



JASPER-TROUPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE WILDCATS



BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 23, 2026

January 26: Conference Day (No School for Students)

January 27: Senior Recognition for Girls Basketball & Indoor Track

January 30: End of Marking Period 2

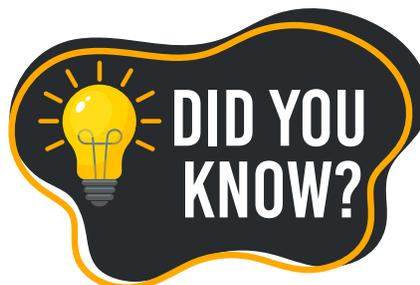
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Attendance Matters!

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up

When a student misses 2 days a month	When a student misses 4 days a month
They miss 20 DAYS a year (10% of the school year)	They miss 40 DAYS a year (20% of the school year)
They miss 30 HOURS of math instruction	They miss 60 HOURS of math instruction
They miss 60 HOURS of reading and writing instruction	They miss 120 HOURS of reading and writing instruction
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.



Before the schools merged, Troupsburg used the Blue Devils mascot, and Jasper was the Bulldogs.

GUIDANCE NEWS



January has been a busy month thus far at the high school!

Students participating in Youth in Government wrapped up their programming with a simulated legislative session.

Our Eighth grade girls embarked on a field trip to the Radisson Hotel for an empowerment summit where they learned from other successful women on how to find their voice and set goals!

All Seventh and Eighth grade students completed the QPR Suicide Awareness training (Question, Persuade, Refer). This training, teaches students how to recognize the signs of a mental health challenge or crisis and how to refer them to help from a trusted adult.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN

30

Marking Period 2 Ends

FEB

6

9th Grade Career Presentation

6

Marking Period 2 Report Cards Sent Home

16-20

Mid-Winter Break
No School

27

Alfred State Healthcare Careers Exploration

MAR

5

ASVAB

REMINDERS

*Letters were mailed home regarding scheduling a Junior conference. Reach out to Mrs. Kropp if you are interested!

*Check Google Classroom & Chat for all guidance updates, including scholarship opportunities!

CAREER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Interested in a job shadow?
Want to hear from professionals in the industry?

Stop down to the guidance office
Alisa Wright, our CDC rep,
is here on Thursdays!

Local Food Pantry Listings

*Canisteo Community Food Pantry
1st, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays 3:30pm-5pm

*Greenwood-Rexville Food Pantry
3rd Thursday of the Month 3pm-6pm

*Jasper-Troupsburg Community Food Pantry
3rd Saturday of the month 9:30am-11am

*Woodhull Community Church Food Pantry
1st Wednesday of the month 10:30-11:30am

*Woodhull Mobile Food Pantry (walk-up)
2nd Friday of most months 10-11am

Need additional assistance? Call 211, this is a free and confidential service helping people find the local resources they need.

Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)

July 7-August 13, 2026



Eligible Students Paid \$10 an Hour to Attend!
Health Career Exploration Summer Camp for Rising
Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors in Western NY



Hands-on learning, exposure to health profession careers, and skill building

Become First Aid & CPR Certified, learn Stop the Bleed, Teen Mental Health First Aid, Simulation Education Training, Social Determinants of Health Course & much more

Opportunities to tour, shadow, and volunteer in the community (local healthcare facilities, non-profits, businesses, etc.)

Overnight opportunity at DYU campus, college experience and additional health profession exposure and experiences

Health career pathways and college enrollment education



Camp Location: WNY R-AHEC, Warsaw, NY & DYU, Buffalo, NY
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9am-3pm



STUDENTS APPLY TODAY!

Application Deadline: March 3

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCOP2026>

Use QR Code for More Info and to Apply!





QUESTION of the Week



“What’s one small thing that always makes your day better?”



“When it’s Taco Tuesday” - Josey
“Going to BOCES” - Piper



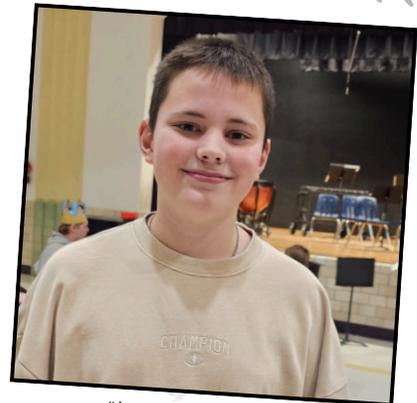
“Going to math” - Bentley
“Sports” - Tatum



“Seeing my friends” - Aubrey
“Seeing my favorite teachers” - Bristol
“Not having homework” - Izzy



“When a teacher takes the time to interact with you.” - Megan



“Lunch!” - Jase



“Broccoli at lunch (& SPORTS)!!” - Leah

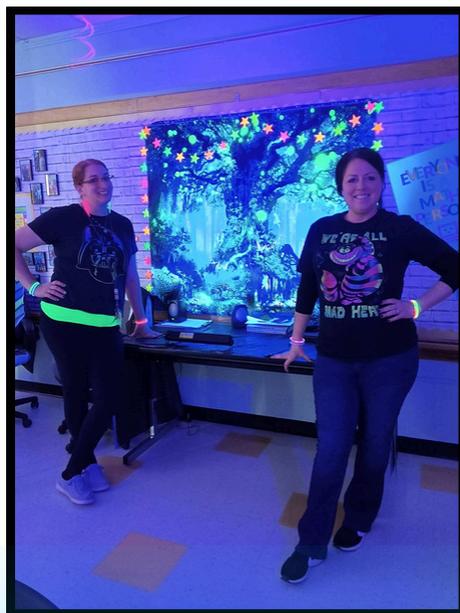


“Sports” - Hunter
“Playing sports” - Gage

INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS



Lights, Learning, Action! Math 7 Glow Room Math Battle



After completing their i-Ready diagnostic, Math 7 students had the opportunity to have class in a GLOW ROOM!

Students worked in teams to complete ratio problems - using unit rates & proportional reasoning! As the game progressed, points were doubled & tripled - the final tie breaker was decided by Rock-Paper-Scissors!

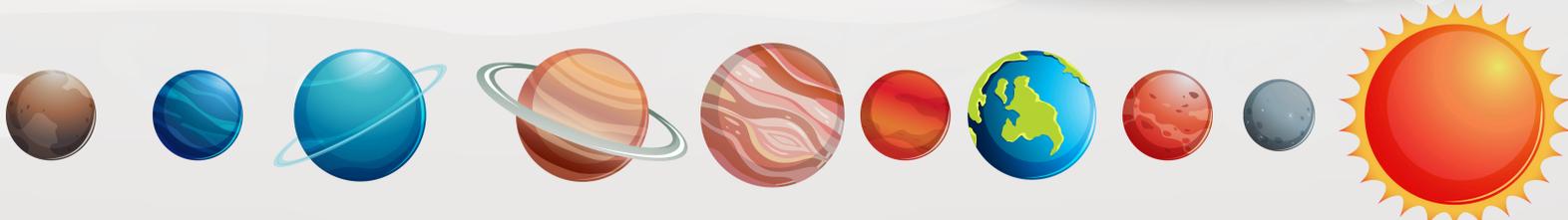
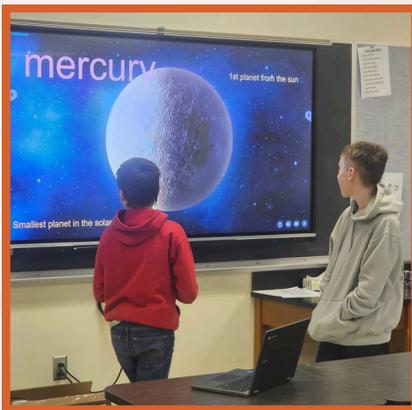
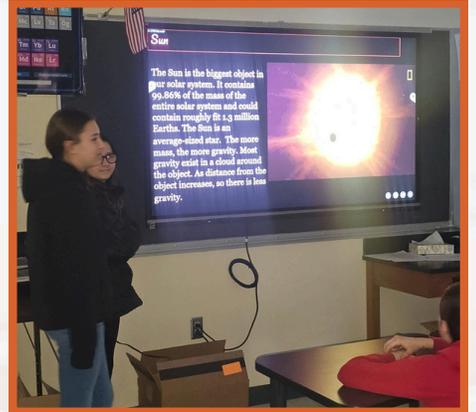
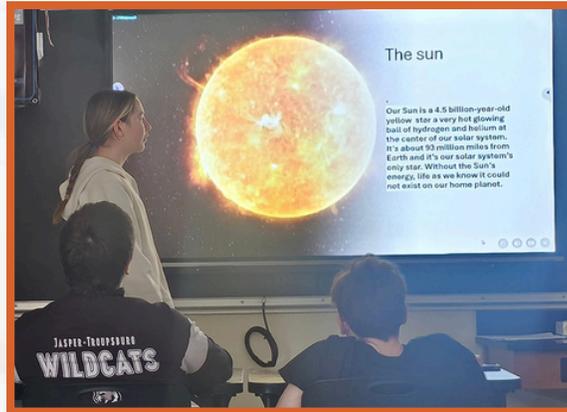
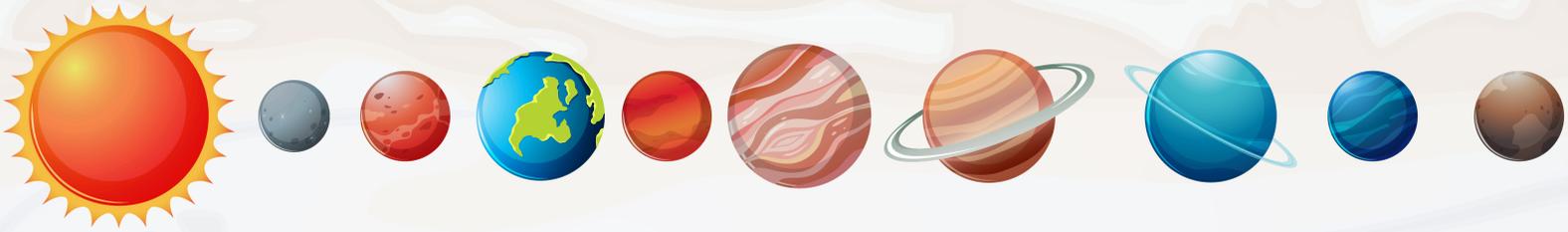
Sophomores Bring Romeo and Juliet to Life Through Dramatic Tableaux

The sophomore class reached the climax of Romeo and Juliet, a scene in which two young men are killed. All other events of the play unfold from this moment. The students chose portions of this scene and presented them as *tableaux*, a freeze frame of the action. The pictures show the students posed mid-action, holding their positions for twenty seconds. This class has embraced acting opportunities!



8th Grade Solar System Presentations

Mr. Whitesell's 8th grade classes recently completed presentations on the Solar System, showcasing their creativity and understanding in a variety of ways. Some students chose to use digital tools such as Google Slides or PowerPoint, while others created video recordings to share their research. A couple of students took a hands-on approach, using real objects to help compare the planets and illustrate their ideas.



Soil Science in Action!



Our **Environmental Science and 7th Grade Agriculture students** have been digging into the science of soil! Students began by learning what soil is made of, exploring soil horizons, and understanding how soil texture affects everything from water drainage and nutrient availability to crop growth and land use. They discussed how sandy soils drain quickly but hold fewer nutrients, while clay-heavy soils retain water but can become compacted—making soil texture a critical factor in farming, gardening, and environmental management.

Once these concepts were introduced, Ms. Bullock brought in two soil samples from her own property: one from a well-established vegetable garden and another from a newly tilled flower garden near the road. Students predicted how the samples might differ despite coming from the same piece of land. They concluded that the flower garden soil would likely contain more gravel and sand due to its proximity to the road and recent tilling. For the vegetable garden soil, they predicted less gravel, less sand, and more organic matter because the area has been tilled and cultivated for several years.

Students then put their ideas to the test in a hands-on soil lab. First, they conducted a “texture by feel” analysis, recording their observations about each soil sample. Next, they began a jar analysis using water and borax to separate the soil into layers. After waiting at least 24 hours, students will observe the definitive layers of sand, silt, and clay and determine soil texture based on the size of each layer. They will then compare these results to their original texture-by-feel findings.

Through this experience, students learned why understanding soil texture matters—from planning a home garden to managing large agricultural fields. This real-world, hands-on approach helped connect classroom concepts to practical applications and reinforced the importance of soil as a foundational natural resource.





Powering Up in 8th Grade Agriculture!

Our **8th Grade Agriculture students** have kicked off their electrical unit by learning the fundamentals of electricity, including the relationship between voltage, current, and resistance, as well as how simple circuits work in series and parallel configurations. These core concepts help students understand how electrical systems function in both everyday life and agricultural settings.

To bring the lesson to life, students worked together to create a “human circuit” using an energy stick. This hands-on activity got students up, moving, and learning by physically demonstrating how a complete circuit allows energy to flow. It was a fun and engaging way to reinforce key ideas while encouraging teamwork and problem-solving.

Next, students will put their knowledge to the test by building their own working circuits with real-world applications. While not every student will become an electrician, they will all likely be homeowners someday, and this practical knowledge can be invaluable when it comes to understanding basic wiring, troubleshooting a failing outlet, or making informed decisions about electrical safety and repairs.



Jasper-Troupsburg Students Participate in Steuben County Youth in Government Mock Session



Bath, NY — January 15, 2026 — Students from Jasper-Troupsburg Central School participating in the Steuben County Youth in Government Intern Program took part in a mock legislative session held in the Steuben County Legislative Chambers.

During the session, students formally presented and discussed mock legislation modeled after the Steuben County Legislature, gaining hands-on experience with legislative procedure and civic decision-making.

The following Jasper-Troupsburg students presented resolutions:

*Providing a Social Media Course for Government Departments, **presented by Joseph Carl***

*Establishing a County Youth Employment Program, **presented by Ethan Cook***

*Authorizing an Increase from 12/7 to 24/7 Ambulance Coverage, **presented by Alex Carl***

The session was led by Steuben County Legislature Chairwoman Kelly Fitzpatrick and attended by county legislators, family members, and community supporters.

The Youth in Government Intern Program, conducted by the Steuben County Youth Bureau and sponsored by the Steuben County Legislature and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, is designed to promote civic engagement and encourage youth involvement in local government.

FFA Members Attend Ignite Leadership Conference

Our FFA members recently attended the Ignite Leadership Conference at the Erie County Fairgrounds, an exciting opportunity focused on personal growth, leadership development, and inspiring others. This elite leadership track challenged ambitious FFA members to reflect on their own passions and how they can use that inner drive to light the way for themselves—and for those around them.

At the conference, students dove into their performance and growth as leaders, learning practical strategies to strengthen their leadership skills, build confidence, and positively influence others. Through interactive sessions and motivational activities, participants explored what it truly means to lead with purpose and passion.

We are proud of our FFA members for taking this step in their leadership journey and representing our chapter at this impactful event. We look forward to seeing how they bring what they learned back to our school and community!

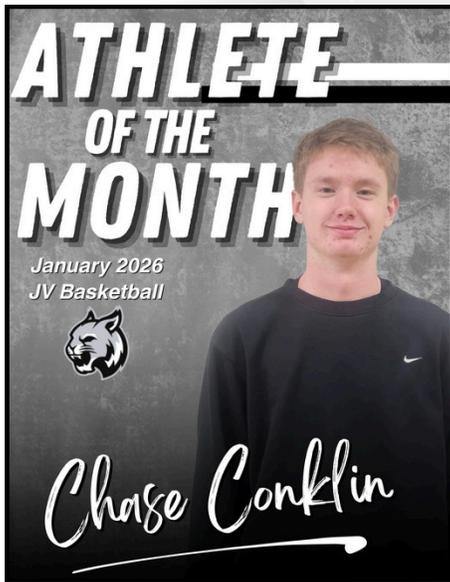


Pictured are:

Gabe Onyan, Avary Cornell,
Olivia O'Brien, Alicyn Rippel,
Isabel Onyan, Kendal Onyan
Abby Onyan, and Lilly Rider



Senior Recognition Nights:
Girls Basketball: January 27th @ 5:45pm
Indoor Track: January 27th @ 5:45pm

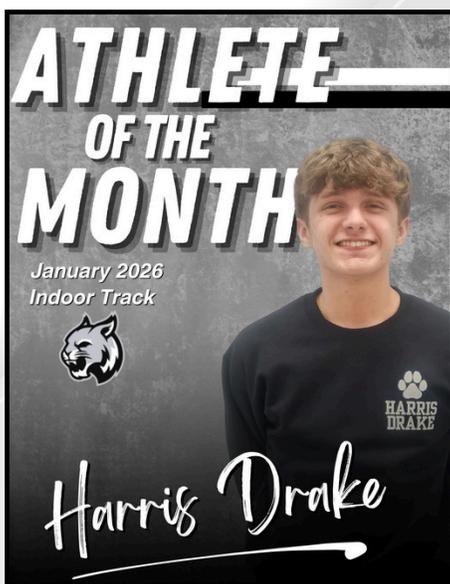


From Coach Adams- JV Boys Basketball

Athlete of the Month: Chase Conklin

Congratulations to Chase Conklin on his selection for Student Athlete of the Month. Chase has been a welcome addition to the Wildcat family this year. Chase is a true team leader and has become a student athlete that all young student athletes can aspire to be like. He is a "never give up and an all-in 100 percent effort player". Not only has Chase been a great teammate, but he has also led the boys JV basketball team in many statistical categories both on the offense and defensive end.

Congratulations Chase and good luck with the rest of the season.



From Coach Gunn- Indoor Track and Field:

Athlete of the Month: Harris Drake

Congratulations to Harris Drake on his selection for Student Athlete of the Month. Harris is a consistent athlete who always pushes himself at practice and in competition to better himself. He excels at school and involves himself in extracurriculars at JT. Not only is Harris a hard working athlete, but he is an excellent representative of JT. He is a role model and the kind of leader that makes an excellent Wildcat!

SENIOR NIGHT

Boys Varsity Basketball

On Tuesday, January 20th, we celebrated our Boys Varsity Basketball seniors and recognized their dedication, leadership, and heart they've brought to the program over the years. Thank you **James, Braylon, Brent, Xavier, Landon, and Jacoby** for representing our school with pride teamwork, and true Wildcat sportsmanship. Your impact will be felt long after the final buzzer.



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Meet our  
Guidance Counselors 



Mrs. Kropp
High School
Guidance Counselor



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR?

I have been a school counselor for 9 years, which have all been at JT! Prior to JT, I gained valuable experience working in a variety of roles, such as service coordination and casework. 

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

There are countless reasons I love what I do! No two days are ever the same, and the flexibility of my role keeps each day fresh and exciting. I'm grateful to have the opportunity to support students in so many areas of their lives and to witness their growth every year as they build confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of self. Whether it's seeing a student beam with excitement after being accepted to their top-choice college or guiding someone through a challenging moment; I genuinely believe I have the best job!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JT?

JT has the best students! I love how they are always looking out for one another. I'm also grateful to work alongside such supportive colleagues and administrators, which makes JT an amazing place to be!

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE HOBBIES?

In this season of life, you'll most often find me coaching or cheering on my daughters at their many sporting events - something I truly love. When I'm not on the sidelines, I enjoy hiking, shopping, and traveling.

WHAT IS ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

I don't have a specific bucket list item, but I hope to keep exploring new places and, one day, embrace the snowbird lifestyle in retirement. 

COMPLETE THE NYS DIGITAL RESOURCE SURVEY.



Parents, your input ensures every student has access to essential digital tools. Please take a moment to complete this important State requirement.



Please scan the QR code or type the link below!

<https://forms.gle/bsQBgPp1XP5FKh7a7>

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2025-2026 J-T YEARBOOK - ON SALE NOW

Yearbooks are now on sale at a low cost of \$35.00 through December 31, 2025. Cost will increase to \$45.00 per yearbook on January 1, 2026.

Reserve your copy today to guarantee a yearbook at the end of the school year, as only a limited number of books will be printed.

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Send in your payment (be sure to include the 8% sales tax) along with the order form to: YEARBOOK ADVISOR. All checks payable to: JT YEARBOOK.

Thank you for your continued support!

J-T Yearbook Staff



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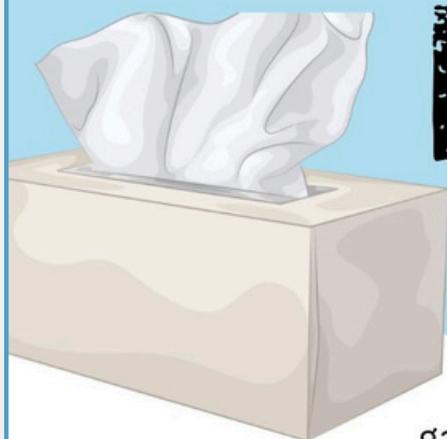


Drop-off Location:
Concession Stand at
the Greenwood HS
Location

**Bring your
donations to our
basketball home
games.**

Jan. 7 @6pm: GV
Jan. 8 @7:15pm BV
Jan. 10 @10:00am BM
 11:30am GM
 1:00pm BJV
 2:30pm BV
Jan. 14 @5:45pm BM
 7:15pm GM

Jan. 15 @ 5:45pm BJV
 7:15pm BV
Jan. 20 @5:45pm GV
 7:15pm BV
Jan. 22 @7:15pm GV
Jan. 27 @6:00pm GV
Jan. 30 @5:45pm BJV
Jan. 31 @10:00am GM



PREVENT COLDS & FLU

Because of the increased risk of flu, gastrointestinal and respiratory illness at this time of the year, we ask that you take precautions to prevent the spread of germs.

1

WASH

Wash your hands for at least 30 seconds (sing Happy Birthday twice) with soap and warm water.



2

COVER

Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with your elbow or tissue.



3

DON'T TOUCH

Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth! These are the areas where a virus can enter your body.



4

AVOID

Avoid close contact with those who are sick. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after.



January 2026

Health and Wellness



JASPER-TROUPSBURG MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

EAT HEALTHY & STAY ACTIVE ALL YEAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Make Online Payments at PayForIt.net/</p>		<p>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY! See menu for details</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>5 French Toast Sticks & Sausage Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>6 Meat Tacos w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>7 Sesame Chicken w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Green Beans</p>	<p>8 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Buffalo Ranch Melt Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Hot Tomato Soup Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices!</p>	<p>9 Crispy Chicken Tender Sub Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Fresh Baby Carrots</p>
<p>12 Homestyle Chicken Bowl w/Bread Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>13 Chicken Quesadilla w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>14 NY MENU DAY! Homemade Chili Made w/NY Ground Beef Cornbread Buffalo Ranch Wrap NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes Green Beans NY Apple Slices NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk</p>	<p>15 Cheese Ravioli & Sauce w/Bread Buffalo Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!</p>	<p>16 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>
<p>19 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>20 Meat or Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>21 Homemade NY Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Buffalo Wing Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Green Beans</p>	<p>22 Italian Meatball Sub Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Steamed Broccoli NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes Fresh Cucumber Slices!</p>	<p>23 Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Fresh Baby Carrots</p>
<p>26 CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>27 Chicken Soft Tacos w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>28 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Buffalo Ranch Wrap Green Beans</p>	<p>29 Chicken & Orange Sauce w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!</p>	<p>30 Cheeseburger on a Roll Mini Pancakes w/Sausage Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>

DAILY ENTREES

PBJ Sandwich
Chef Salad w/Bread Choice
NY Yogurt & Fruit Parfait w/Bread Choice
Assorted Wraps & Sandwiches
Assorted Pizza
Mon/Wed: Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich
Thurs: Cheeseburger on a Roll

DAILY SIDES

Tossed Salad
Fresh Vegetables
Assorted Fruit
M/W/F: 100% Fruit Juice
Chilled NY Milk

PRICING

Breakfast & Lunch: \$0.00
Milk/Ala Carte Sides: \$0.75
Snacks: \$0.75-\$1.50
NOTE: Every student receives 1 bfast & 1 lunch at no charge per school day. Each bfast & Lunch must be a **COMPLETE REIMBURSABLE MEAL**, or student will be charged ala for each item on their tray.

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday: Stuffed Bagel Bites
Tuesday: Breakfast on a Stick
Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza
Thursday: Mini Pancakes
Friday: Breakfast on a Stick
Daily Items: BFast Sandwich, Bagel, Cereal, Muffin Tops, Graham Crackers, BFast Bars, Smoothie, Asst. Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice & Chilled NY Milk

Contact the Food Service Office at (607) 792-3675 or go to the School District Website Food Service Page & click on the Contact Us button to fill in and submit your info. **If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please notify us.**

This institution is an equal opportunity employer & provider.

This menu is subject to change with out advance notice.



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