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Parents & Students— Welcome Back to School!

A Fresh Start, New Goals, and Endless Possibilities

The start of a new school year is always filled with energy, excitement, and possibility. Whether you're a returning student, a brand-new Pre-Kindergartner, or a proud parent taking pictures of the first bus ride, this is a fresh chapter for all of us.

A new year means new goals, new friendships, and new opportunities to grow. Our classrooms will once again buzz with curiosity, creativity, and collaboration. Teachers are ready to provide new challenges and opportunities for their students, families are here to nurture and guide, and our community continues to be a source of support for all students.

We know the transition back to early mornings, homework, and busy schedules can feel challenging (to say the least), but it's also a chance to build special moments and conversations within the family. Every day is a step toward learning something new-not just about math, science, or reading, but also about teamwork, respect and kindness.

Parents, we thank you for the encouragement you give at home, which makes such a difference in your child's success. We are very fortunate to live in a community that values and supports education. Together, we are creating not only strong learners, but also responsible and compassionate citizens.

As we begin this school year, let's encourage our students to dream big, stay curious, and believe in their ability to achieve great things. Students, may you take time to smile often, cherish success, build friendships and ask lots of questions! The journey of learning is not always easy, but with some personal toughness, effort, dedication, and support, our students can handle the challenges they will face.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." **- Nelson Mandela**

Here's to a year filled with growth, achievement, and happiness - ***welcome back!***

Mark J. Ward
Interim Superintendent



SCHOOL STARTS FOR STUDENTS

Thursday, Sept. 4th, 2025

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025
Elementary: 6:00-7:00 pm
MS/HS: 6:30-7:30 pm

We strongly encourage families to fill out and return a free and reduced meal application at the beginning of the school year and anytime that a household's income is diminished. Doing so ensures that all students have access to nutritious meals. If you have questions about this application or how to complete one, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Vicky Williams, Cafeteria Manager (716-699-2316 ext. 1403). All calls and information will be held in strict confidence.

The ECS Code of Conduct, Academic Eligibility Regulations, and other information is available on our website.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Last month, the Board of Education announced that it is re-opening its search for the District's next Superintendent of Schools. The Board will be assisted in this process by Mr. Anthony Day, the Executive Director of the Western New York Educational Service Council. The Board is working on a timeline to identify and have its new Superintendent in place on the job on or about January 1, 2026. Mr. Mark Ward will continue in his role as interim Superintendent until that time.

Early in August, the Board distributed a survey seeking input from the community regarding the characteristics desired in the District's next leader. Those results will be integrated with the data from last year's search process and used by the Board in developing the profile of their successful candidate. This profile will be a key document used to guide the Board's work as it screens and interviews those seeking the position and ultimately names a successful candidate.

The Board of Education met in a special session on August 25th to finalize the search process and parameters including setting a timeline of activity. The Board would like to invite all interested community members to attend a meeting with Mr. Day on Thursday, September 4th to learn and provide feedback on the Board's candidate profile. Mr. Day will also provide additional information about the search process including its timeline and opportunities for community member involvement. The meeting on the 4th will begin at 5:00 PM in the High School library.

The Board is committed to keeping the community informed of its progress throughout the search process. Community members with questions or thoughts about the position are welcome to contact Mr. Day by calling 716-923-6514 or by email at WNYESC.execdir@gmail.com.

Wishing Our Recent Retirees the Very Best!

Thank you for your dedicated service to the Ellicottville Central School District and our students.

Congratulations on your retirement!



Mr. Delity



Mrs. Moore



Mrs. Brown

Ellicottville Central School Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2025-2026

1.	Tuesday July 8, 2025	6:00 pm	Reorganizational Meeting
2.	Tuesday July 29, 2025	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
3.	Tuesday August 19, 2025	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
4.	Tuesday September 23, 2025	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
5.	Tuesday October 21, 2025	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
6.	Tuesday November 18, 2025	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
7.	Tuesday December 16, 2025	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
8.	Tuesday January 20, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
9.	Tuesday February 24, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
10.	Tuesday March 17, 2026	6:00 pm	Budget Worksession
11.	Tuesday March 31, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
12.	Tuesday April 21, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting/ BOCES Budget Vote
13.	Tuesday May 12, 2026	6:00 pm	Budget Hearing
14.	Tuesday May 19, 2026	8:00 pm	Regular Meeting/ Budget Vote
15.	Tuesday June 16, 2026	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting
16.	Tuesday July 7, 2026	6:00 pm	Reorganizational Meeting





Back to School Reminders from the School Nurse

Please make sure your students are up to date on immunizations.

- A chart outlining NYS requirements can be found on our webpage.

Physical health exams are required for students entering the school district for the first time, and in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.

Physicals need to have been within the last 12 months for sports and working papers.

If your student needs medication while at school forms must be signed by the doctor and parent. Medications can not be given without a doctor's order.

- The forms can be found on our webpage.

Please make sure the health office has up to date health information!

Keep your students home when they are sick!

- Detailed information on when to keep children home is outlined on our webpage.

ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL'S FIRST STUDENT EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER



My name is Juliana O'Connell and I am this year's Student Ex Officio BOE member. I am heavily involved in school activities, including President of the Junior Class and a Varsity Athlete. I was interested in this role because I often found myself discussing/debating different ways to improve our school during conversations with my friends. In the future, I hope to see a comfortable community for our school to improve every student's experience at Ellicottville Central. I am excited to see progress while being a part of the change.

TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

One of the most important things we are charged with at school is the safety of our student body. A number of you drop off or pick-up your children at school either in the morning or in the afternoon. During high volume times the traffic in our driveways becomes a serious point of concern for us. People have been observed making U-turns, three-point turns, and turning off the driveway onto the lawn area. Some have even passed stopped school busses in the loop in front of the school.

The Board of Education has authorized the following procedures for you to follow when dropping off or picking up children at school. They are listed here for your information and use:

1. No traffic will be permitted anywhere in front of the school while busses are in the loop.

   Mornings: 7:45-8:05 am

   Afternoons: 2:45-3:05 pm

   Late Bus: 3:50-4:05 pm

   Elementary: The preferred arrival time for students being driven to school is after 8:05 am. The preferred pick-up time is 3:05-3:10 pm.

   MS/HS: The preferred arrival time for students being driven to school is 7:45 am. Students must report to the cafeteria.

2. When entering the school for the elementary, please enter the driveway at the North end by the playground and leave by the high school end.
3. When entering to go to the high school, please enter and exit the driveway at the south end near the high school.
4. Arrival: elementary students must be signed in and recorded as late after 8:15 am.
5. ***Dismissal:*** Please come in and sign your child out in the office. Children will be waiting inside the school for you. We will not be able to call classrooms for your child if you arrive early for pick-ups.
6. If you MUST drop off or pick up a student during times busses are in the loop, please park in one of our lots. No one will be permitted to park in the driveway.
7. **It is against the law** to pass any school bus that is stopped and has its red lights flashing. Yield to busses in the parking lot and driveways.

Please make certain you promptly pick up your child by 4:00 pm from after school activities. Thank you for your cooperation!



BUS SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS

"DON'T LOSE YOUR RIDING PRIVILEGE!"

1. Be on time for pick ups/drop offs.
2. Do not enter or leave the bus while it is in motion.
3. Always pass in front of the bus, never behind, when loading or unloading from the bus.
4. Occupy the seat assigned by the driver or monitor.
5. Remain seated until the bus has reached your destination.
6. Head or arms must not be extended from the windows.
7. Students will not throw any objects from the bus.
8. Large objects may not be carried on the bus due to D.O.T. regulations.
9. The bus driver and/or the monitor are to be obeyed at all times. Riding the bus is a privilege and drivers have been instructed to report students who do not obey these rules.
10. Drinking, eating, cursing, swearing or loud talking are prohibited.
11. Please refrain from driving your car or parking in the bus circle during the hours of: 7:45 am to 8:05 am and 2:45 pm to 3:05 pm.

NOTICE

The Ellicottville Central School Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 3:30 in the High School Library.

The Safety Hearing will be at 5:45 on September 23rd in the High School Library.

SAFETY MEASURES EXPLAINED

While ECS has a number of procedures to best ensure everyone's safety, we would like to share some important information on what we refer to **as "The BIG 4 Emergency Protocols."** These four protocols are: Shelter in Place, Lockdown, Lockout, and Evacuation. We cannot share the exact steps we take in each of these protocols, as doing so could compromise them, and ultimately our ability to best protect students. We can, however, provide a brief overview of each protocol so you are better informed.

- **Shelter in Place**: This is considered one of the least intrusive procedures. It is used to secure students safely in classes, and restrict movement in hallways and throughout the building. Examples of when this may be used include: a medical emergency in the building, overt disruption in hallway, or staging for possible transition to **Lockout, Lockdown** or **Evacuation**. A **Shelter in Place** not only secures students, it allows for time to assess a situation without taking too extreme a measure. During a **Shelter in Place** teachers and students may continue normal classroom activities behind closed and locked doors.
- **Lockout**: This is considered a mid-level procedure. It is used when an **actual** or **potential** threat exists from ***outside*** the school building (Ex. Escaped fugitive, unusual disturbance in the parking lot or road, disgruntled employee or spouse, etc.). During a **Lockout**, all outside activities are cancelled and the exterior doors and windows are closed and locked. Once the building is secure, we may decide to allow normal activities within the school.
- **Evacuation**: This can be considered a mid-level procedure or a high level procedure based on the situation. Evacuating the building when a fire alarm sounds is something we have all learned to do since we were little kids and is a straight forward procedure. When we need to evacuate and relocate to another location due to an imminent threat such as a bomb or chemical threat this is considered a high level procedure. Please know that should we need to evacuate to another location, we will notify parents that we are doing so, but for safety reasons will not announce in advance where we are evacuating to.
- **Lockdown**: ***This is considered our highest alert!*** A **Lockdown** is used when an actual or imminent threat exists and we need to immediately secure students. Examples of when this may be used include: a trespasser with a weapon is on campus, there is a hostage situation, or there is a riot. In a **lockdown**, students and staff are not only secured behind locked doors, they are to be out of sight and silent.

Per NYS, we are required to conduct 8 fire drills and 4 lockdown drills each school year. We will run 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown drill prior to December 20th, and then 2 fire drills and 2 lockdown drills after the 1st of the year. The goal in providing training and conducting drills is to practice and prepare, not to scare. We want to be sure that all students know what to do in the event of a real emergency. When conducting drills, please know that:

- drills and training will be conducted in a trauma-informed, developmentally and age-appropriate manner;
- drills and training will not include props, actors, simulations, or other tactics intended to mimic a school shooting, incident of violence, or other emergency; and
- announcments will be made, via the District's mass communication system, regarding lockdown drills within one week before they occur (i.e. "the District will be holding a lockdown drill within the next week;")
- announcements for drills will be limited to robo-calls, posting on the app and e-mails; they will NOT be posted to the website or facebook;
- When conducting a drill, it will ALWAYS be announced that it is a DRILL and NOT AN EMERGENCY. i.e "We will now be conducting a lockdown drill, This is a drill. We are now having a Lockdown Drill . Again, this is a drill."

Please DO NOT call or drive to the school in the event of a Lockout, Evacuation or Lockdown.

Please remember, in the event of a real emergency, our primary goal and focus is securing students and staff to best ensure everyone's safety! In addition, we may employ more than one procedure at a time, transition from one procedure to another, modify or "flex" a procedure if it is necessary, and notify parents with information ONLY when we are able to safely do so.

We strongly suggest that you take a picture of this page with your cell phone so that in the event you hear we are in an emergency procedure or receive such a call, you can quickly reference the terms to know what is taking place. We would further suggest that you keep this page for future reference.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY WEBSITE

The purpose of this site is to provide an overview of the sex offender registration law and how the public can obtain information about sex offenders. The Sex Offender Registration Act, New York's version of Megan's Law, was signed by Governor George E. Pataki in July 1995 and became effective on January 21, 1996. The text of the statute is contained in Correction Law Article 6-C (Section 168 et seq.).

Registered sex offenders in New York are classified by the risk of reoffense. A court determines whether an offender is a level 1 (low risk), 2 (moderate risk) or 3 (high risk). The court also determines whether an offender should be given the designation of a sexual predator, sexually violent offender or predicate sex offender. Sex offenders registered on or after March 11, 2002 register for a minimum of 10 years unless they have been given a designation. If they have been given a designation, they are registered for life.

Level 1 and 2 sex offenders registered prior to March 11, 2002 register for 10 years while level 3 offenders register for life. For more information on sex offenders residing in our district, please visit the following web address: http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us

CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE

To report an incident of child abuse or neglect please call the New York State Office of Child and Family Services ("OCFS") at **1-800-342-3720**. You may also use this link **info@ocfs.ny.gov** to reach the "OCFS" web site

Parents,

ECS uses **PickUp Patrol** for parents to report absences, late arrivals and communicate dismissal plan changes. PickUp Patrol saves us a great deal of time here in the office and reduces interruptions in our classrooms—while also providing you with a convenient way to make changes to your student's dismissal plans. Most importantly, it helps us ensure that all our students are safely dismissed to their correct after-school destinations. If you have had problems in the past using this program, please email Mrs. Kosinski at ckosinski@ecsny.org in the Elementary Office with your correct email address and contact information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

RETURNING PARENTS: Please enter and confirm your students default plan here: https://app.pickuppatrol.net/ parents before the start of the school year, September 4th, 2025. For a safe dismissal, it's essential that we know your student's regular daily dismissal plans before the first day of school.

NEW PARENTS: You will receive a registration email with a link to set up your account. The PUP web app is free for parents, and you can use it from your smartphone or computer. Instructions for how to add the app to your phone are included in the registration email. Please register and enter your students Default Dismissal Plans before the start of the school year, September 4th, 2026. **You will need to register before you can enter default plans.**

How to: There is a how-to video on our school Facebook page that details how to make the daily changes needed to make the use of this program successful.

Thank you for using PickUp Patrol to make safety a priority and to ensure our dismissal process is efficient for all our students.

If you have any questions, please check the PARENT FAQ page. If you still need help, contact us here in the office at ckosinski@ecsny.org or PickUp Patrol at support@pickuppatrol.net.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that the Ellicottville Central School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the Ellicottville Central School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Ellicottville Central School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples may include:

- a playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- the annual yearbook;
- honor roll or other recognition lists;
- graduation programs; and
- sports activity sheets, such as for football, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without prior written consent. (1)

If you do not want the Ellicottville Central School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 30, 2025. The Ellicottville Central School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- Students Name
- Address
- Telephone Listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade Level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

(1) These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.s.C. 7908), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS

Staff Qualifications

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, parents may request information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers including whether the teacher has State certification for the classes being taught; the teacher's bachelor's degree major and any other certifications or degrees by field or discipline; and whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. Requests for the above information may be directed in writing to: Ellicottville Central School, ATTN: Mr. Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731.

Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

All parents/guardians will have the right to obtain the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) quality ratings and composite effectiveness scores for their child's teacher(s) and principal(s) once the scores are officially available in accordance with state law. For additional details, please contact Mr. Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent, 716-699-2368 (ext. 1301).

Homeless Student Policy

All programs and services of the district are available to homeless students and unaccompanied youth. Whenever a homeless child or unaccompanied youth seeks to enroll in the district, and at least twice annually, while the child is enrolled, the parent and child will be informed of their rights. Some of these rights include the right to attend the school they previously attended or to attend school in the district of current location, the right to be enrolled even though the admission requirements have not been completed and prior student records are not available, and the right to transportation to and from school.

Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

The Ellicottville Central School District is committed to ensuring student privacy in accordance with local, state and federal regulations and district policies. To this end and pursuant to U.S. Department of Education (DOE) regulations (Education Law §2-d), the district is providing the following Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security:

- A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial or marketing purposes.
- Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record, including any student data maintained by the Ellicottville Central School District. This right of inspection of records is consistent with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Under the more recently adopted regulations (Education Law §2-d), the rights of inspection are extended to include data, meaning parents have the right to inspect or receive copies of any data in their child's educational record. The New York State Education Department (SED) will develop further policies and procedures related to these rights in the future.
- State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
- A complete list of all student data elements collected by the state is available for public review in an Excel file at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/documentation/NYSEDstudentData.xlsx. Parents may also obtain a copy of this list by writing to the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12234.
- Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to: Ellicottville Central School, ATTN: Mr. Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731.
- Complaints to SED should be directed to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234; the e-mail address is cpo@mail.nysed.gov. •Homeless Student Policy

Idling Buses on School Grounds

State law requires school districts to take steps to minimize the idling of the engines of school buses and other school vehicles on school grounds. While students are boarding and departing school buses, the engine should be turned off. Students should be instructed about the importance of getting on and off buses in an orderly and efficient fashion to minimize loading and offloading time. Bus engines should also be off while parked at sporting events and other school activities. Exceptions to this "no idling" policy can be made in cases of emergency, mechanical issues or for necessary heating.

Media Consent Form

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Periodically the press or media, including our ECS District Newsletter request to do a feature or news story on an educational or safety topic concerning our school. Usually, they request photographs of our students to accompany these articles for print or broadcast purposes.

Pursuant to the federal No Child Left Behind Act signed into law in January 2002, school districts must notify parents of their rights and the rights of their children to request, in writing, that the district NOT release such information if it is requested.

Please complete the tear off below and return to the elementary or high school office. Forms will be kept on file in the offices. You may request to change your permission status at any time by submitting a revised form. If you have any questions regarding the form or law, please feel free to contact Mr. Erich Ploetz, 6-12 Principal at 716-699-2316 (ext. 1401); Mrs. Katie Mendell, PreK-5 Principal at 716-699-2318 (ext. 1601) or myself at 716-699-2368 (ext. 1301).

Sincerely,

Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent

ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

(Consent for the Release of Certain Student Information under the *No Child Left Behind Act)*

If you **give permission** for your child to be photographed for press or media print or broadcast purposes, including the monthly district newsletter, **you do not need to do anything & consent is implied.** Otherwise, please check below one of the options below.

Please check only ONE Item:

- ❑ I wish to be **contacted on a case-by-case basis** for permission for my child to be photographed for press or media print, broadcast purposes or the monthly district newsletter.
- ❑ I **do not** give permission for my child to be photographed for press or media print, broadcast purposes or the monthly district newsletter.

Child's name (please print)

Homeroom teacher

Parent/guardian signature

Date

Title IX and Section 504

The Ellicottville Central School District in compliance with Title IX of the Educational amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) hereby designates, Assistant Principal Elisabeth Beaver, as the Title IX/ Section 504/ADA Coordinator for the Ellicottville Central School District. The Coordinator is responsible for resolving complaints and discrimination based on sex or disability. She is also responsible for handling complaints and grievances regarding discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, age, military status or marital status. Assistant Principal Elisabeth Beaver can be reached at Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731 or by phoning (716) 699-2316 (ext. 1304).

A copy of the Ellicottville Central School District's Administrative Regulation #3232 Student Discrimination Grievance Guidelines is available in the Superintendent's Office, Monday-Friday (8:00 am - 4:00 pm).

Child Find Notice

Notice is hereby given to all district residents with children between birth and age 21: If your child is disabled or you suspect he/she may be disabled; you may be entitled to special education and related services without cost to you through age 22. Please contact Mrs. Melissa Dahlman, CSE/ CPSE Chairperson (716) 699-2318 ext. 1410 to register your child or to obtain further information.

Notice is in compliance with IDEA "Child Find" requirements Education Law 4402 (1) (a).

DASA Annual Notice

DASA Annual Notice: If you have knowledge or you are a student in our schools who has or is being bullied or harassed on school grounds, on the school bus, or at a school sponsored event, we urge you to contact the following District's Dignity Act Coordinators: Mrs. Tammy Eddy 699-2316 (ext. 1512) and Mr. Dan LaCroix 699-2318 (ext. 1603).

Elementary Parking

Important information regarding car rider drop-off and pick-up:

Please note that if you are dropping off and/or picking up your child during regular school days/hours, parking is only allowed on the right-hand side (sidewalk side) of the road. Please do not double-park on this road-way as it needs to be accessible for school and emergency vehicles. Parking on both sides of this road causes significant vehicle congestion and is a safety issue for students who attempt to cross. Overflow parking is available in the lower elementary parking lot. Once busses depart at 8:00 am for arrival & 3:05 pm for dismissal, parents are welcome to pull forward closer to the main entrance to drop off or pick up. Our goal is to have efficient but safe dismissal and arrival procedures. We appreciate your attention to this matter

Mrs. Katie Mendell
Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

AHERA Compliance Activities

AHERA is a federal law enacted in 1987 which requires all school districts to re-inspect facilities for asbestos containing building materials.

Our facilities have been inspected and response actions are planned to insure a continued safe environment for our students and employees. Activities include training of maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos and periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities by trained personnel.

Details of such activities are described in the district's AHERA Management Plan, which is available for your review in the district office.

If you have any questions or concerns in this regard, feel free to contact Gene Snyder, Director of Facilities 716-699-2316 (ext. 1404).

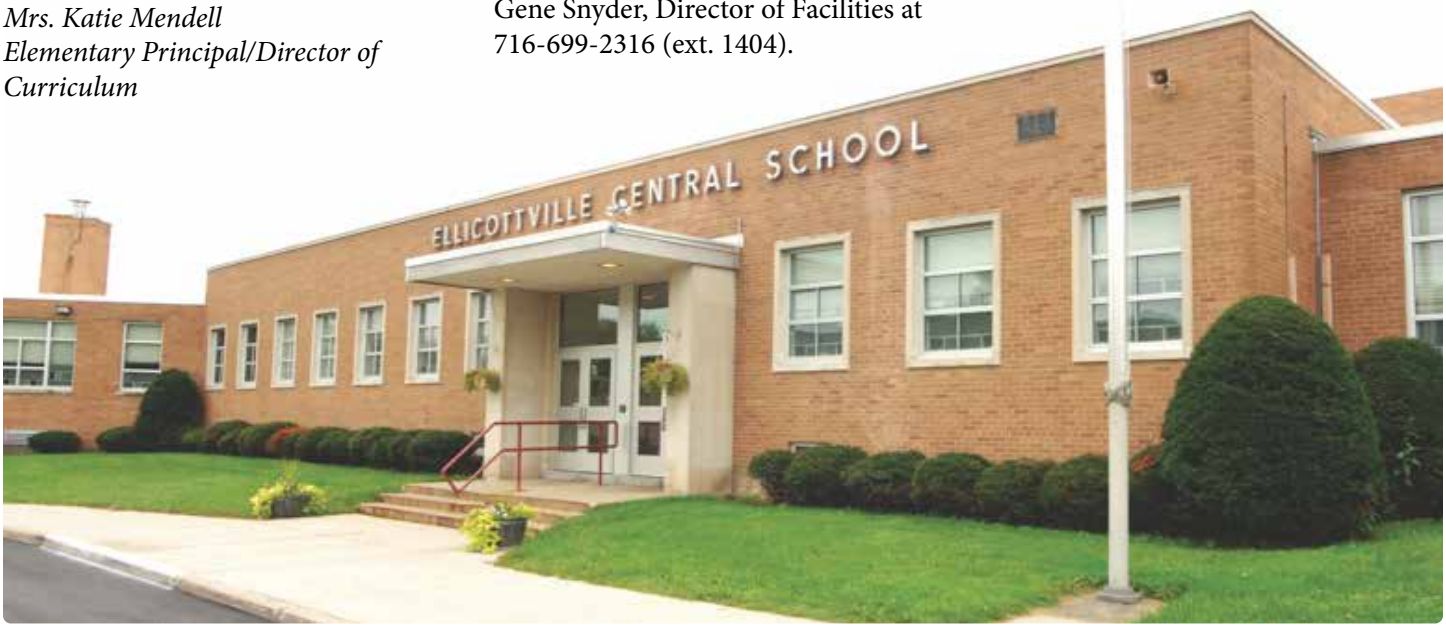
Pesticide Use Notification

During the school year, it may be necessary for maintenance staff to use pesticides on school grounds to meet pest management goals. Any individual interested in registering to receive a written notification 48 hours prior to pesticide application, please contact Ellicottville Central School. If you have questions about the integrated pest management program or pesticide use, please contact the Gene Snyder, Director of Facilities at 716-699-2316 (ext. 1404).

Data Breach Security Annual Notice:

The Ellicottville Central School District is committed to protecting the privacy and security of student, teacher, and principal data. In accordance with Education Law §2-d, the District wishes to inform the school community of the following:

1. A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record;
3. State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored and transferred;
4. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State will be available for public review at a later date; and
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints can be filed with the Superintendent's Office.



New Cell Phone Procedures for 2025-26

As we prepare for the new school year, ECS is implementing updates to our policy on **personal technology use during school hours**. These changes reflect both new legal requirements in New York State and a growing body of research about the impact of digital devices on student well-being and learning.

In June of this year, ECS convened a large and diverse committee consisting of middle and high school students, parents, teachers, staff, and school leaders to thoughtfully discuss how we will comply with New York State Education Law §2803. This new legislation prohibits student use of personal cell phones and internet-enabled devices (such as smartwatches) during instructional hours in public schools. The enclosed policy represents the careful work of that committee and is slated for final adoption by the ECS Board of Education in August.

Background Information

NYS Education Law §2803 was enacted earlier this year to help public schools create safe and focused learning environments. It requires all New York public schools to prohibit student use of personal mobile phones, smartwatches, laptops and similar devices during the school day, unless an exception is granted for documented medical needs, learning accommodations (504 or IEP plans), or urgent caregiver responsibilities.

In support of this law, researchers and psychologists continue to highlight concerns about how smartphones affect adolescent development. In his 2024 book, The Anxious Generation, social psychologist Jonathan Haidt outlines how constant phone use is linked to rising rates of anxiety, depression, and distraction among teens. Haidt advocates for phone-free school days as a key step to restoring focus, improving social interaction, and reducing mental health concerns in students. **ECS embraces the research-based goals of NYS Education Law §2803, and we stand with educators, researchers and parents who wish to rescue our children from the distractions and stresses of a cell-phone based childhood.**

New Policy & Procedures

The enclosed ECS policy outlines clear expectations for students and families. In summary, students will be required to store personal cell phones in school-provided locking cases. Personal cell phones or smartwatches will be locked in cases to begin the day, and unlocked upon dismissal.

This is the type of case ECS will be using, and a link demonstrating use:





Key features of the ECS Plan include:

- Personal devices (phones, earbuds, smartwatches) may not be used between 8:19 AM and 2:55 PM unless approved by a faculty or staff member.
- Devices must be turned off and stored in provided cases during the school day unless otherwise approved/directed by staff.
- Students may request brief, as-needed use of their device for parent and/or emergency communication, as approved by ECS faculty and staff.
- Long-term exemptions are limited to medical needs, 504/IEP accommodations, and documented caregiver responsibilities. A structured process exists for requesting exemptions, including documentation and review by ECS leadership. Please view appropriate forms and a summary of the ECS process to request an exemption on our school website.

Feel free to take a moment to watch this 8-minute introductory video explaining the case and how we plan to use it at ECS:

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If you have trouble viewing this video, have no fear, it is a working summary of what is in this letter and our policy.

We believe this policy is an important step toward supporting student wellness, building stronger peer relationships, and enhancing classroom engagement. We appreciate the support we have already received from our ECS community as we implement this initiative.

If you have questions about the policy or the exception request process, please contact me at eploetz@ecsny.org or (716) 699-2316 x1401. On behalf of the Board of Education and the faculty and staff at ECS, we hope you enjoy the second half of your summer vacation, and we will see you in September!

Sincerely,
Erich Ploetz
Principal
Ellicottville Middle/High School

Mass Communication at ECS



ECS is pleased to announce that the District will continue using the ***Blackboard Mass Communication mobile app*** designed specifically to keep our families better informed and connected to what's going on in our schools. The ECS mobile app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

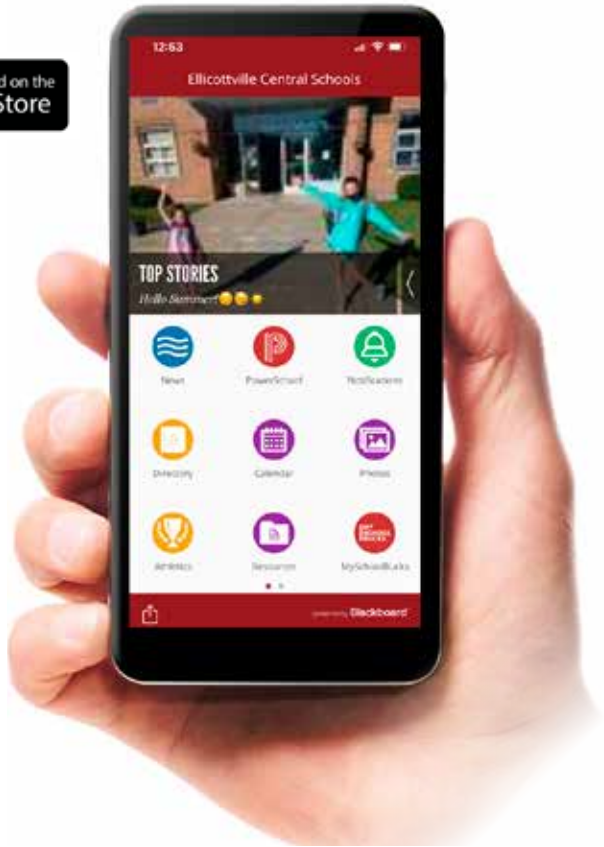
The app will deliver real time school news to a smart-device for fast, up-to-date access. The app will feature:

- The latest district and school news
- Push notifications about breaking news, closures, weather, events, and more
- Photos from school events
- Phone numbers and staff information

The app is FREE and available for download today:

1. From a smart-device, go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®
2. Search Ellicottville Central Schools
3. Then select the Ellicottville Central Schools app for free download
4. Start navigating through the app to see what is there. You may see some "incomplete" areas, as we are always updating information in the app.

ANDROID APP ON Google play | Download on the App Store



Please note, while the District will continue to make robo-calls and post emergency information to its website and Facebook page, the app provides even more ways for parents and students to stay connected and informed. One new avenue of communication that this app will provide is the ability to send text messages and e-mails to parents that sign up for these notifications.

If you do not already have the ECS mobile app, it is just a few taps away. Download it today!

Parents may use "My School Bucks" to place money on their child's/children's account(s) with a credit card. Information on how to use "My School Bucks" will be on the District Website and Facebook pages.

Please join us for our first PTO meeting for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Monday, September 8th at 4:00pm in the Elementary Art Room

We will elect and vote for the 2025-2026 officers, discuss the Fall Book Fair, and set up meeting dates for the year.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is about helping our students and teachers. The PTO organizes events such as Book Fairs, Family Fun Night, Santa's Secret Workshop, Dime Carnival, Talent Show, and Field Day. The PTO hosts a breakfast once a year to show appreciation to all of the staff at ECS. We have purchased local gift cards for the graduating seniors, Halloween Bags for students in grades Pre-K – 5, purchased snacks for the New York State Testing, and much more!

Coming Soon!

September Book Fair-

Tuesday, September 9th 8:00-3:30
Wednesday, September 10th 8:00-3:30 and during Open House
More details will be sent home with students and posted to our ECS PTO Facebook page.

Box Tops

Box Tops can be found by using the boxtops4education.com website or downloading the Box Tops for Education app on your phone. This allows you to do the following:

- See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
- Enter online promotions for chances to win eBoxTops and other prizes
- Print coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands
- Scan Box Tops from purchases

Keep your eyes open for more information about the PTO throughout the year!



Class of 2029 9" Mum Sale Order Form

Orders are due by Friday, September 19th

Mums will be available for pick up at ECS on Monday, September 29th

Number of Mums you would like to order

_____ X 16.00 = _____

Price includes NY State Sales Tax

Color Choices will be available at Pick Up.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Payment must be received to secure order

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2025-2026 District Calendar

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7/4	SCHOOL CLOSED - Independence Day
9/1	SCHOOL CLOSED - Labor day
9/2 & 9/3	Superintendent's Staff Development Days (no school for students)
9/4	First Day of School for Students
10/10	Superintendent's Staff Development Day (no school for students)
10/13	SCHOOL CLOSED - Columbus Day
11/7	End of 1st Marking Period
11/11	SCHOOL CLOSED - Veterans Day Holiday
11/20	Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day for students Prek-12)
11/25	Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day for students Prek-12)
11/26-11/30	Thanksgiving Recess
12/24-1/4	NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess
1/19	SCHOOL CLOSED - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/26-1/29	Regents Exams
1/29	End of 2nd Marking Period
1/30	Rating Day (no school for students)
2/16	SCHOOL CLOSED - Presidents' Day
2/17-2/20	February Break
3/13	Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day for students Prek-12)
3/20	Superintendent's Staff Development Day (no school for students)
4/3-4/12	Spring Break
4/17	End of 3rd Marking Period
5/25	SCHOOL CLOSED - Memorial Day
6/4-6/25	Regents & Local Exams
6/19	SCHOOL CLOSED - Juneteenth
6/25	End of Marking Period
6/26	Rating Day (no school for students)

SUPERINTENDENT'S STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (no school for student

SCHOOL CLOSED

SCHOOL RECESS

END OF MARKING PERIOD

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (1/2 day for students grades K-12)

RATING DAY (no school for students)

Menu subject to change: Notice will be given if possible.
All lunches served with choice of vegetable, fruit and 1% milk or skim chocolate milk. Salads are available daily and may be ordered before 10:00. Choice of assorted cereals, yogurt, or daily menu offered for breakfast.
You may prepay for your child's lunch.
ECS Elementary practices a peanut free environment

September 2025 Breakfast Menu

Free/Reduced Lunch application can be filled out any time of the year.
For more details contact Vicky Williams 699-2316 x1403.
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**	3 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**	4 Pancakes w/ Syrup 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	5 Breakfast Pizza 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit
8 Egg & Hash Brown 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	9 Breakfast on a Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	10 Egg, Sausage & Cheese on a Bun 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	11 Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	12 Breakfast Pizza 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit
15 Banana Bread 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	16 Breakfast on a Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	17 Breakfast Burrito 100 % Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	18 Breakfast Banana Split 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	19 Breakfast Pizza 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit
22 Donut 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	23 Breakfast on a Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	24 Egg Sausage & Cheese on a Biscuit 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	25 Apple Turnover 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	26 Breakfast Pizza 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit
29 LA Cinnamon Bread 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit	30 Breakfast on a Stick 100% Fruit Juice Fresh or Canned Fruit		**ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE BREAKFAST**	**Milk $1.00** **K-12 Extra Breakfast an additional $2.80** **ECS Elementary practices a PEANUT FREE environment**

September Lunch 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**	3 **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**	4 Chicken Patty on Bun or SB & Jelly Sandwich Baked Fries Garlic Green Beans	5 French Bread Pizza or SB & Jelly Sandwich Steamed Broccoli
8 Meatball Sub or Turkey Sandwich Corn Chips Cajun Cauliflower	9 Sweet & Sour Chicken or Bologna Sandwich Steamed Rice Veggie Egg Roll Oriental Veggies	10 Turkey, Bacon, & Cheese On Pretzel Bun or Ham Sandwich Pasta Salad Fresh Veggies	11 **NY** Taco in a Bag or Salami Sandwich Steamed Rice Seasoned Pinto Beans	12 Chicken Strips or Egg Salad Sandwich Baked Fries Candied Carrots
15 Chicken Alfredo or Turkey Sandwich Alfredo Noodles Garlic Bread Stick Garlic Green Beans	16 Chili Cheese Fries or Egg Salad Sandwich Fresh Corn Muffin Steamed Corn	17 Pittsburg Steak Salad Or Bologna Sandwich Baked Garlic Bread Stick	18 Chicken Nuggets or Ham Sandwich Buttered Noodles Buttered Dinner Roll Candied Carrots	19 **NEW** Lazy Lasagna or Salami Sandwich Garlic Bread Stick Tossed Salad
22 Ham/Cheeseburger Or Bologna Sandwich Baked Fries Baked Beans	23 **NEW** Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Egg Salad Sandwich Greek Pasta Salad Mixed Veggies	24 ECS Lunchable –Elem Ham/Turkey Sub – HS Baked Chips Fresh Veggies	25 Chicken Taco or Salami Sandwich Cilantro Lime Rice Seasoned Pinto Beans	26 Hot Dog on Bun or Turkey Sandwich Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli
29 Grilled Cheese or Ham Sandwich Tomato Soup Steamed Peas	30 Goulash w/ Meat Sauce or Bologna Sandwich Garlic Bread Stick Cajun Cauliflower		Extra Lunch is an Additional: K-5 $3.45 Gr. 6-12 $3.75 Milk - $1.00	**EVERY STUDENT'S 1st MEAL IS FREE!!** **Á La Carte items and second lunches still need to be purchased.**

Offered Daily with Lunch

- ✓ Fresh Fruit or Prepared Fruit
- ✓ NYS Milk: Non- or Low-Fat White or Chocolate Milk
- ✓ Students must take at least ½ cup fruits or vegetables (and may take 1 cup)



Make half your plate fruits & veggies!



We use NY grown & rasied foods whenever possible. Look for "NY" to find these items on the menu.



Our milk & yogurt products are produced in New York State.

Menu subject to change. Notice will be given if possible. All lunches served with choice of vegetable, fruit, and 1% milk or 1% chocolate milk. Sun butter & Jelly sandwiches offered daily

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Free/Reduced lunch applications can be filled out any time of the year. For more details, contact Vicky Williams @ 699-2316 Ext. 1403. Ellicottville Central School is an Equal Opportunity provider and employer.

NOTIFICATION OF ECS ELEMENTARY PEANUT FREE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Dear ECS Elementary Families,

This 2025-26 school year, we will welcome students to our classrooms & cafeteria with severe peanut allergies. With your help and cooperation, we can do everything possible to help them stay safe.

Due to the potential of a life-threatening situation occurring, we will be implementing several practices to keep our students safe.

- Increased handwashing routines (upon arrival to their classrooms and again after lunch).
- Seating arrangements and adjustments made as necessary, to prevent potential cross contamination exposure.
- There will be no classroom projects or classroom treats with peanut butter, peanut shells or with items made in a facility that produce either. We kindly ask that you do not send your child to school with any of these items.
- Our cafeteria has replaced peanut butter with Sun Butter, a peanut free alternative to peanut butter. Students may bring a packed lunch to school, but please refrain from any peanut butter sandwiches or snacks.

There may be special days and occasions that students are invited to bring a snack to share. Please be mindful of your snack choice and I have enclosed a list of peanut free options. We look forward to working together with you to have a wonderful and safe school year. If you have questions about these changes, please call our health office or the main office by calling 716-699-2318.

Sincerely,

Mrs. K. Mendell
Elementary Principal
Ellicottville Elementary School
kmendell@ecsny.org



YEARBOOK REMINDER

- Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2025 yearbook is $50. Books from previous years are $20. Contact Mrs. Nason for more details.

Email cnason@ecsny.org
or call
716-699-2316 ext. 1103



2025-2026 BUS ROUTES

Bus #138
Bailey Hill
Crumb Hill
Plato Road
Hinman Hollow
Kent Road
Hinman Hollow
Lindberg Road
Poverty Hill
Maples Road
Northwood Drive
Pine Tree Road
Mechanic Street
Fillmore Drive
Elizabeth Street
Monroe Street
Mill Street
Rockwell Avenue
Martha Street
Brewer Cross Road

Bus #139
219 North
Kuhn Road
Irish Hill
242 South
219 South
219 North
Cotter Road
Beaver Meadows Road
Kuhn Road
Irish Hill Road
Horn Hill Road
Quackenbush Road
Rt. 242
East Washington Street
Jefferson Street
Elizabeth Street
Wildflower
Holiday Valley Road

Bus #131
Humphrey Road
Pumpkin/Fay Hollow Road
Humphrey Road
Raecher Road
Flint Road
Raecher Road
Humphrey Road
Brown Road
Depot Street
Rt. 219

Bus #132
Rt. 219
Hungry Hollow Road
North Whalen Road
Porter Hollow Road
Klawitter Road
Mutton Hollow Road
Rt. 98

Bus #133
Windsor Road
Bibbs Road
Dublin Road
Watson Road
California Hill
Erdman Hill
Hinman Hollow Road
Maples Road
Cross Road
Maples Road
Hollister Hill Road
Hencoop Road
Plum Creek Road
Route 242
Boyce Hill Road
Bibbs Road

Bus #134
Chapel Hill Road
Conlan Road
Humphrey Center
Bozard Hill
Humphrey Center
Humphrey Road
Howe Hill Road
Humphrey Road

Bus #135
Sommerville Valley
Bryant Hill
Crane Road
High Meadows
Heffernan Road
Dooley Road
Simmons Road
Smith Road
Sommerville Valley Road
Sugartown Road
Bonne Way
McGuan Road
Sugartown Road
Clare Valley
Sugartown Road
Rt. 98
Davies Road
Howe Hill Road
Rt. 98

Bus #136
Beeles Road
Bear Hollow Road
Snowbrook Road
Bear Hollow Road
Humphrey/Peth
(Intersection)
Barker Run
Peth Road
Fairview Lane
Peth Road
Courtney Highlands
Rt. 219 North
Creek View Estates
Green Valley Estates
Burleson Road
Rt. 98
Martin Road
Andera Lane



ECS 2025 FALL SPORT SCHEDULES



VARSITY TITAN FOOTBALL

8/30	A @ Portville	10:00 am
9/6	A @ Sherman vs. CCSP (CO-OP)	1:30 pm
9/12	H @ Franklinville vs. Newfane	7:00 pm
9/18	A @ Allegany-Limestone	7:00 pm
9/26	H vs. Catt-Little Valley	7:00 pm
10/3	A @ Randolph	7:00 pm
10/10	A @ Gowanda/Pine Valley	7:00 pm
10/17	H @ Franklinville vs. Wilson	7:00 pm
10/13	H vs. Silver Creek/Forestville	7:00 pm

JV TITAN FOOTBALL

8/30	A @ Portville (Scrimmage)	10:00 am
9/8	H @ Franklinville vs. Springville	5:00 pm
9/15	A @ Southwestern/Frewsburg	5:00 pm
9/22	H vs. Falconer/Cassadaga Valley/Maple Grove	5:00 pm
9/29	A @ Portville/Cuba-Rushford/Bolivar-Richburg	5:00 pm
10/06	A @ Clymer vs.CSP	5:00 pm
10/13	A @ Chautauqua Lake/Westfiled/Brocton	5:00 pm
10/20	H @ Franklinville vs. Salamanca	5:00 pm
10/25	H vs. Cleveland Hill	10:00 am

MODIFIED TITAN FOOTBALL

9/11	H vs. C. Lake/Westfield/Brocton	5:00 PM
9/18	H @ Franklinville vs. Portville	5:00 PM
9/25	A @ Silver Creek/Forestville	5:00 PM
10/2	H @ Ellicottville vs. CSP	5:00 PM
10/9	A @ Salamanca	5:00 PM
10/16	H @ Franklinville vs. Southwestern/Frewsburg	5:00 PM
10/23	A @ Falconer/Cassadaga/Maple Grove	5:00 PM

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

8/29	A Gator Cup (Allegany-Limestone)	5:00 PM
8/30	A Gator Cup (Allegany-Limestone)	TBA
9/02	A Southwestern	4:30 PM
9/04	H Frewsburg	5:00 PM
9/13	H Southwestern	1:30 PM
9/16	H Gowanda/Pine Valley	4:30 PM
9/18	H Salamanca	4:30 PM
9/23	A Falconer/Cassadaga Valley	4:30 PM
9/25	H Randolph	4:30 PM
9/27	H Fredonia	11:00 AM
9/30	A Portville	4:30 PM
10/02	A Gowanda/Pine Valley	5:00 PM
10/07	A Salamanca	6:30 PM
10/09	H Falconer/Cassadaga Valley	4:30 PM
10/14	A Randolph	4:30 PM
10/16	H Portville	4:30 PM

BOYS MODIFIED SOCCER

9/02	A Southwestern	4:30 PM
9/13	H Southwestern	12:00 PM
9/18	H Salamanca	4:30 PM
9/23	A Falconer/Cassadaga Valley (in Cassadaga	4:30 PM
9/25	H Randolph	4:30 PM
9/30	A Portville	4:30 PM
10/07	A Salamanca	4:30 PM
10/09	H Falconer/Cassadaga Valley	4:30 PM
10/14	A Randolph	4:30 PM
10/16	H Portville	4:30 PM

GIRLS VARSITY/JV VOLLEYBALL

8/28	A Clymer	5/6:30 PM
9/03	A Allegany-Limestone	5/6:30 PM
9/04	H Silver Creek	5/6:30 PM
9/08	H Cattaraugus Little Valley	5/6:30 PM
9/10	A Randolph	5/6:30 PM
9/12	A North Collins (Varsity Only)	06:00 PM
9/15	H Gowanda	5/6:30 PM
9/18	A Portville (JV Only)	05:00 PM
9/19	A Springville	5/6:30 PM
9/22	H West Valley/Franklinville	5/6:30 PM
9/24	A Salamanca	5/6:30 PM
9/26	A Forestville	5/6:30 PM
9/29	H Allegany-Limestone	5/6:30 PM
10/01	A Cattaraugus Little Valley	5/6:30 PM
10/04	H Clymer	10/11:30 AM
10/06	H Randolph	5/6:30 PM
10/08	A Gowanda	5/6:30 PM
10/14	H North Collins (Varsity Only)	5/6:30 PM
10/17	H Forestville	5/6:30 PM
10/20	A West Valley/Franklinville	5/6:30 PM
10/22	H Salamanca	5/6:30 PM

GIRLS MODIFIED VOLLEYBALL

9/11	H Portville	5:00 PM
9/18	H Allegany-Limestone	5:00 PM
9/19	H Olean	5:00 PM
9/25	A Randolph	5:00 PM
9/30	H Gowanda	5:00 PM
10/02	A Salamanca	5:00 PM
10/07	H Cattaraugus-Little Valley	5:00 PM
10/09	A Olean	5:00 PM
10/16	H West Valley/Franklinville	5:00 PM
10/21	A Portville	5:00 PM

CROSS COUNTRY

9/6	Red Dragon Invitational- Bemus Point
9/9	Maple Grove
9/13	Pre-State Meet @ Queensbury
9/16	Allegany-Limestone
9/20	Letchworth Invitational
9/23	Franklinville
9/27	McQuaid Invitational
9/30	Olean
10/4	Allegany Invitational
10/7	Salamanca
10/11	Alden Invitational
10/14	Randolph
10/17	Lakeshore Invitational
10/31	Sectional Championships @ Elma Meadows

Mrs. Cathie Nason will be taking on the Yearbook Advisor position for this school year. Along with that there will be a few changes in how to purchase a yearbook and senior ads. We will be utilizing Josten's free online resources so that these things can be purchased online and you may also upload pictures that you think would be great to be included in the yearbook! Please see flyer below for more information.

2025-2026 ELLICOTTVILLE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

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ONE ICONIC YEARBOOK.

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Order by 09/26/2025

YEARBOOK	$60.00
SIGNATURE PACKAGE Includes: Yearbook, Enhanced Personalization, Autograph Pens, Autograph Section	$80.00
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AUTOGRAPH SECTION	$5.00
PHOTO POCKETS	$5.00
DONATE A YEARBOOK	$60.00
CLEAR PROTECTIVE COVER	$5.00

TO ORDER:

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More icon options are available online.



Share your student's photos with the yearbook staff to be featured in the yearbook more.

1. Open your phone's camera and scan this code.
2. Upload your favorite photos from the year.
3. Tag students for the yearbook staff.

Or visit photos.jostens.com/upload

Flexible payment options are available at checkout. Taxes, service fees and delivery fees will be added, if applicable.

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E EMBRACING CHANGE **C** CELEBRATING SUCCESS **S** SURPASSING EXPECTATIONS

STEM Summer Success at Ellicottville Memorial Library!

Powered by the Bob McCarthy Foundation

For four exciting weeks this summer, the Ellicottville Memorial Library was buzzing with creativity, curiosity, and innovation during STEM Camp, hosted by Mrs. Farnum made possible thanks to the generous support of the Bob McCarthy Foundation.

Students of all ages took part in engaging, hands-on activities that encouraged problem solving, critical thinking, and collaborative learning. From designing marble roller coasters and engineering Ferris Wheels, to coding robots and building solar ovens, each project challenged participants to think like real scientists and engineers.

Beyond the fun and experimentation, this program played a vital role in keeping kids academically engaged during the summer months. It helped bridge the gap between school years and ensured students stayed connected to science, technology, engineering, and math in meaningful and memorable ways.

As students head into the new school year, they'll carry with them not only new knowledge and confidence but also a mindset of inquiry and resilience, ready to tackle whatever science challenges come their way.

We're grateful to the Bob McCarthy Foundation for investing in the future of our youth, and to all the families who joined us to make this summer one of learning, laughter, and discovery!







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