

# TYNOTES

A PUBLICATION OF THE TYRONE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



HOME OF THE GOLDEN EAGLES

## SPOTLIGHT ON TASD SCHOOL BOARD



In this issue of *TyNotes*, we recognize the individual members of the Tyrone Area School Board. Elected by the community, they are responsible for providing governance of the district. Board members oversee a multimillion-dollar budget that supports academic programs and essential services for more than 1,600 students, while their decisions impact the daily work of hundreds of teachers, administrators, and support staff dedicated to student learning and well-being.

We extend our sincere gratitude to these committed leaders who ensure local citizens have a voice in shaping the future of public education. It is with pride that we recognize the members of the Tyrone Area School Board for their service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to our schools and community.

Pictured above (seated, left to right): Brian Bressler; Cathy Harlow—Treasurer; Kris Laird; Heidi Howard; Leslie Estep—Superintendent. Standing: Rose Black—Board President; Gunter Volders; Jeffery Long; William Lash—Board Vice President. Inset photo: James Brokenshire.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We start the second half of the 2025-26 school year full of promise and much pride in what has been accomplished to date. While the winter can sometimes be a slower time of year, our schools are busy all year long. Our students continue to be active in academics, athletics, and extra curricular activities that take them beyond the classrooms. The promise of the upcoming spring brings about a new series of activities to look forward to. Thank you to the teachers, advisors, and coaches who take their time to supervise these activities for our students!



**Leslie Estep**  
Superintendent of Schools

As has become our custom, the winter issue of *TyNotes* features our current School Board of Directors. While January is officially School Director Recognition Month, we are grateful every day for the **volunteer** service to our school district that is offered by our board members. They are truly TASD’s unsung heroes! School boards are often asked to make very difficult decisions that can have far-reaching effects. I know that our board considers each of these decisions very seriously, knowing what is at stake. One school board member cannot do the job alone, and effective school board members contribute their unique talents while collaborating and working as a team with other board members, the administration, and the community.

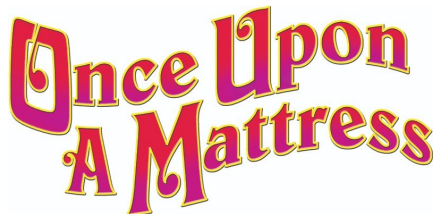
Please join me in thanking both past and present board members (as well as our student representatives) for their commitment to TASD!

I hope that you find the contents of this publication interesting and informative. If you have comments or questions regarding any of this material or suggestions for future articles, please contact the Superintendent’s Office at 814-684-0710, extension 4137 or email [sjwoomer@tyrone.k12.pa.us](mailto:sjwoomer@tyrone.k12.pa.us).

## DRAMA CLUB TO PRESENT SPRING MUSICAL

The Tyrone Drama Club is proud to present their newest endeavor, *Once Upon A Mattress*, a hilarious adaptation of the story of “The Princess and the Pea” with a whimsical cast featuring none other than Princess Winnifred the Woebegone. We’re in love with a girl named Fred, and we’re sure you’ll be too!

The cast is set, and Prince Dauntless the Drab is eager to find his princess, ANY princess! Auditions were held in November, and our troupe has been hard at work in practices every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday after school. We have several weeks to go, and



we’re lacing up our dancing shoes as we enter into choreography. It’s been a busy few months! Students in grades seven through twelve are performing in this year’s toe-tapping comedy that highlights themes of defying stereotypes and personal strength and authenticity.

The curtain rises in the TAHS Auditorium on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available for \$10 and can be purchased at the High School Main Office on weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., starting Monday, March 2.

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# SCHOOL BOARD SPOTLIGHT



**Rose Black, President—12 Years of Service:** A lifelong member of the Tyrone community, Rose Black brings decades of leadership, business experience, and heartfelt service to the Tyrone Area School Board. Having lived in the district for 65 years, her deep connection to Tyrone is clear.

Rose, a mother of three and grandmother of six, is a 1978 graduate of Tyrone Area High School and a graduate of the Altoona School of Commerce. She began her professional career at Gardners Candies as a clerk and plant manager. After marrying into the family, she and her husband purchased the business in 1984, and Rose went on to serve as Vice President and Treasurer, overseeing daily operations of both the manufacturing plant and retail stores. After her husband's passing, the business was sold, and she devoted herself to raising her family.

Since 2000, Rose has served as the Executive Director of the Tyrone Area Chamber of Commerce, a role that reflects her enduring commitment to economic growth and community engagement.

Rose's community involvement is extensive, including membership in the Rotary Club, Camp Anderson Corporation, Women's Club, and Kiwanis Club of Northern Blair County. She also serves on the Tyrone Youth Athletic Association, as well as Tyrone Events and Promotions and the Tyrone Improvement Group, helping organize local traditions such as Irish Heritage events, Christmas celebrations, parades, races, and community decorating efforts.

Through her professional leadership and volunteer service, Rose continues to make a lasting impact on Tyrone—strengthening the schools, supporting local families, and celebrating the community she proudly calls home.



**Brian Bressler—29.5 Years of Service:** Brian Bressler's connection to Tyrone spans a lifetime. A 1972 graduate of Tyrone Area High School, he has dedicated nearly three decades of service as a member of the Tyrone Area School Board.

Brian spent 47 years self-employed as the owner and operator of Bressler's Food Mart & Sports, building his career on hard work that began early while helping his father in the family plumbing business and working as a waiter during high school.

Deeply committed to community service, Brian serves on his Church Council, is President of Camp Anderson Corporation, President of the Grandview Cemetery Association, as well as a groundskeeper at the cemetery, and an active member of the Tyrone Kiwanis Club. He has also supported local youth as a Teener League baseball coach and Scoutmaster. For several years, he spent a full day in TAHS civics classes sharing with students the role of the school board and how its decisions help support a well-rounded educational experience.

In addition to his 29 years on the school board, Brian is Vice President of the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Board of Directors, holds Accredited School Director Leader designation through the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), and previously served as PSBA Region 5 Director.

Through decades of service, Brian has remained steadfast in his commitment to students, families, and the Tyrone community. His lifelong connection to the district and tireless dedication continue to make a lasting impact on local education, and he considers student success the most rewarding measure of that work.



**James "Jimmy" Brokenshire—2 Years of Service:** A 30-year resident of the district, Jimmy Brokenshire is deeply invested in the community he and his family call home. He is married and the father of two children.

Jimmy is a 2004 graduate of TAHS and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Finance Management and has earned certifications in areas including project and performance management, electrical systems, and fire and emergency services. He also served two years in the Army National Guard.

Professionally, Jimmy has worked in management roles across several industries, including construction and power plant operations. In addition, he owns and operates several small businesses, including horse transportation and training, and is involved in land development, rental properties, and a local restaurant.

Jimmy is an active member of the Warriors Mark Franklin Volunteer Fire Company, where he supports local public safety efforts. He believes in working hard, serving others, and continuing to learn along the way, and is committed to giving back to the community and contributing in a practical, steady way to the Tyrone Area School District.



**Cathy Harlow, Treasurer—2 Years of Service:** Cathy Harlow brings a wealth of financial expertise, educational leadership, and community service to the Tyrone Area School Board. A 17-year resident of the district, Cathy is deeply connected to the community she serves. She is married, with two children and three grandchildren.

Cathy holds a Master's Degree in Education Leadership and is a Certified Public Accountant, combining strong fiscal knowledge with extensive experience in public education. Her professional career includes 10 years auditing governmental entities, followed by 22 years as a School Business Administrator—19 of those at TASD—followed by six years as Tyrone's Superintendent of Schools. This unique background provides valuable insight into both the operational and instructional sides of school district leadership.

*(Board Spotlight—Cathy Harlow continued from page 3)*

Her commitment to service extends beyond the school board. Cathy is actively involved with Tyrone Kiwanis and serves as a board member for Independent Dwellings of Altoona and the Central Pennsylvania Digital Learning Foundation. She is also a member of the Tyrone Women's Club.

Through decades of professional leadership and volunteer involvement, Cathy continues to support strong governance, responsible stewardship, and educational excellence for the students and families of Tyrone Area School District.



**Heidi Howard—2 Years of Service:** Heidi Howard brings a lifetime of dedication to students, families, and public education to the Tyrone Area School Board. A 33-year resident of Warriors Mark, Heidi's personal and professional roots in the community run deep.

Heidi lives with her husband, Jeff, and their white Labrador Retriever, Iceburgh, affectionately named after the Pittsburgh Penguins mascot. She is also the mother of Justin, a proud graduate of both Tyrone Area High School and Penn State University.

A 1978 graduate of Westmont Hilltop High School in Johnstown, Heidi earned her Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders from The Pennsylvania State University and a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology.

Heidi devoted 38 years to Tyrone Area School District as a Speech-Language Pathologist, retiring in 2023. During her distinguished career, she was honored with the POPS Outstanding Employee Award, recognizing her exceptional service to students and colleagues.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Heidi is active in the community. She attends Spring Mount Church of the Brethren, is a member of the Women's Club of Tyrone, and previously served six years on the Camp Blue Diamond Board.

With decades of hands-on experience in education and a strong connection to the Tyrone community, Heidi Howard remains an advocate for student success and lifelong learning.



**Kris Laird—4 Years of Service:** A lifelong member of the Tyrone community, Kris Laird brings a multigenerational connection to the Tyrone Area School District. A 50-year resident who now lives in Warriors Mark, his family's legacy includes multiple TAHS graduates—his parents, Roselyn ('60) and Luther ('56), and brothers Brian ('83) and twins Eric and Todd ('86). His maternal grandfather, Hugh Markle, served as a consulting civil engineer on the design and construction of the current high school, while his father later served on the Tyrone Area School Board after retiring from Westvaco.

Kris is a TAHS Class of 1993 graduate who earned a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Penn State University and a Master of Music in Music Education from Duquesne University. He and his wife, Tabitha, are raising four children—Bella Laird (senior), Emily Houghton (junior), Evan Laird (sophomore), and Alivia Houghton (sophomore)—all currently attending TAHS.

Professionally, Kris began his career in education, serving as a music teacher and band director at Tyrone Area School District from 1998–2005, followed by teaching and directing junior high bands at Hollidaysburg Area School District. In 2016, he entered the private sector, joining the Seattle-based software start-up Outreach, where he quickly advanced from a sales development representative to sales manager, leading the highest revenue-generating sales development team in the company during a period of rapid growth from 100 to nearly 1,000 employees. After leaving Outreach in 2019, Kris went on to hold several director-level positions leading sales development teams for software companies based in Seattle, Chicago, and Virginia Beach.

In 2024, Kris returned to Tyrone to join InspectionGo, first as Director of Sales Enablement and Training, where he led the hiring and training of the HomeBinder sales team, and in 2025 stepping into the role of Vice President of People, overseeing the Human Resources and People Development initiatives.

Beyond his work on the school board, Kris serves as Vice President of the Altoona Symphony Board of Directors and is a musician and founding member of the Altoona Brass Collective, a semi-professional brass ensemble based in Blair County.

Blending experience in education, business leadership, and the arts, Kris brings a thoughtful, community-centered perspective to the Tyrone Area School Board—one shaped by both tradition and forward-looking leadership.



**William "Bill" Lash, Vice President—8 Years of Service:** Bill Lash brings a distinguished record of military service, professional leadership, and long-standing commitment to education to the Tyrone Area School Board. After moving to Tyrone in the mid-1990s, the Lash family made Warriors Mark their home in 2011.

Bill and his wife, Melissa, have raised three sons in the district: Will (TAHS '16), Zack (TAHS '22), and Christopher, a freshman at TAHS. As both a parent and school board member, Bill has had the opportunity to see firsthand the many academic and extracurricular opportunities available to students and believes those opportunities played a key role in shaping the growth and success of his children.

A proud 25-year Veteran of the United States Army, Bill served from 1986 to 2011, achieving the rank of Major and completing seven military deployments across numerous countries. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, a Master of Science in Engineering Management, and a Master of Business Administration.

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Bill's work in the civilian sector took him to Penn State as a Facilities Manager, overseeing operations for 25 buildings.

In addition to serving on the school board, Bill has supported local youth baseball and football programs as an assistant coach, helping to foster teamwork, discipline, and leadership in young athletes.

Having lived and worked in many places across the United States and abroad, Bill and his family are confident they made the right decision to call Tyrone home—a community they are proud to support and serve.



**Jeffery "Jeff" Long—6 Years of Service:** Jeff Long has lived in the Tyrone Area School District his entire life and has always called Sinking Valley home. A member of the TAHS Class of 1976, he takes great pride in serving the community where he was raised. He and his wife, Vikki, are parents of two daughters, Emily and Amy, both graduates of Tyrone Area High School.

In 1980, Jeff founded Jeff S. Long Construction, beginning with the construction of residential homes. After nearly 20 years in the business, he expanded into the development of personal care and independent living communities. Over the years, he has built seven Graystone Court independent living apartment complexes, six Graystone Court Villa high-rise complexes, and three Graystone Manor personal care homes across seven counties. He also transformed the former Bon Secours Hospital in Altoona into the Graystone Grande Palazzo and recently completed Phase II of that project, Casa Bella. Additional developments include the Graystone Cottage Community near Spruce Creek, and he is currently working on Graystone Philipsburg.

Jeff remains actively involved in the community, serving on the Tyrone Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Blair Alliance for Business & Economic Growth Board of Directors, the TAHS Career and Technical Education Advisory Board, and the Joint Operating Committee of the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center. He also supports several charitable and nonprofit organizations throughout the region.

Growing up on a farm in Sinking Valley instilled in Jeff a strong work ethic and a desire to give back. He considers it an honor to support local students and families by helping guide the district's continued growth and success.



**Gunter Volders—4 Years of Service:** A resident of Tyrone for over 30 years, Gunter Volders brings a strong commitment to local education and community service to his role on the TASD School Board. Originally from Belgium, Gunter first came to Tyrone in 1990 as a Rotary Exchange Student. He and his wife, MaryAnn (Swenson), are both 1991 graduates of Tyrone Area High School. Their daughter, Elise, is a TAHS senior—giving Gunter a personal, firsthand connection to the district's schools and students.

Gunter earned a Bachelor of Science in International Business Management from Juniata College and serves as the Senior Director of Brand Experience Strategy for Penn State World Campus. His professional background spans a wide range of marketing and management roles across nonprofit organizations, start-ups, and Fortune 500 companies.

In addition to his responsibilities on the school board, Gunter serves on the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center's Joint Operating Committee and is an executive committee member for the Penn State Military Appreciation Committee.

Gunter considers it both an honor and a privilege to serve on the school board. He places great value on the dedication and commitment of the district's faculty, staff, and administration, and these qualities strongly guide his decision-making as a board member.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1

Online registration for children who will attend kindergarten during the 2026-2027 school year will open on April 1. To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be five years old before September 1, 2026. Parents should register online at [www.tyrone.k12.pa.us/registration](http://www.tyrone.k12.pa.us/registration). Additional information about an in-person kindergarten screening in April will be shared at a later date.

To prepare for online registration, families should have a copy of their child's birth certificate and proof of residency available. Acceptable proof of residency include a driver's license, rental agreement, deed, or a current utility bill.

The Tyrone Area Elementary School looks forward to welcoming the Class of 2039. Families will receive information over the summer about a Meet the Teacher event planned for late August. If you have questions about the kindergarten program, please call Elementary Principal Kristin Musselman at 684-1342, extension 2703.



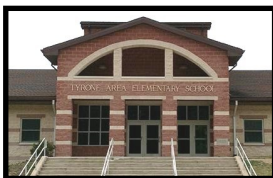
**Kindergarten student Emerson Estep explores creativity and problem-solving while building with Plus-Plus blocks.**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

As Tyrone Elementary School reaches the midpoint of the school year, it is an important time for reflection, growth and renewed focus. During the winter months, our staff carefully evaluates student progress to ensure every child receives the support needed to thrive.

Following winter break, students in PreK through fourth grade completed mid-year assessments in reading and mathematics. These assessments provide valuable insight into individual and grade-level progress. Once the data is collected, teachers and administrators analyze results, identify trends and determine next steps, organizing small groups and targeted interventions to meet specific student needs. Although this process requires thoughtful planning and time, it is a critical step in helping each learner continue to grow academically.

Beyond academics, the middle of the year also provides an opportunity to revisit and celebrate our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Safety, Ownership, Achievement, and Respect (SOAR) expectations. In



## TAES

January, students enjoyed shopping at the SOAR Store as a reward for demonstrating positive behaviors. We are also grateful for the support of our PTO, which recently partnered with our PBIS program to sponsor an engaging presentation for all students by Centre Wildlife Care—

Wildlife Rescue. Students had the opportunity to learn about native wildlife, animal rehabilitation and the importance of caring for our environment. These experiences enrich our curriculum and create memorable learning moments beyond the classroom walls.

As winter begins to loosen its grip and we look forward to warmer days ahead, we are excited about all that spring will bring. Field trips, PBIS events and assemblies and other special activities are on the horizon. Just as the seasons change, our students continue to grow, learn and build confidence as they move into the second half of the school year. We are proud of their progress and look forward to the continued success that lies ahead.

At the middle school, January marked the midpoint in the school year. During this time, students took mid-year benchmarks to ensure they were making progress toward yearly goals. Through our Safety, Ownership, Achievement, and Respect (SOAR) program, we hosted Winter Jam, where students chose from a list of fun activities one afternoon. Then, we had a popcorn day, where students could get freshly made popcorn in the cafeteria in exchange for a SOAR ticket.

Students in each grade were very busy as well. Students in fifth grade celebrated the middle of the

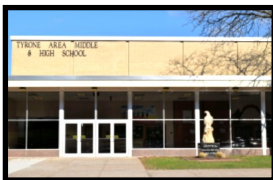


## TAMS

school year with a glow party and later dressed like centenarians on the hundredth day of school in February. Sixth and seventh-grade students explored scientific concepts through hands-on activities. Sixth graders studied heat transfer by roasting marshmallows in Mrs. Getz's class while seventh graders created electric circuits with Mr. Whiting. Eighth-grade students with Mrs. Myers explored healthy lifestyles by making "how-to" posters for healthy living. Through these activities, the students have a balance between traditional academic learning and hands-on experiences.

As we navigate another six weeks of winter according to Punxsutawney Phil, students at TAHS have been busy both academically and in extracurricular activities.

Students at Tyrone have been actively engaged in a wide range of winter activities, including bocce, basketball, wrestling, indoor track, and weightlifting, along with many other programs. The winter sports regular season concluded during the second week of February, followed by district playoffs. Students have also competed in District Band, Chorus, and Quiz League events. Our Career and Technical Education students are in high gear as they work toward recognition through SkillsUSA competitions, while Agriculture Education students have represented the school in several areas, including the Farm Show in Harrisburg. Most recently, Tyrone Area High School successfully hosted County Band and County



## TAHS

Chorus events. Youth Action Network (YAN) students will participate in "Read Across America Week" by going to the elementary school to read to the elementary students.

On the academic front, students and teachers continue their progress toward Keystone testing in May by analyzing data to support student growth in English Language Arts, math, and biology. Students remain engaged in their yearlong courses, and many have recently begun their second-semester electives. Seniors are looking ahead to the end of the school year as they finalize career and college plans, pursue scholarship opportunities, and prepare for graduation. Underclassmen will begin scheduling for the upcoming school year in mid-March, with the process continuing through the end of April.

### MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Matthew Golden—Jr. High Head Baseball Coach  
 Scott Gummo—Jr. High Assistant Baseball Coach  
 Jason Jones—Varsity Head Football Coach

Lewis Painter—Assistant Boys Tennis Coach  
 Jarrod Prugar—Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach  
 Rachel Stricek—Varsity Head Boys and Girls Tennis Coach

## STUDENTS BRING INSIGHT TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

By Jackson Murphy, TAHS Junior/Tyrone Eagle Eye News and Photo by Cadence Ball, TAHS Senior/Tyrone Eagle Eye News

Senior Brayden Parsons and Junior Brielle Parker are the 2025-2026 student representatives to the Tyrone Area School Board. In this role, they attend monthly school board meetings and act as a bridge between the student body and the school board.

The student school board representative position was established to provide the board with insight into the experiences of students at the high school, including academics, athletics, school events, policies, and other areas. “It is important to have the student’s voice represented in the board’s decision making process,” TASD Board Member Gunter Volders said. “Our district is here to ensure students receive the education they deserve. Who better to hear from than our students to check if we are meeting those expectations.”

Although Parsons and Parker do not have voting power, their input helps board members to better understand the student perspective. Both student board reps are highly involved students who excel in academics and are student leaders in athletics and other extracurricular activities. “I was chosen at the start of last year by former principal Mr. Packer because I’m involved in numerous extracurriculars and can give an accurate update on what’s happening each month,” said Parsons. Parsons is involved in football, basketball, baseball, Youth Action Network (YAN), Eagle Eye, and National Honor Society (NHS). His involvement in a variety of activities allows him to represent a wide range of student experiences. “I don’t really get a say in the final

decisions, but I do get to share what’s happening at school and make sure the student side of things is at least heard,” Parsons said.

Junior Brielle Parker is serving in her first year as a student representative. In addition to her role as a representative, she is actively involved in basketball, Student Council, YAN, and NHS. “I was asked to be a representative because of my academic achievements and leadership qualities,” Parker said, adding, “I hope to be someone that my fellow classmates can rely on to share their accomplishments and experiences as students at Tyrone.”

Board member Brian Bressler has served on the school board for 29 years, making him the longest-serving member of the board. “I am glad that the student representative program was instituted in our board meetings. They play an important role on the board, keeping us informed on the good things the students are doing not only in the school, but also in their community,” Bressler said.

While it may not seem like a big deal, student representatives give a unique perspective to the other board members before they make final decisions. “Listening to Brielle and Brayden helps me know that the decisions I am making are in what I hope are the best interests of the student body and school as a whole,” Bressler said. “I would like to hear more about the students’ perspectives on the overall school climate and their educational experience here at Tyrone. I would also like to hear their opinions on matters that affect them. They are the voice of the students they represent.”



**2025-2026 Student Board Representatives**  
Braydon Parsons—Senior Class Representative  
Brielle Parker—Junior Class Representative

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The Tyrone Area School District is now accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Class of 2026—and we invite you to help us celebrate excellence!

For generations, Tyrone Area High School has graduated individuals who have gone on to make a meaningful difference in their professions, communities, and beyond. Established in 2002, the Distinguished Alumni Award honors those outstanding graduates whose achievements reflect the pride and tradition of TAHS.

Nomination materials for the Distinguished Alumni Class of 2026 must be submitted to the Tyrone Area School District Superintendent’s Office, 701 Clay Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686 ([sjwoomer@tyrone.k12.pa.us](mailto:sjwoomer@tyrone.k12.pa.us)) by **May 31, 2026**. Information is also available on the district website at [www.tyrone.k12.pa.us/alumni](http://www.tyrone.k12.pa.us/alumni).

A complete nomination packet must include:

- A completed nomination form.
- The candidate’s resume or vita.
- Three or more letters of support outlining the accomplishments and service to community, state, and/or nation.

A panel of judges (one graduate from each decade since 1950) will review each nomination. Selected honorees will be celebrated during Alumni Awards Weekend in the Fall of 2026. Nominations will remain active for two selection periods.



# TASD 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

July 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

3 Independence Day Observed  
 4 Independence Day

August 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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30	31					

S=4 T=7  
 20 In-Service Day; no classes  
 21 In-Service Day; no classes  
 24 In-Service Day; no classes  
 26 Gr. 1-12 First Day of School  
 26-27 PreK & K Staggered Start

September 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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27	28	29	30			

S=20 T=21  
 7 Labor Day; no classes  
 25 In-Service Day; no classes

October 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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S=22 T=22  
 29 End of Marking Period 1

November 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24*	25	26	27	28
29	30					

S=15 T=17  
 3 In-Service Day; no classes  
 11 Veterans Day; no classes  
 24 Early Dismissal – Students  
 25 In-Service Exchange Day; no classes  
 26-30 Thanksgiving Vacation

December 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23*	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

S=17 T=17  
 7-18 Winter Wave 1 Keystone Exams  
 23 Early Dismissal – Students  
 23 In-Service Exchange (PM)  
 24-31 Christmas Vacation

January 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

S=19 T=19  
 1 New Year's Vacation  
 4-15 Winter Wave 2 Keystone Exams  
 18 Martin Luther King Day; no classes  
 20 End of Marking Period 2 TAMS/HS

February 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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S=17 (PreK-Gr. 4) T=19  
 S=18 (Gr. 5-12)  
 12 In-Service Day; no classes  
 12 If needed, weather make-up day  
 15 Mid-Winter Vacation  
 22 In-Service Day (Elementary only); no classes – PreK-Gr. 4  
 23 End of Marking Period 2 TAES

March 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

S=20 T=21  
 25 In-Service Day; no classes  
 26-29 Easter Vacation  
 30 End of Marking Period 3 TAMS/HS

April 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

S=21 T=21  
 16 Vacation Day; no classes  
 26-30 PSSA English Language Arts Test

May 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

S=19 T=20  
 3-14 PSSA Math, Science & Make-up Tests  
 17-28 Spring Keystone Exams  
 18 In-Service Day; no classes  
 18 If needed, weather make-up day  
 31 Memorial Day; no classes

June 2027						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3*	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

S=3 T=3  
 3 Last Day of School  
 3 1/2 Day Early Dismissal – Students  
 3 Commencement

Note: If needed, additional weather and/or in-service make-up days will be added after June 3.

Yellow=First & Last Days of School    Green=In-Service Day    Blue=In-Service Day – PreK-Gr. 4    Orange=Vacation/Holiday    \* Early Dismissal