clerk.

The School Budget Vote and Board Trustee Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at Pequenakonck Elementary. Polls are open from 7 am to 9 pm.

## Absentee Ballot/Early Vote Ballot Applications

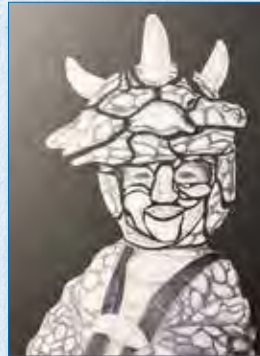
Applications for absentee/early vote ballots may be obtained from the district website under "Board of Education" or by calling the district clerk at 914-669-5414 x1011. The completed application must be received by the district clerk at least seven days prior to the annual school district election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Applications received after that time will have to be picked up at the district clerk's office.

For further information contact the District Clerk at 914-669-5414, ext. 1011.

## Board of Education Directory

Elizabeth Bridges, Trustee .....bridgesboe@northsalemsschools.org ..... Term expires 6/30/27  
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Deborah D'Agostino, Trustee.....dagostinoboe@northsalemsschools.org ..... Term expires 6/30/29  
Kurt Guldán, Vice President .....guldánboe@northsalemsschools.org ..... Term expires 6/30/26  
Fran Havard, Trustee.....havardboe@northsalemsschools.org ..... Term expires 6/30/29  
Brandy Keenan, President .....keenanboe@northsalemsschools.org ..... Term expires 6/30/29  
Elizabeth Malvino .....malvinoboe@northsalemsschools.org ..... Term expires 6/30/27

Board members may be contacted by writing to them in care of North Salem Central School District, 230 June Road, North Salem, New York 10560-1204; BOE@northsalemsschools.org



# October

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**Schools Closed  
Religious Observance**

Math Honor Society  
Applications Due by 2pm

SAT  
Honor Band Rehearsal 9am  
Concert 1pm

Board of Education Meeting  
7:30pm  
PQ Picture Day

Emergency Management Plan  
Drill –  
15-Minute Early Dismissal

ACT

**Columbus Day/  
Indigenous Peoples' Day  
Schools Closed**

PQ Virtual Enrichment Night  
6pm  
PSAT

HS Winter Sports Registration  
Open  
PQ Harvest Fair

Half-Day Professional  
Development  
Early Dismissal  
MS/HS 10:55am  
PQ 11:55am

Board of Education Meeting  
7:30pm

High School Pictures  
(Grades 9–11)

Rho Kappa Induction Breakfast  
7am  
Middle School Pictures  
(Grades 6–8)  
Halloween Dance 6–8pm

Trunk-or-Treat

Senior Portraits Final Call

Board of Education  
Community Conversation  
7pm

6th Grade Halloween  
Historical Contest

# School Schedules

## Pequenakonck Elementary School Grades K–5

### Marking Periods

December 12, 2025	End of first trimester
March 20, 2026	End of second trimester
June 22, 2026	End of third trimester

Report cards will be available in the Parent Portal on December 19, March 27, and June 29.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be November 20, 2025 and March 26, 2026. No school for students on these days. Parents can set up meetings with all of their children's teachers. Conferences are scheduled through PTCWizard. This can be accessed through the school website.

### School Hours

K–5 8:55 am – 3:35 pm

Lunch menus are available online. A cold breakfast for \$2.25 and a hot lunch for \$3.50 are available daily.

## Website

Blackboard is a communication vehicle from the District, PQ and the MS/HS to parents. We use it for routine announcements and for some emergencies such as power outages. We use the phone, text and email information you provide each year.

**What you need to do:** Keep your own and emergency contact information current in the Parent Portal. You will be required to update this information annually before receiving teacher placement or student schedules.

When it becomes necessary to close schools prior to the start of the school day or delay their opening due to hazardous weather conditions, announcements will be made on the following:

[www.northsalemsschools.org](http://www.northsalemsschools.org)  
Cable TV Channel 12

**Snow Make-up Days:** If additional days are needed due to excessive school closings (inclement weather), school will be in session in the following order: March 30, 31, April 1, 2.



## Middle School/High School Grades 6–12

### Marking Periods

November 7, 2025	End of first quarter
January 23, 2026	End of second quarter
April 10, 2026	End of third quarter
June 26, 2026	End of fourth quarter

Report cards will be available on the Parent Portal the following week.

### School Hours

7:58 am – 2:40 pm

### MS/HS Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:58 am – 8:40 am
Period 2	8:44 am – 9:25 am
Period 3	9:29 am – 10:10 am
Period 4	10:14 am – 10:55 am
Period 5	10:59 am – 11:40 am
Period 6	11:44 am – 12:25 am
Period 7	12:29 pm – 1:10 pm
Period 8	1:14 pm – 1:55 pm
Period 9	1:59 pm – 2:40 pm

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be November 20, 2025 and March 26, 2026. No school for students on these days. Parents can set up meetings with all of their children's teachers. Conferences are scheduled through PTCWizard. This can be accessed through the school website.

Go to the link below to create an account or log in at any time to North Salem Middle/High School webpage: [www.northsalemsschools.org/schools/middle\\_highschool](http://www.northsalemsschools.org/schools/middle_highschool).

North Salem Mobile App is in the app store.



# November

Painting and crayon, Saoirse MacDonald

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	Student Forum Food Drive Begins		Board of Education Meeting 7:30pm Fall Sports End of Season Dinner 5:30pm		End of Marking Period One	SAT
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		<b>Veteran's Day Schools Closed</b>		HS Drama Production 7pm ACT MS/HS Report Cards Posted to the Parent Portal	PQ Picture Retakes HS Drama Production 7pm	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	HS Winter Sports Begin HS Winter Sports Open House 6pm	PQ/MS/HS PTO Meeting 7pm	Board of Education Meeting 7:30pm	PQ Parent/Teacher Conferences No Students for PQ		
<p>← ..... PQ Book Fair ..... →</p>						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30		Math Honor Society Induction Breakfast 7am	Early Dismissal MS/HS 10:55am PQ 11:55am	<b>Schools Closed Thanksgiving Recess</b>		

2025

# Pequenakonck Elementary School

## Grades K–5

### The Building

Pequenakonck, affectionately called PQ, is the North Salem Elementary School that serves approximately 450 students in kindergarten through grade five. Originally built in 1972, subsequent building projects have added a modern gymnasium, several impressive classroom wings, technology in every classroom, air conditioning throughout and a large multipurpose room, making PQ a wonderful learning facility.

### The Curriculum

The elementary program utilizes a variety of approaches to deliver curriculum. Instruction is guided by student needs and the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. Teachers involve students in large and small group activities and individual instruction. Complementing the academic curriculum is the Be Kind/PBIS Program, promoting positive student behavior. Students learn to be kind, act responsibly, respect one another, and be safe in their classrooms, school, and community. In addition to the classroom curriculum, all children participate in programs provided by the art, music, library, and physical education specialists. Computers and other technologies are available throughout the building for student use.

### Beyond the Curriculum

Beyond the basic curriculum, the elementary program includes instrumental music classes for students in grades 4 and 5; a grade 3 – 5 Enrichment Program, including Genius Hour; chorus; the running club; after-school activities and field trips. We provide special education services including OT, PT and speech and language. We also provide remedial reading and math services. A school nurse, psychologist, social worker and a diagnostic team of teachers are available to support student needs. Students in grades one through five may participate in the Student Council. Meetings are held after school each month and are facilitated by two staff members.



### Parent Involvement

Recognizing that parents are our students' first teachers, we strive to maintain and enjoy a partnership with them. Every parent is encouraged to join the PTO and to attend the monthly meetings. Meetings are marked on this school district calendar. Parents who would like to volunteer to help in the classroom may contact their child's teacher. Those wishing to volunteer in the Media Center may contact our School Library at ext. 3044. Parental and community involvement in our school program is welcome.

PQ Website: [www.northsalemsschools.org/Domain/8](http://www.northsalemsschools.org/Domain/8)

PQ Twitter: @PQ\_elementary



# December

Drawing, Grace Albano

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# Middle/High School



## Grades 6–12

### The Building

The North Salem Middle/High School campus provides both middle and high school students with technologically equipped science labs and research facilities, a music suite, an art-media center to allow for the integration of technology and the arts, and indoor as well as outdoor locations for physical activity and recreation. A library media center offers students access to the Internet and an expanded research collection. Smart Boards and 1:1 Chrombooks expand the opportunities for technology use throughout the building.

### The Curriculum

Using its small size to full advantage, North Salem Middle/High School offers a full, comprehensive educational program, developmentally appropriate to the needs of both middle school and high school youngsters, comparable to that available to students in much larger schools. Through a strong, coordinated 6–12 curriculum, students are being prepared to exceed expectations of the New York State Standards and Assessments and are nurtured in the interpersonal, intrapersonal, critical thinking and creative thinking skills also necessary in the 21st century.

The middle/high school academic program offers a wide range of courses, interventions, and enrichments to meet the individual needs of students and to promote mastery of the curriculum. In the middle school, an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach emphasizes problem-solving development designed to prepare students for the New York State assessments. Middle Schools focuses on the intellectual development and academic achievement of all students and the personal and social development of each student.

The high school offers a comprehensive program including Advanced Placement, Honors, Regents, occupational, and elective courses. Honors courses are provided in English, social studies, math, science, French, and Spanish. AP courses are available in English language, English literature, physics, environmental science, Spanish, French, U.S. history, European history, world history, art, calculus AB and BC, chemistry, biology, and computer science.



### Beyond the Curriculum

Exploratory opportunities at the middle school and electives at the high school are available to all students in areas such as art, technology, instrumental and vocal music, family and consumer science, English, social studies, and science. Technology instruction and use are integrated across the curricula. For juniors and seniors, there are more than 40 electives offered at area technical school centers sponsored by BOCES. As seniors, students may elect to participate in O.P.T.I.O.N.S., which provides them with the opportunity to prepare for post high school education and entry into the workforce through guided internships. All seniors participate in a public presentation of their original work in the Senior Exhibition as part of O.P.T.I.O.N.S. and/or Senior English.

### Counseling Department

The North Salem Middle/High School Counseling Department is available to students and family members to discuss all aspects of the educational program and address the specialized concerns of middle/high school youngsters. The annual Career Fair, parent informational meetings centered on both middle school and high school curriculum, and post high school planning activities are among the varied and important guidance-sponsored programs. The most essential aspect of the counselor's work, however, centers on the day-to-day individualized attention provided to students and parents.

### Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities

Extra- and co-curricular programs are essential parts of the total educational experience for both middle and high school students. An extensive interscholastic athletic program of more than 50 teams for students in grades 7–12 and the fitness center are important components of North Salem Middle/High School. They include basketball, baseball, bowling, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, skiing, soccer, tennis, track and field, unified bowling, unified basketball, volleyball, ice hockey, and lacrosse.

In addition to athletics, North Salem Middle/High School offers a diverse selection of co-curricular clubs such as art, drama, musical theater, International Club, math, newspaper publishing, yearbook, Club Español, Model UN, robotics, sound and lighting, and student government opportunities.

All athletics and co-curricular activities begin at 3:20 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, following the "extra help" time. Monday and Friday start times are 2:45 pm .

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**New Year's Day**  
Schools Closed – Holiday Recess

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Board of Education Meeting  
7:30pm

←..... Booster Club Holiday Basketball Tournament .....→

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Half-Day Professional  
Development  
Early Dismissal  
MS/HS 10:55am  
PQ 11:55am

College Panel Night

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**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
Schools Closed

PQ/MS/HS PTO Meeting  
9:30am

Board of Education Meeting  
7:30pm

National English Honor Society  
Induction Breakfast 7am

End of Marking Period Two

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MS/HS Report Cards  
Posted to the Parent Portal

Student Forum Winter Dance  
6–8pm

# Special Education

## Student Services

To assist all our students in achieving their individual potential, the North Salem Central School District employs specialists in various fields. The role of the specialist is to support the students in their educational, emotional, physical, and social growth through direct contact with students and consultation with the teaching staff and parents.

Student Services offered include: health, speech and language, occupational and physical therapy, reading and mathematics remediation, special education, guidance, psychological, social work, and home tutoring services. Services are provided in accordance with district and state guidelines.

## The Committee on Special Education

By law, each school district must have a Committee on Special Education (CSE). Students are referred to the CSE for evaluation when it is suspected that a disability is present, if the student has not made adequate progress after an appropriate period of time, and has been provided with specific instruction and intervention.

The committee members include the following persons: Chairperson of the CSE; a psychologist; a teacher or administrator of special education; the child's regular education teacher; the child's parent; a parent member (parent of a child with a disability) if requested; and the student, when appropriate. Others may attend at the invitation of the CSE or the parent.

The CSE meets on a regular basis to make recommendations regarding the eligibility and education of children with special needs. Decisions are made as a team, with the parents as critical members, after reviewing all of the data presented at the CSE meeting.

If the child is eligible to receive special education services, the CSE develops and implements an appropriate I.E.P. (Individualized Education Program). Students identified by the CSE are provided with a variety of services based on each child's individual needs. The continuum of services includes: related services only (when multiple services are needed), consultant teacher, resource room, co-teaching, and special class services provided in the district. Programs through BOCES or other school districts, private schools, and residential schools are also considered when a child's needs warrant such intensive services. In compliance with state and federal mandates to provide students access to the general education curriculum, the district's Special Education Department has focused on developing models of co-teaching and integrated programs.

Programs for students with disabilities are carefully monitored, and annual reviews are scheduled with parents, teachers of the program, and the CSE. The CSE and personnel involved with these students work hard to fulfill their responsibility to provide appropriate programs for all of these students in the least restrictive classroom and school settings.

Parents are an integral part of this process and your involvement is encouraged.

### Coordinator PPS

Elizabeth Wright  
914-669-5414 ext. 1062

### PQ Psychologist

Donald Merriman, Ph. D.  
914-669-5317 ext. 3077

Jake Ross, Ph.D.

914-669-5317 ext. 3076

### Secretary PPS

Emily Paesano  
914-669-5414 ext. 1016

### MS/HS Psychologists

Katia Castelli 10-12  
914-669-5414 ext. 2021

Nancy Diaz 6-9

914-669-5414 ext. 2040

### OT/PT Office

914-669-5317 x 3139

### Speech/Language

Jillian Foglia 914-669-5317  
ext. 3042

Anna Berardo 914-669-5414  
ext. 2022

Lisa Fryer 914-669-5414  
ext. 2376

Michelle Messemer  
914-669-5317 ext. 3133

### Secretary CPSE

Sharon Verdejo  
914-669-5414 ext. 1061



## Notice of Non-Discrimination

The North Salem Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the school district's non-discrimination policies:

Dr. Kelly Rudyk, coordinator for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title VI, Title VII and Title IX

230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560  
914-669-5414, ext. 1016; Fax 914-669-8753

Dr. Julio Vazquez, coordinator for Title VI, Title VII and Title IX  
230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560  
914-669-5414, ext. 1065; Fax 914-669-8753

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# High School Counseling; College Testing

The Counseling Department is here to provide services to students and their families. Please feel free to contact the office when the need arises. Appointments can be made for many purposes. Call to discuss your child's needs at 914-669-5414, at the extension listed below, or fax 914-669-8554.

## Middle/High School Counseling 914-669-5414

John Davis ..... 2032  
 Jennifer Galligan ..... 2036  
 Elizabeth Loughran ..... 2024  
 Jane Lash, clerical ..... 2021  
 Melissa Smith ..... 2023

## College Testing

### PSAT Test

#### General Information

- The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is scheduled for **Thursday, October 16, 2025**. It is a standardized test offered to juniors and provides practice for the SAT. The test will also be offered to those sophomores who wish to take it. The PSAT gives juniors a chance to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's (NMSC) scholarship programs. A letter will be sent home in September with more detailed information.

### SAT and ACT Tests

#### General Information

- Register for SAT online at [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register).
- Register for ACT online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- **Students with testing accommodations must see their school counselor before registering for these tests.**
- North Salem's CEEB Code is 334-645



## SAT Tests

Test Dates	2025 – 2026 Registration Deadlines
September 13	August 29
October 4	September 29
November 8	October 24
December 6	November 21
March 14	February 27
May 2	April 17
June 6	May 22

You can register online at [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register), by mail, or by phone. Please consult your counselor before registering.

## ACT Tests

Test Dates	2025 – 2026 Registration Deadlines
September 6	August 1
October 18	September 12
December 13	November 7
February 14	January 9
April 11	February 13
June 13	May 15

You can visit the ACT website at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).



# March

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# Attendance/Health Information

## Attendance

### Attendance Policy (K – 12)

An important factor in the development of a good record of achievement is good attendance. To aid in the improvement of attendance, the administration and staff will take steps to inform parents as soon as possible of irregular patterns of attendance. This is in addition to informing parents at the regular report card period of the general pattern and record of attendance.

### Absences (K–12)

New York State law requires that a student returning from an absence must present an excuse note signed by a parent or legal guardian. Absences not so covered are considered illegal and must be handled as provided for in state law. **Parents must notify their child's school to inform the school of their child's absence by 8:30 am.** For additional information please check our website at [www.northsalemsschools.org](http://www.northsalemsschools.org) under District Policies/Attendance.

### PQ Elementary:

Parents must report an absence in our School Dismissal Manager App by 9:00 am.

### MS/HS:

Parents must either call the attendance office at 914-669-5414, ext. 2165, or email ([mshsattendance@northsalemsschools.org](mailto:mshsattendance@northsalemsschools.org)) to report an absence. Absences that are not verified by a parent or guardian are considered illegal. In order to assist middle/high school students who are absent for an extended period (three or more days), parents may request that homework be sent home by contacting the MS/HS office. In order to allow time for all teachers to be contacted, please call one day in advance. Homework assignments will then be available in the main office for parents to pick up at the close of school on the **following** day.

## Health Services

Good health maintenance and health counseling are available to all students and their families. A physical examination and dental certificate for all students new to the district and all students entering grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 is required. Screening procedures are conducted for hearing, vision problems, and for scoliosis. If you need more information or have a health-related problem, please call the Health Office at your child's school for assistance.

### North Salem Health Offices

Danielle Zaetz, PQ Nurse 914-669-5317, ext. 3043 Fax: 914-669-5442	TBD, MS/HS Nurse 914-669-5414, ext. 2018 Fax: 914-276-3240
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## Immunization

Communicable disease control is a primary responsibility of school and public health authorities. We know that vaccine-preventable diseases occur almost exclusively among unimmunized or inadequately immunized children; therefore, mandatory immunization is an extremely important aspect of a comprehensive communicable disease control program. Enforcement of Public Health Law, Section #2164, should be a prime concern of parents, as well as school officials.

The intent of the law is to protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases and does NOT permit an unimmunized child to attend school unless exempt for medical reasons only. The school nurses are very helpful to parents seeking information regarding immunization. Proof of immunization must be on file in the health office before a child may enter school.

## Sports Physical

Before a student may participate in North Salem's extracurricular athletic program in any way (for example, try out for a team or practice with a team), he or she must have a sports physical that has been reviewed by the school physician. This physical must be done each year, and it qualifies as a valid sports physical for a full calendar year. A student may have a sports physical with his or her personal physician or with the school physician.

Either way, the physical must be completed on the board-approved physical form. Additionally, prior to every sport season, every athlete must have an Interval health history filled out by his or her parents no more than 30 days prior to the start of tryouts.

Before each new season begins, the athletic calendar will reflect the sign up period to register your son/daughter through our online platform, FamilyID. Late registrations will not be accepted. If a parent chooses to have the school physician complete the physical, the parent must contact Nurse Rita Driscoll to schedule a sports physical. Please understand that it is the parent's responsibility to see that the student received the appropriate physical, either by scheduling the exam with the student's personal physician or by calling Nurse Rita Driscoll to make an appointment with the school physician.

If the deadline for required paperwork is not met for a particular sports season, the athlete may not try out or join a team for the season. All athletic required paperwork is submitted online.

*All absences and illnesses must be reported to the school.*

# April

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			Grade 3-8 NYS Math Exams			

# Student Information

## Working Papers

All students under 18 years of age must have working papers if they are to be engaged in legal employment in New York State. Applications and information on working papers can be obtained in the Counseling Department between 8 am – 3 pm.

## Required Course Load

Each student must take at least five courses each semester, plus physical education. Electives are selected from the other courses offered to complete the required number of credits. The Course Description Guide explains these requirements in detail.

## Attendance Required for After-School Activities

Middle school and high school students must be in attendance and in class for seven periods a day in order to participate in any after-school activity. Students absent from school due to illness may not participate in after-school activities. Students should seek clarification from an administrator in advance for questions regarding valid attendance.

## Dismissal Policy (K – 12)

Absolutely no changes may be made in a student's regular dismissal routine unless a written note, signed by the parent/guardian, is provided to the principal. At PQ, written notification is done through the School Dismissal Manager App.

## Early Dismissal Policy (6 – 12)

If it is necessary to leave school before dismissal time, students must bring a note signed by a parent/guardian to the Attendance Desk in the main lobby. Parents may come directly to the security desk to sign their student out. In order to minimize disruptions in Period 9 and to provide a safe end-of-day and bussing dismissal, students are not dismissed after 2:25 pm. Please plan accordingly.

## Student Records

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the North Salem Central School District has adopted a Student Record Policy to assure that parents and eligible students have the right to access information contained in the student's records and to assure that parents and eligible students can limit disclosure of certain information from these records. The entire policy may be found on our district website at [www.northsalemschools.org](http://www.northsalemschools.org)



## Homework

Grade-level appropriate homework is assigned to all students. Homework should be completed by the student and handed in on time.

Visit our website at [www.northsalemschools.org](http://www.northsalemschools.org) to see all district policies.

## National School Lunch Program

North Salem participates in the National School Lunch Program, enabling us to offer free or reduced priced meals to eligible students. Please contact the Business Office with any questions at 914-669-5414 ext. 1014.

Breakfast is available at PQ and MS/HS. Lunch at PQ is \$3.50; at MS/HS \$3.75, reduced, no charge. The district's POS system allows student accounts to be prepaid and monitored online. Please visit [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com).

## Extra Help

Extra help in all subject areas is available for students by appointment.

Additionally, teachers have scheduled extra help two days a week.

At PQ, times are scheduled by the teacher before or after school. Please consult your child's teacher for times and days.

At the MS/HS extra help is 2:45 – 3:25 pm; the teachers will post their specific locations. All co-curricular activities will begin after this time.



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College-Bound Recognition Day  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Environmental Science

Welcome to Grade 6  
Parent Night  
AP Chemistry

Board of Education Meeting  
7:30pm  
Grade 5 & 8 NYS  
Science Exams  
AP English Literature &  
Composition  
AP World History

NSFL Awards

MS Drama Production 7pm  
Student Forum  
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AP US History

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AP Biology

AP French Language  
AP Precalculus  
AP European History

AP English Language &  
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AP Spanish Language & Culture

Student Forum Spirit Friday  
AP Physics I: Algebra Based

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**Annual Budget Vote  
Trustee Election  
PQ 7am-9pm**  
MS Band Concert 7:30pm

Board of Education Meeting  
7:30pm  
Science Research Symposium

MS Chorus Concert 7:30pm  
Mental Health and  
Wellness Fair

Kindergarten Concert 1pm  
Student Forum  
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**Memorial Day  
Schools Closed**

High School Awards Night  
Grades 9-11

MS/HS Art Show 5-6pm  
Senior Awards Night

HS Concert 7:30pm

Student Forum  
Spirit Friday  
5th Grade HS Student Tour  
Band/Chorus Assessment

# Community Information

## Use of School Buildings

The district's buildings are available for community use with prior approval. Should you wish to reserve a facility, please call the Buildings and Grounds Department office at 914-669-5414, ext. 1038.

## Ruth Keeler Memorial Library

Located on Rt. 116 in the Town Center, the library offers weekly storytime for preschoolers, special programs for children, adult programs, art exhibits, Internet access, along with all Westchester Library System borrowing privileges ([www.westchesterlibraries.org](http://www.westchesterlibraries.org)). Visit their website at [www.northsalemlibrary.org](http://www.northsalemlibrary.org) or call 914-669-5161 for further information. Carolyn Reznick, Director.

Monday	12 pm – 7 pm
Tuesday	10 am – 5 pm
Wednesday	10 am – 5 pm
Thursday	10 am – 7 pm
Friday	10 am – 5 pm
Saturday	10 am – 5 pm



## North Salem Recreation Department

The Recreation Department is located at 270 Titicus Road. Along with various youth programs, it holds a summer day camp at Mountain Lakes Camps for pre-school and students completing grades K – 7. Van transportation is provided for senior citizens to the Tri-Town Nutrition Program on Tuesdays and Thursdays and for a shopping trip on Fridays. Please call 914-669-5665 between 9 am – 3 pm for more information.

### North Salem Basketball

email: [admin@nsybasketball.com](mailto:admin@nsybasketball.com)

### North Salem Soccer Club

[www.northsalemsocket.com](http://www.northsalemsocket.com)

### North Salem Baseball/Softball League

[www.NSYbaseball.com](http://www.NSYbaseball.com)

### North Salem Girl Scouts

Contact: [www.northsalemgirlscoutsweebly.com](http://www.northsalemgirlscoutsweebly.com)

### North Salem Youth Lacrosse Club

[www.northsalem youthlacrosse.org](http://www.northsalem youthlacrosse.org)



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# Parent Teacher Organizations/Booster

The help and cooperation of parents play an important role in the North Salem Schools. The PTO is a formally structured organization with officers, programs, and fundraising events.

To join the PQ PTO, MS/HS PTO and the Booster Club, please use the QR codes as listed below.

## Elementary PTO (Grades K–5)

PQ PTO email: [PQPTO@northsalemsschools.org](mailto:PQPTO@northsalemsschools.org)

Jennifer Logan	President
Melissa Armstrong & Amanda Norcross	Co-Vice Presidents
Liz Bridges & Jason Kadlec	Co-Secretaries
Tina Buzzetto	Treasurer
Amanda Saulean	Assistant Treasurer



## SEPTO

[northsalemsepto@gmail.com](mailto:northsalemsepto@gmail.com)

## Middle School/High School PTO

MS/HS PTO email: [MSPTO@northsalemsschools.org](mailto:MSPTO@northsalemsschools.org)

North Salem Middle School/High School PTO Board:

Jenna Doering	President
Gillian Margolin & Laurie Leavy	Co-Vice Presidents
Karen Proctor	Treasurer
Carolyn Carter	Secretary



## North Salem Foundation for Learning

To foster scholastic excellence in the North Salem Central School District by awarding scholarships and funding unique student/faculty projects which are outside the scope of the traditional budget.



## Booster Club

Twitter/Instagram: [@booster\\_ns](https://twitter.com/booster_ns)

Facebook: [North Salem Boolster Club](https://www.facebook.com/NorthSalemBoosterClub)

Email: [NSboosterclub@northsalemsschools.org](mailto:NSboosterclub@northsalemsschools.org)

Address: c/o Booster Club, 230 June Road,  
North Salem, NY 10560



### Booster Club Executive Board:

Theresa Randall & Sheila Denneen	Co-Presidents
Connie Cotrone	Vice President
Suzanne Merriman	Vice President of Merchandise
Jen Santis	Vice President of Social Media
Danielle Cylich	Treasurer
Mimi Miller	Secretary
Amy Moia & Alanna Juans	Trustee
Lulu Pelosi & Jennifer Santis	Co-Secretaries



*Working Together for Our Students*

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# Transportation

## Bus Loading Areas at School

Please do not endanger your child by picking up or dropping off your children in the bus loading or unloading areas. Do not walk or allow your child to walk behind, in front of, or between the buses. **Please use designated crosswalks.** There are specific areas for you to park, pick up, and/or discharge your children — please use them. Never park in the bus loading areas.

**Never pass a stopped school bus with flashing red lights.**

## REMINDER

Parents are reminded of the following information:

- Review the Bus Safety and Conduct Rules with your children and be sure that they understand them.
- Call the Transportation Office immediately at 914-669-5854 if you have any questions.
- Help us by doing your part as a member of the motoring public; obey all laws and drive defensively.
- Accompany your very young child, or children, coming to school for the first time, to and from the bus stop at least during the first week of school or until you feel confident that they are capable of going by themselves.
- Students, with written permission from their parents or guardian submitted by July 15, may be transported on buses other than their own bus route to alternative sites, as long as the capacity of the vehicle is not exceeded and it is a scheduled route.
- Only requests that are of extreme need will be considered, i.e., no birthday parties, scouts, dancing or musical instrument lessons, playdates or other non-school related activities. Students who are dropped off at a bus stop other than their regular one must have a written permission slip from a parent or guardian.
- **If your child misses the bus, do not attempt to chase it down. For safety, please drive your child directly to school. Thank you.**
- Should you have questions, please call either the Director of Transportation at 914-669-5414 ext 1038 or the Bus Garage at 914-669-5854, Fax: 914-669-5423.

## Bus Identification System

Routes are identified by specific numbers. The route number is displayed on a card located on the right hand side window of the bus. Please be sure your child is aware of this system.

Private schools will be notified of times and routes.



## Student Bus Rules & Regulations

- **BE AT YOUR BUS STOP** 10 minutes before the bus is due. Buses will not wait at stops for tardy students. If you are late, do not chase the bus. Please drive your child directly to school.
- **WAIT FOR THE BUS** in a safe spot off the roadway and in an orderly manner. Respect the property of others!
- **DO NOT APPROACH THE BUS** until it is completely stopped. Then, you may enter in single file in an orderly manner and then quickly take your seat.
- **SEAT BELTS** must be worn properly at all times.
- **REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT** while the bus is in motion. Do not change seats.
- **BE COURTEOUS** to your driver and fellow passengers. No yelling, fighting, horseplay or throwing things will be allowed. Profane language will not be tolerated.
- **NO EATING, DRINKING, OR SMOKING ON THE BUS AT ANY TIME.**
- **DO NOT EXTEND HEAD, HANDS, ARMS** or any portion of your body, or any other objects, out windows at any time.
- **The following items are a partial list of items that CANNOT be carried on the school bus at any time:** knives or other sharp objects; guns (or any weapons); animals of any description, regardless of the container they may be carried in; glass objects or chemicals. Generally speaking, all carry-ons, including back packs, musical instruments, school projects and those things necessary for school programs, should be of the size that can be held on the student's lap.
- When it is necessary to cross the road when entering or leaving the bus, always cross 10 feet in front of the bus. Look both ways and wait for the driver to signal you across. **BE ALERT!**
- **Transportation schedules will be mailed to each family at the end of August.**
- **Application for Transportation to Private/Parochial Schools:** In compliance with Section 3635 of the New York State Education Law, a parent or guardian of children residing in the North Salem Central School District and attending a non-public school must request transportation services prior to **April 1** preceding the next school year.
- **We do not transport to private and parochial schools on days that public schools are not in session.**

*Pupils must obey drivers' instructions; the drivers are in charge of the vehicle at all times. Students not obeying the rules will lose the privilege of riding the bus.*

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# Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act/ Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

## A. Access to, Correction of and Release of Student Records (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the North Salem Central School District has adopted a Student Record Policy to assure that parents and eligible students have the right to access information contained in the student's records and to assure, further, that parents and eligible students can limit disclosure of certain information from these records. An eligible student is a student who is 18 years old or a legally emancipated minor, in which case the rights described in this notification are transferred from the parent to the student. The rights accorded to parents and eligible students under the school district's policy are set out below:

1. Parents and eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day a request for access is made. Requests may be addressed to the principal of the school the student currently attends, and the principal will make arrangements for inspection at a specific time and place. Parents and eligible students may also direct such a request to the District Clerk, 230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560, 914-669-5414, ext. 1011.
2. The school district will not release information contained in a student's education record without prior written consent of the parent or eligible student, except under those limited circumstances as permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. The school district will release such information without prior notice or consent to school officials who have a legitimate educational interest in obtaining access to them in order to perform their professional responsibilities.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the school district will forward education records (including student disciplinary records) without prior notice or consent in response to a request received from another school in which a student seeks to enroll.
3. The school district will also release "directory information" without prior written consent. "Directory information" is personally-identifiable information that would not be likely to invade the privacy of a parent or eligible student if disclosed. It includes the student's name and address, dates of attendance, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, diplomas and awards received, the present and the most recent previous educational institutions attended, and photographs or video depicting students at school activities or events. Such directory information may be released (among other forms of release) in school publications, and in media print, electronic and broadcast outlets. The release of "directory information" is subject to the following two limitations:
  - a. In no event will "directory information" be released if the school district determines that the information will be used for commercial or fundraising purposes.
  - b. You may notify the school district that you do not consent to the release of "directory information." To do so, please send the notice in writing to your building principal. Your request will be effective through this academic year and must be renewed annually.
4. A parent or eligible student may ask the school district to correct (amend) any part of the student's education record which is believed to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's rights. Such requests should be addressed in the first instance in writing to the principal of the school the student currently attends, should clearly identify the portion(s) of the record which is requested to be changed, and should specify why the record is believed to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's rights.
5. In case of disagreement with the school district as to the appropriateness of an education record (as to which a correction has been requested), the parent or eligible student will be notified of the school district's decision and of the right to request a hearing by sending a written request to the school district addressed to the District Clerk, 230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560. Upon receipt of such a request, the school district will furnish additional information regarding the hearing procedures.
6. A parent or eligible student may also file a complaint with the United States Department of Education if he or she believes that the school district has violated the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act with respect to his or her record. Complaints should be addressed as follows:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20212-4605
7. Please note that school systems periodically receive requests from the United States Armed Forces, pursuant to the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," for the names, addresses and telephone numbers of secondary students so that branches of the military can send students information about education, technical training and financial benefits available upon enlistment in the military. The school district will provide such information in response to such requests unless the parent or eligible student withholds consent to such release. To withhold consent, please send a notice to that effect in writing to Mr. Vince DiGrandi, North Salem MS/HS Principal, 230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560. Your request will be effective through this academic year and must be renewed annually.

## *Rights and Privacy Act / Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment* continued

In addition, please be advised that the school district is required by law to give military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided to postsecondary institutions and prospective employers.

### **B. Utilization of and Consent to Surveys and Examinations or Screenings Administered to Students (Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment)**

It is long-standing school district policy that questionnaires, surveys and physical examinations and/or screenings are not administered to students without prior notice to parents, and with an opportunity to parents and eligible students to grant or withhold consent to such administration. Notwithstanding, the school district is required by federal law to inform parents and eligible students about the requirements applicable to all public school systems with regard to such activities, and also with respect to certain physical examinations and/or screenings.

1. Parents and eligible students are entitled to notice and the opportunity either to consent or "opt out"<sup>2</sup> of any survey (and, upon request to inspect any such survey instrument) of participation by a student which includes any of the following eight areas of "protected information"<sup>3</sup>:
  - The political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent(s);
  - Mental or psychological problems of the student or of the student's family;
  - Sex behavior or attitudes;
  - Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
  - Critical appraisals of others with whom survey subjects have close family relationships;
  - Legally-recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors or religious leaders (ministers, rabbis, priests, imams, and similar persons);
  - The religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent(s); and
  - Income information, other than as may be required to determine eligibility for a school district or other public program.

2. Parents and eligible students have the rights (a) to inspect upon request, and (b) to "opt out" of participation by a student in a survey which collects "personal information" (including such items as a student's or parent's first and last name, address, telephone number or Social Security number), if such information will be used for marketing or selling the information so collected, or will be provided to others for that purpose. However, these inspection and "opt-out" rights do not apply to the collection, disclosure or use of "personal information" from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating or providing educational products or services for or to students or educational institutions.<sup>4</sup>
3. Parents and eligible students have the rights (a) to be notified of, and (b) to "opt out" of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination<sup>5</sup> or screening which is: (i) required as a condition of school attendance, (ii) administered by a public school and scheduled by the school in advance, and (iii) is not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students. However, this "opt-out" right does not apply to physical examinations or screenings which are required or permitted by New York State law, such as mandatory vaccinations and regular physical examinations of students.
4. Parents and eligible students are entitled to inspect, upon request and before administration or use, (a) protected information surveys of students; (b) instruments used to collect personal information from students for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes as described above; and (c) instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.
5. A parent or eligible student may also file a complaint with the United States Department of Education if he or she believes that the school district has violated the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment with respect to him or her. Complaints should be addressed as follows:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20212-4605

<sup>1</sup> A "school official" is a person employed by the school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member; a person serving on the Board of Education; a person or entity with whom the school district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist); a parent or student serving on an official committee (such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or a Committee on Special Education); and a person assisting another school official in performing his or her responsibilities.

<sup>2</sup> If the survey is funded in whole or in part by the United States Department of Education, then consent must be obtained before a student is required to submit to a survey. Even if the survey is not so funded, notice of the survey and an opportunity to opt out of participation must be provided.

<sup>3</sup> Federal law makes a distinction between surveys of "protected information" which are funded in whole or in part by the United States Department of Education (in which case the prior consent of parents and eligible students must be obtained) and surveys of "protected information" which

are funded from other sources (in which case an "opt-out" opportunity must be provided).

<sup>4</sup> This exception includes the following types of uses: disclosure to colleges, post-secondary educational institutions and military recruiters; book clubs, magazines and programs providing access to low-cost literacy products; curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary or secondary schools; tests and assessments used by elementary or secondary schools to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude or achievement information about students; the sale by students or products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities; and student recognition programs.

<sup>5</sup> An "invasive physical examination" is a medical examination which involves the exposure of private body parts, or which includes an incision, insertion or injection into the body. Hearing, vision, and scoliosis screening are not considered to be "invasive."

# Pequenakonck Elementary Directory

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School Hours 8:55 am – 3:35 pm



## Grades K–5

### Main Office

**Principal:**  
Roy Martin ..... 3041

**Assistant Principal:**  
Dawn Snowdon ..... 3016

### Staff:

Jean Jerussi ..... 3056  
Kristin Tuohy ..... 3041

### Attendance

Jeanie Lee ..... 3071

### Nurse

Chrysta Gomes ..... 3297  
Danielle Zaetz ..... 3043  
Health Office Fax ..... 914-669-5442

### Library

Natalie Koehler ..... 3044

### Instructional Coach

Beth Savarese ..... 3137

## Faculty

### Kindergarten:

Izzy Castelli ..... 3150  
Rebecca Donofrio ..... 3117  
Victoria Lodewick ..... 3109  
Donna Ulrich ..... 3121

### 1st Grade:

Samantha Farrell ..... 3146  
Jessica Farney ..... 3151  
Cynthia Fox ..... 3155  
Lauren Hussey ..... 3120

### 2nd Grade:

Anna Frates ..... 3138  
Cheryl Pandolfi ..... 3114  
Gianna Rossi ..... 3132  
Leah Sullivan ..... 3107

### 3rd Grade:

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Jennifer Healey ..... 3119  
Diane Outhouse ..... 3154  
Jennifer Stillson ..... 3125

### 4th Grade:

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Michele Grossman ..... 3115  
Marielle Palombella ..... 3127  
Phoebe Tulle ..... 3110

### 5th Grade:

Chris Brandt ..... 3161  
Nicole Federici ..... 3158  
Marissa LeFave ..... 3156  
Dan Tavino ..... 3105

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Kieran Franzone – Vocal/Music ..... 3123  
Sheri Dee – Instr. Music ..... 3144  
Robert Gilchrist – P.E. .... 3147  
Matt Mackenzie – PE ..... 3079

### Speech & Language Therapists

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### STEAM

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# Middle/High School Directory

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School Hours 7:58 am – 2:40 pm

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## Staff:

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Denise Kiernan.....2180  
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Rita Driscoll.....2017  
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