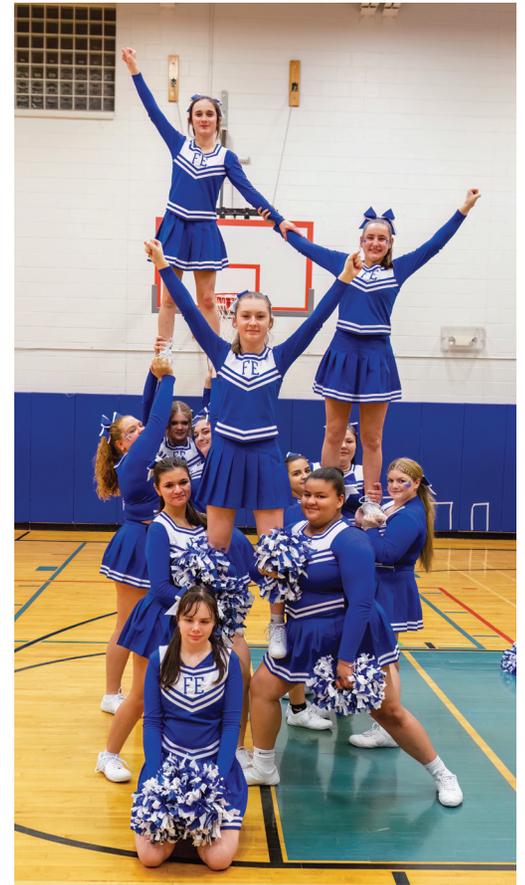


FORT EDWARD

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



2025-26 CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

TRADITION • COMMITMENT • EXCELLENCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day No School	2 Superintendent's Conference Day No School	3 Superintendent's Conference Day No School	4 Classes Begin Pre-K 11:00 AM Dismissal	5 Pre-K 11:00 AM Dismissal	6 ACT
7	8 P2 - Other People Mindset (OPM)	9 4	10 5	11 6	12 1	13 SAT
14	15 P2 - Curiosity	16 3	17 4	18 PTO Mtg. @ 5:00 PM Booster Club Mtg. @ 6:00 PM	19 6	20
21	22 P2 - Teamwork Autumn Begins Rosh Hashanah	23 2	24 3	25 4	26 The Castleton Honors Festival	27
28	29 P2 - Open- Mindedness	30 1				



OCTOBER

TRADITION • COMMITMENT • EXCELLENCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			2	3	4 MS/HS Progress Report Period Ends	SAT
5	6 P2 - OPM Being Pres- ent and Giving Others My Attention	7	8	9	10	11
		6	1	2	3	
12	13 Columbus Day No School	14 Superintendent's Day No School	15	16 PTO Mtg. @ 5:00 PM Booster Club Mtg. @ 6:00 PM	17	18
			4	5	6	ACT
19	20 P2 - Creativity	21	22	23	24	25
		2	3	4	5	
26	27 P2 - OPM Knowing My Words and Actions Affect Others	28	29	30	31	
		1	2 School Picture Day	3	4 Halloween	



NOVEMBER

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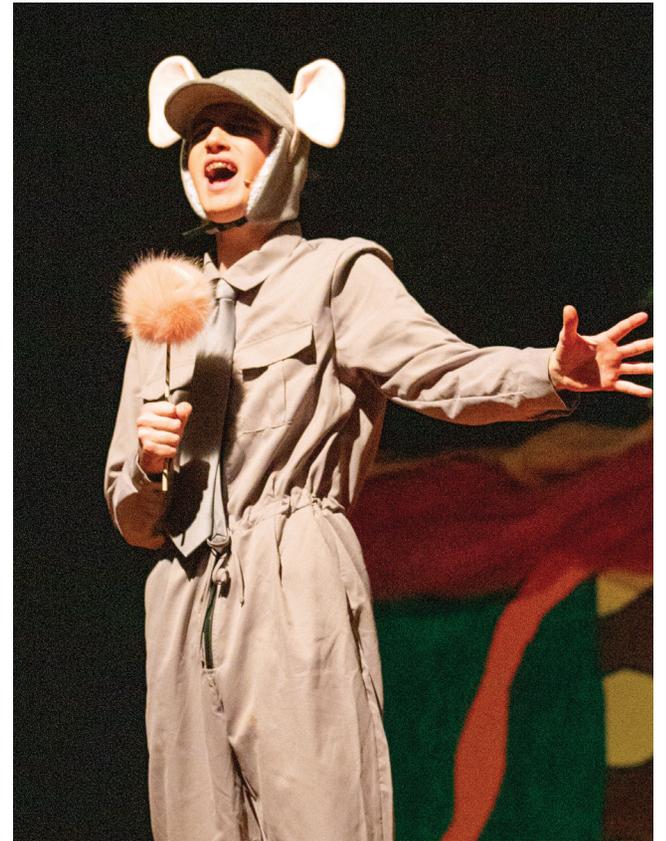
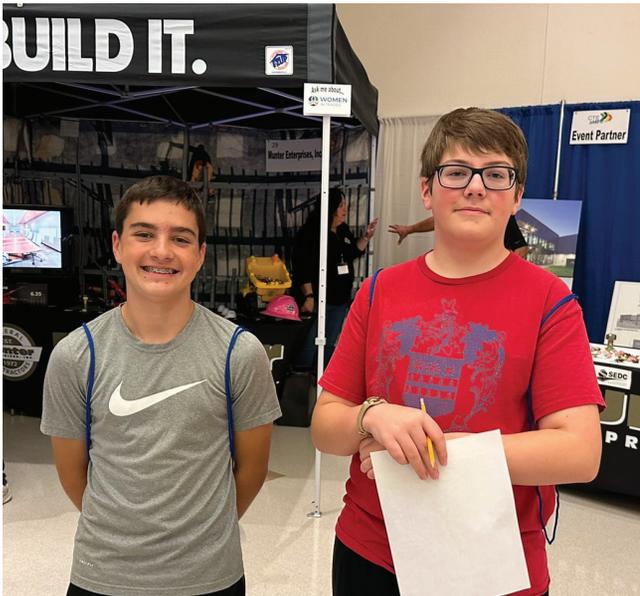
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Daylight Savings Ends	3 5 P2 - Bravery	4 6	5 1	6 2 All County Choral Festival	7 3 Report Card Period Ends Emergency Release Day	8 SAT All County Choral Festival
9	10 4 P2 - Spiral Review	11 Veterans Day	12 5	13 6	14 1	15
16	17 2 P2 - Gratitude	18 3	19 4	20 5 PTO Mtg. @ 5:00 PM Booster Club Mtg. @ 6:00 PM	21 6 K-6 Parent Teacher Conferences 11:00 AM Dismissal	22
23	24 1 P2 - Gratitude	25 2	26 Thanksgiving Recess No School	27 Thanksgiving Recess No School	28 Thanksgiving Recess No School	29
30 3	K-6 Parent Teacher Conferences 11:00 AM Dismissal	K-6 Parent Teacher Conferences 11:00 AM Dismissal				



DECEMBER

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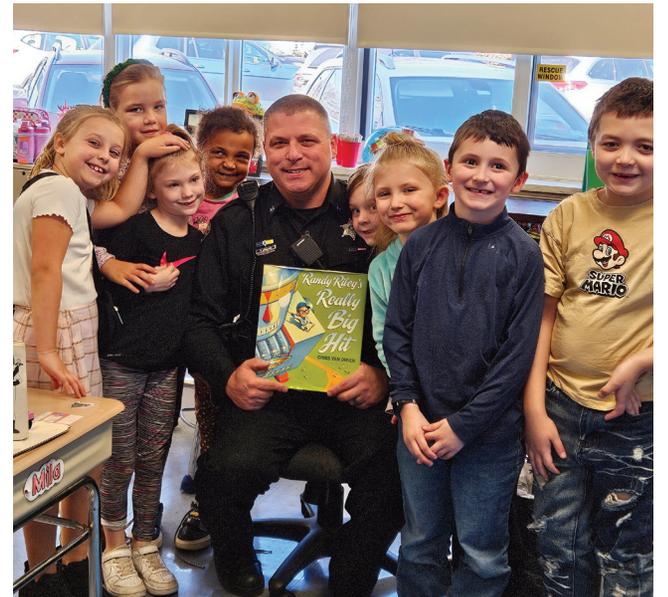
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 3 P2 - Kindness	2 4	3 5	4 6	5 1	6 SAT
7	8 P2 - OPM Supporting Others When They Struggle	9 Chorus Concert @ 6:30 PM	10 School Picture Retake Day	11 5	12 MS/HS Progress Report Period Ends	13 ACT
14 Hanukkah Begins	15 P2 - Self-Control	16 Band Concert @ 6:30 PM	17 3	18 PTO Mtg. @ 5:00 PM Booster Club Mtg. @ 6:00 PM	19 5	20
21	22 Holiday Recess No School	23 Holiday Recess No School	24 Holiday Recess No School	25 Holiday Recess No School	26 Holiday Recess No School	27
28	29 Holiday Recess No School	30 Holiday Recess No School	31 New Year's Eve No School			



JANUARY

TRADITION • COMMITMENT • EXCELLENCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Holiday Recess No School	2 Holiday Recess No School	3
4	5 Classes Resume P2 - Optimism	6 1	7 2	8 3	9 4	10
11	12 5 P2 - Prudence	13 6	14 1	15 2 PTO Mtg. @ 5:00 PM Booster Club Mtg. @ 6:00 PM	16 3	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	20 4 P2 - Perseverance	21 5	22 6	23 1 Report Card Period Ends	24
Regents Week						
25	26 2 P2 - Social Intelligence	27 3	28 4	29 5	30 6	31
						3-8 CBT Simulation



FEBRUARY

TRADITION • COMMITMENT • EXCELLENCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Groundhog Day P2 - Forgiveness	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 P2 - Love	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday PTO Mtg. @ 5:00 PM Booster Club Mtg. @ 6:00 PM	13	14 Valentine's Day ACT
15	16 Presidents Day No School	17 Mid-Winter Recess No School	18 Mid-Winter Recess No School	19 Mid-Winter Recess No School	20 Mid-Winter Recess No School	21
22	23 P2 - OPM Cheering Others' Success	24	25	26	27	28



MARCH

TRADITION • COMMITMENT • EXCELLENCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 4 P2 - Humility	3 5	4 6 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM	5 1	6 2 MS/HS Progress Report Period Ends	7
8 Daylight Savings Begins	9 3 P2 - Love of Learning	10 4	11 5	12 6	13 1	14 SAT
15	16 Superintendent's Conference Day No School	17 2 Saint Patrick's Day P2 - Perspective	18 3	19 4 PTO Mtg. @ 5:00 PM Booster Club Mtg. @ 6:00 PM	20 5	21
22	23 6 P2 - OPM Identifying & Appreciating the Good In Others	24 1	25 2	26 3	27 4	28
29	30 5 P2 - Spirit Week	31 6				



APRIL

TRADITION • COMMITMENT • EXCELLENCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Report Card Period Ends	3 Good Friday No School	4
5 Easter	6 Spring Break No School	7 Spring Break No School	8 Spring Break No School	9 Spring Break No School	10 Spring Break No School	11 ACT
12	13 Report Card Period Ends P2 - Humor	14	15	16 PTO Mtg. @ 5:00 PM Booster Club Mtg. @ 6:00 PM	17	18
19	20 P2 - Fairness	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
		Grade 3-8 ELA Testing				
26	27 P2 - Appreciation of Beauty & Excellence	28	29	30 Pre-K and Kindergarten Screening (by appointment)		



MAY

TRADITION • COMMITMENT • EXCELLENCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Pre-K and Kindergarten Screening (by appointment)	2 SAT
3	4 P2 - Purpose	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
		Grade 3-8 Math Testing				
10 Mother's Day	11 P2 - Enthusiasm	12 Band Concert @ 6:30 PM	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
			Grade 5 & 8 Science Test			
17	18 P2 - Leadership	19 School Budget Vote Chorus Concert @ 6:30 PM Night of the Arts	20	21 PTO Mtg. @ 5:00 PM Booster Club Mtg. @ 6:00 PM	22 MS/HS Progress Report Period Ends	23
24	25 Memorial Day No School	26 P2 - Outro Week - Other People Mindset	27	28	29	30
31						



JUNE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 Elementary Field Day PK-5 Early Dismissal 11:00 AM	6 SAT
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ACT
		Regents Testing				
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 PTO Mtg. @ 5:00 PM Booster Club Mtg. @ 6:00 PM	19 Juneteenth Day No School	20
			Regents Testing			
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26 Graduation	27
		Regents Testing				
28	29	30				

JULY

TRADITION • COMMITMENT • EXCELLENCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 ACT
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		Regents Testing				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Access To Student Information

Board of Education Policy #5676

Access to student records and information is governed by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Parents and students over 18 years of age have the right to:

- Inspect and review their educational records.
- Request the amendment of records believed to be inaccurate or misleading.
- Object to the disclosure of personally identifiable information within the student's education records.
- File a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education alleging failure of the district to comply with FERPA and its regulations.

Asbestos Management Plan

In accordance with federal regulations, the district conducts periodic asbestos surveillance and a required triennial inspection. Asbestos abatement projects are conducted according to all applicable local, state and federal regulations. The asbestos management plan can be made available for review by calling (518) 747-4529.

Annual Fire Inspection

The district conducts an annual fire inspection and submits a report the New York State Education Department. Call (518) 747-4529 to review a copy.

Annual Professional Performance Review

All parents/guardians have the right to obtain the annual professional performance review quality ratings and composite effectiveness scores for their child's current teacher(s) and principal. Once the scores are officially available in accordance with state law.

Child Abuse Hotline

If you suspect a child is being abused or maltreated (neglected), report it by calling the New York State Office of Children and Family Services at 1-800-342-3720. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department. Information about reporting child abuse and maltreatment (neglect) is available online at www.ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/.

Child Find Mandate

A child with physical, mental, and emotional, medical or developmental problems should be evaluated to determine if he/she qualifies for special education programs or services. If you believe your child may meet these criteria, but he or she isn't receiving special education services, please contact the CSE Office at (518) 747-4529 extension 3124

Code of Conduct

Board of Education Policy #3410

The Fort Edward Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive, and district personnel may deliver, quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, facility, support staff, parents and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The Board of Education recognizes the need to clearly define these expectations for acceptable conduct on school property, to identify the possible consequences and of unacceptable conduct and to ensure that discipline when necessary is administered promptly and fairly. School specific code of conduct information is included in student handbook and on our school website.

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

Board of Education Policy #3420

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was enacted to provide students with a safe, supportive educational environment free from discrimination, harassment and bullying. In accordance with DASA, Fort Edward Schools condemn and strictly prohibit all forms of discrimination, harassment and bullying.

For more information about DASA and the Fort Edward School's policy, please call our building level DASA coordinators. High School - Ms. Joanna Scotch (518) 747-4529 Ext. 3123
Elementary School - Ms. Deb LeBarron (518)747-4529 Ext. 3116

Disclosure of Information to Military

Upon request, the district must disclose to military recruiters or institutions of higher learning the name, address and telephone numbers of high school students.

The district may also receive requests for what may be termed "directory information" regarding students. This could include a student's Name, Address, telephone number, major course of study, participation in school activities and sports, weight and height of perspective college athletes, dates of attendance, diplomas awarded and schools previously attended.

Parents and students above the age of 18 may request that the district not disclose this information. Any such request must be submitted in writing to a student's principal. Requests should be submitted by the second week of school and must be renewed each year.

Health Information Privacy

The Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires written authorization from a parent or guardian in order for information to flow between health providers and a school. For example, immunization records require such authorization. Within the school setting, FERPA continues to govern the exchange of healthcare information that is contained in the student's educational record. It is not necessary to obtain a release of information from a parent or guardian in order to share such information with school staff for the purposes of ensuring the best and most appropriate care for a student. Contact the New York State School Health Services Center at (585) 349-7630 for additional information.

Non-Discrimination Notice

Board of Education Policy #3421

The Fort Edward Union Free School District does not discriminate in employment or in the education programs and activities which it operates on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, religion, race, or handicap in accordance with Title VII of the Civil Right Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, or §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the NYS Human Right Law. Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination notice may be directed to the Section 504/Title IX Coordinator.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Idling School Buses

State education law requires drivers of school vehicles to turn off the engine while waiting for passengers to load or off load, with some exceptions when necessary for heating, mechanical or emergency circumstances.

Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy, Security

The district is committed to ensuring student privacy in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations and district policies. More details on the Parent's Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security can be found on our website.

School Safety Plan

The Fort Edward Union Free School District Safe Schools Plan is a comprehensive look at all of the factors that contribute to school safety. The plan was developed in accordance with New York State's Safe School Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation, research and the input of representative from many constituencies within the school community. Safety training is conducted throughout the year, and there at least 12 safety drills (4 lockdown drills and eight evacuation drills) as well as an early dismissal.

Student Photos & Work

Students directory information depicting school-related activities (e.g. name, grade, awards, activities, photos) is occasionally released for use in district publications, on the district website or social media pages, or by the media.

Parents/guardians who object to the release of their child's directory information should notify their child's school principal in writing by September 12, 2026. This request must be renewed each year.

Student Privacy

Board of Education Policy #7250

In accordance with the federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), the district will send a letter home to notify parents of their right to opt a child out of surveys about protected areas (e.g. political affiliations, income, psychological problems, sexual behavior, religions practices) before issuing the surveys.

Medications

New York State law prohibits school nurses from dispensing, without written permission, any drugs or over-the-counter medications. If your child is under a physician's prescription to take medicine, please bring the medication, along with the prescription label, to the school nurse. The same procedure applies to aspirin, acetaminophen, cold remedies, and all other over-the-counter medicines. If you wish to have your child take over-the-counter medication while in school, please bring the medicine to the school nurse.

Emergency Closing

In order to ensure the safety of students and staff, the Fort Edward Union Free School District will close in inclement weather. If school is closed or delayed you will be notified by automated phone message. You may also tune to the local network television affiliates, and regional FM and AM radio stations. Be sure to check the Fort Edward Union Free School District website (www.fortedward.org) and social media for any up-to-the -minute cancellation information.

Student Absences

The Board of Education of the Fort Edward Union Free School District recognizes that student attendance in school is an important component of student success. Student interaction with teachers and other students in class helps to enhance the academic learning experience and provided a basis by which students can demonstrate mastery of subject matter,

The following reason for pupil absences, tardiness and early departure shall be considered by the Board of Education as excused: bereavement, medical, religious observance, required court appearances, participation in a school-related activity, pre-approved college visitations, approved cooperative work programs, approved military commitments, and suspensions.

When your child is sick and cannot attend school: call the school as early as possible in the morning and inform the office that the child will be absent. Write and sign a note which the child will submit to the main office when he or she returns to school.

Attendance Policy

Board of Education Policy #7110 (Grades 7-12)

Regular attendance is a necessary requirement in the learning process. This attendance policy calls attention to student absence when it occurs and enables the family and the district to cooperate in helping the student succeed. In order to promote and encourage regular attendance, credit for completion of all classes will be based, in part, on attendance with the following Criteria:

- A student who is absent from any class other than for Band and Chorus in excess of 20 class periods for a 40 week course, or 10 class periods for a 20 week course, may lose all credit for that course of study.
- If a student and his/her/their parents believe that extenuating circumstance were involved in a specific set of legal absences, they may petition the building principal for review. Then, if unsatisfied, an appeal may be made the Superintendent of Schools for further deliberation and examination.
- Any first year BOCES student who misses twenty (20) days or more of BOCES may not be allowed to return for his or her second year of study.

Pesticide Notification

Board of Education Policy #5632

The Fort Edward Union Free School District may use pesticide products periodically throughout they year. The Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law requires school districts to maintain a list of staff and persons in a parental relation who wish to receive 48 hour written notice prior to the application of pesticides. Written notifications will include the date, locations and products used for each application. For further information or to be placed on the school-specific 48 hour notification list, please contact the schools main office at (518)747-4529

FORT EDWARD DISTRICT CALENDAR 2025-26

August 2025

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October 2025

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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Dates of School Closures

September 2	Supt. Conference Day
September 3	Supt. Conference Day
September 4	Classes Begin
October 13	Columbus Day
October 14	Supt. Conference Day
November 7	Emergency Release Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Recess
December 1	Classes Resume
December 22	Holiday Recess Begins
January 5	Classes Resume
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 20-23	Regents Testing Days
February 16	President's Day
February 17	Lunar New Year
February 16-20	Mid-Winter Recess
February 23	Classes Resume
March 16	Supt. Conference Day
April 3	Good Friday
April 6-10	Spring Recess
April 13	Classes Resume
May 25	Memorial Day
June 9-10	Regents Testing Days
June 17-26	Regents Testing Days
June 19	Juneteenth
June 25	Last Day For Students

Number of Student Attendance Days:

September	19
October	21
November	16
December	15
January	19
February	15
March	21
April	16
May	20
June	19
Total Number of Pupil Days	181
Supt. Conference Days	4
Total Days	185

■ Classes Not in Session ■ Regents Testing ■ Supt. Conference Day

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518-747-4529

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