



JASPER-TROUPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL  
HOME OF THE WILDCATS



# BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 27, 2026

Reminders

Hello  
Spring

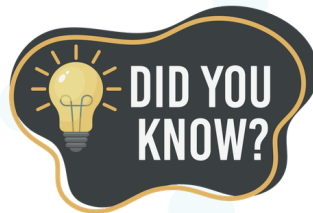
**April 1: Board of Education Meeting**

**April 3–10: Spring Break**

**April 5: Easter**

**April 21: ELA State Testing (Grades 3–8)**

**April 30: Drama Club Production**



Nearly 65% of the teachers, aides, bus drivers, custodial staff, and administrators at JT Central School -including Jasper and Troupsburg - are alumni of the district themselves! It's a powerful reminder of how strong the community connection is: so many graduates loved their experience here that they chose to come back and help shape the next generation of students.



from the

# HEALTH OFFICE



**Reminder** – Parents and guardians should call or email the school nurse, Mrs. Barb Leach, at [bleach@jtcsd.org](mailto:bleach@jtcsd.org) when their child is absent.

## Attendance Matters!

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

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

# JASPER-TROUPSBURG PROM

## A NIGHT AT GATSBY'S

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM      SATURDAY, MAY 2ND 2026

**LOCATION:**  
BARN AT HILLS SPRINGS FARM  
535 COUNTY ROUTE 85  
ADDISON, NY 14801

**\$20 PER TICKET**

PAPERWORK FOR OUT OF DISTRICT GUESTS MUST BE TURNED INTO MRS. DAVIS BY APRIL 29TH

## Prom Tickets Now Available

Get your prom tickets today! Don't miss out on an unforgettable night.

Bringing a guest from another district? Be sure to have all required paperwork completed and submitted to Mrs. Davis by April 29th.

Planned by:

CLASS OF  
**2027**

# INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS

## ***SURVIVING WITH STATISTICS!***

On Thursday, March 19th, **Mrs. Seeley's 7th grade students** solved probability questions to escape the zombies!



What is the probability that Math 7 students can find the antidote to the zombie apocalypse in time to save mankind??

"Somewhat likely"

# Science Exploration Day at the University at Buffalo

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, our chemistry students woke up early and braved the frigid temperatures to travel to the University at Buffalo for Science Exploration Day. This event is designed to introduce students to different branches and careers in the sciences.

Throughout the day, students attended sessions tailored to their interests, all led by experts in their respective fields. Topics ranged from home care nursing and nanomedicine to space debris, giving students a wide view of the possibilities within science. They also had the opportunity to connect with and learn alongside nearly 600 other students in attendance.

This trip was a fantastic opportunity to see “science at work” and engage directly with professionals in fields our students are passionate about. Experiences like these help bring classroom learning to life and inspire the next generation of scientists, researchers, and innovators.



# Student Writing in the Spotlight



I. Gomez, S. Eygabroat,  
L. Dewert, L. Rippel

The REV Theatre tour visited on Thursday, March 26th to perform for our 7th and 8th grade students. The ECHOES performance features writings from students across the state including *Cleats of Comfort* by our very own **Izzy Gomez**. Additional student honors included **Lacey Rippel**, who received Excellence in Writing for her piece, *The Beauty of Nature*; **Sadie Eygabroat**, who earned Honorable Mention for *True Love*; and **Lillian Dewert**, who also received Honorable Mention for *The Beauty of Japan*. Lacey Rippel received honorable mentions for other submissions as well.

Congratulations to these talented students for their creativity and strong writing skills!

# ACADEMIC ALL-STARS

## WHAT A NIGHT FOR THE ACADEMIC ALL-STARS!

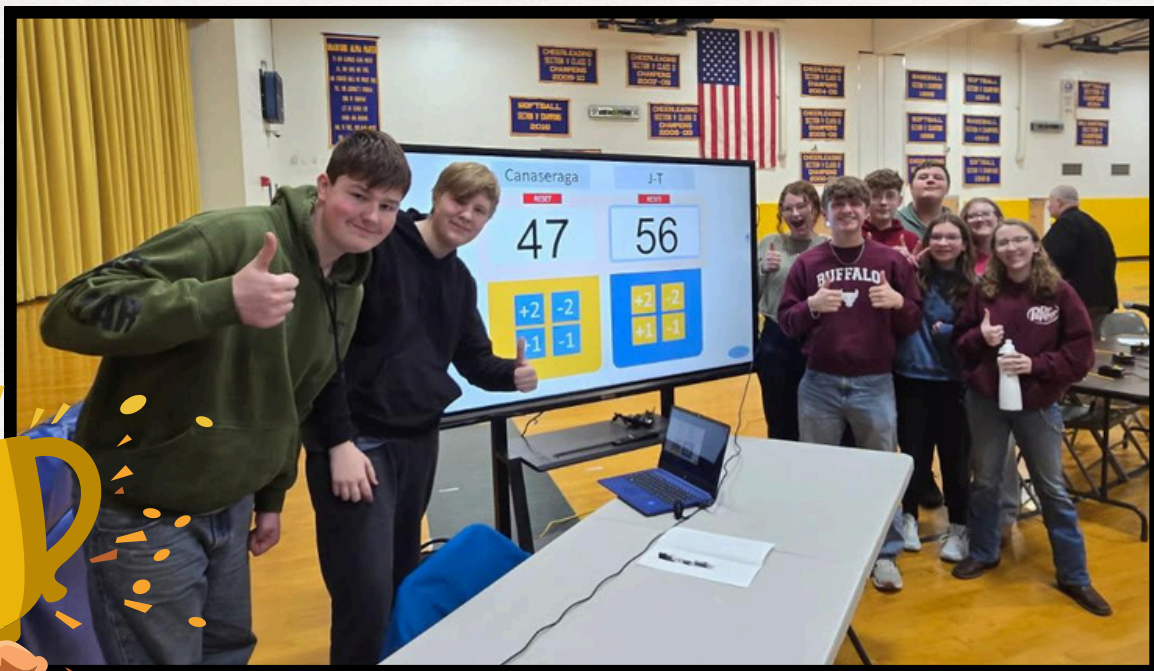
The team went head-to-head with Canaseraga for the division title in a thrilling matchup. Canaseraga came out strong with an early lead after the first round, but the B team battled back and kept the pressure on every step of the way.

When it mattered most, J-T pulled ahead and sealed a HUGE 65-47 victory!

This marks the FIRST division title for J-T in decades - a truly historic win!

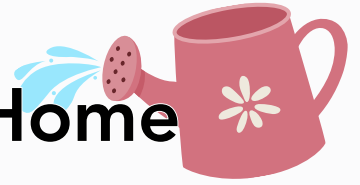
Let's hear it for all of our Stars on an incredible performance and a well-earned championship!

Next stop: the Grand Championships, where they'll take on Alfred-Almond.  
Let's go, J-T!!!





# Growing Readers at Home



Just like plants, reading habits grow best with a little time and support.

A quiet space, a few minutes each day, and encouragement can go a long way in helping your child succeed. It doesn't have to be a novel - magazines, audiobooks, or even reading together all count!

Not sure what the best fit is for your child? Our library is here to help match every student with the right fit!



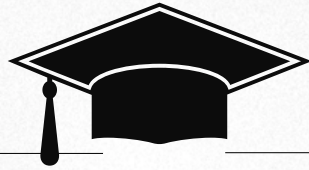
# BUMPAPALOOZA

## VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



The 2nd Annual Bumpapalooza took place on March 13th right after school and was a huge hit, with 24 teams participating. The event was filled with creative costumes, plenty of laughs, and some friendly competition. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, the tournament could not be completed that day. Play resumed on March 20th, when our winners were finally crowned. While it wasn't the ending we had hoped for, the spirit and excitement of the event made it memorable - and we're already looking forward to next year!





CLASS OF  
**2026**

As we approach the end of the school year, please see the list of important upcoming dates for the Class of 2026 below. If any changes occur, we will be sure to notify you.

**April 17: Rafting Trip**

**May 2: Junior / Senior Prom**

**May 22: Senior Sunset**

**May 27: Senior Walk & Pen Pal Meeting**

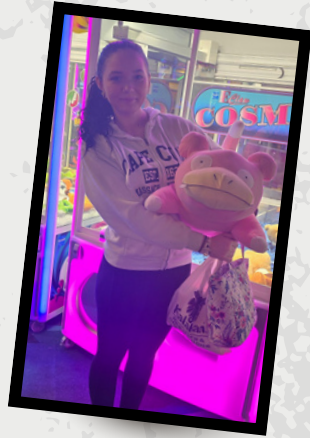
**June 5: Yearbook Ceremony & Fun Day Trip (TBD)**

**June 14: Baccalaureate (place TBD)**

**June 16: Last Day of School**

**June 26: Graduation**





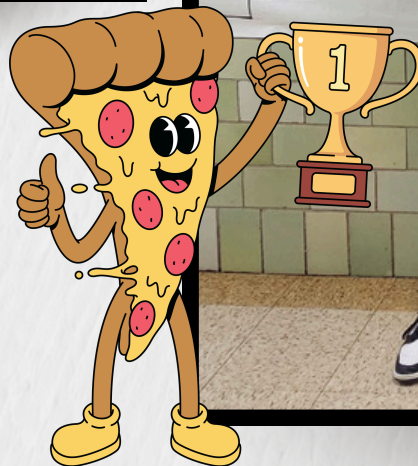
CLASS OF  
**2026**

Senior  
Trip



The seniors took a two day trip to Kalahari Resorts. They spent the two days water sliding, playing games at the arcade and shopping. After the park closed, they spent time doing a pool competition in the suite! The trip was full of many firsts for some of our students, one of our students had her first milkshake and loved it! Many of the seniors left the arcade winning numerous prizes and accumulating thousands of tickets! When the seniors were asked what their favorite part of the trip was they said: "We loved spending time together and going on the water slides!"





Our annual March Madness Rock, Paper, Scissors Challenge brought together 100 enthusiastic competitors, all vying for the top spot - but in the end, it was a true Nolan vs. Nolan finale. Senior Nolan VanGorden faced off against Junior Nolan Vallieres in a championship round that kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

After a spirited showdown, **Nolan VanGorden** emerged victorious, earning the title of champion along with the ultimate reward: a large pizza, generously provided by Mrs. Terry. A big congratulations to both finalists for an exciting finish, and a thank-you to all who joined in the fun!

**ROCK  
PAPER  
SCISSORS**

# MUSIC

DEPARTMENT

## Jr. High Students Selected for All-County

*Kendall Onyan and Lacey Rippel* proudly represented Jasper-Troupsburg at the Jr. High All-County Band Festival on March 21st.

Their hard work and dedication paid off, and they did a fantastic job showcasing their talent.



### J-T MARCHING BAND APPAREL FUNDRAISER

Please support our students as they sell apparel to raise money for band trips!

Choose from tee shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, sweatpants, and hats!

Add your name to the back for \$5!

Choose either black apparel with white lettering or grey apparel with black lettering

## Marching Band Fundraiser

The Marching Band will be selling merch from **March 16th to April 1st**. If interested, see a band student or email Ms. Bower at [rbower@jtcsd.org](mailto:rbower@jtcsd.org).



# MUSIC

DEPARTMENT

🎵🌸 The Spring Concert has been 🌸🎵  
rescheduled to April 23rd at 6:30 PM.



Students who are not currently in band but would like to participate in Marching Band can either stop by to see Miss Bower or email her at [rbower@jtcsd.org](mailto:rbower@jtcsd.org).



Students who want to join Color Guard can sign up outside Miss Bower's office or email her at [rbower@jtcsd.org](mailto:rbower@jtcsd.org). The deadline to sign up is April 2nd.



Calling all alumni who would like to participate in the 4th of July weekend parades in Jasper and Troupsburg! Please feel free to email Miss Bower at [rbower@jtcsd.org](mailto:rbower@jtcsd.org) for information about the music, instrument borrowing, or any other questions you may have.



## JT FFA Members Showcase Leadership Skills at Regionals

**Districts LDE** ✓

**Substate LDE** ✓

It was a great day for the JT FFA! Eight members traveled to Alfred State to compete in the Western Region Leadership Development Events. These students have put in countless hours preparing for Jr. Creed Speaking, Conduct of Chapter Meetings, and Sr. Prepared Public Speaking events. They should all be very proud of their hard work and determination!

Our Conduct of Chapter Meetings team took first place and will move on to compete at the NY FFA State Convention! Congratulations to Alicyn Rippel, Isabel Onyan, Lacey Rippel, Lilly Rider, Erica Irvine, Jessalyn Carl, and Lillian Patterson!

Congratulations to Olivia O'Brien on an outstanding performance in prepared public speaking!

Congratulations to Lacey Rippel for her efforts in the Jr. Creed Speaking event.

# FFA News

The J-T Agriculture and FFA members traveled to Penn Yan to compete in the **Finger Lakes CDE Invitational!**

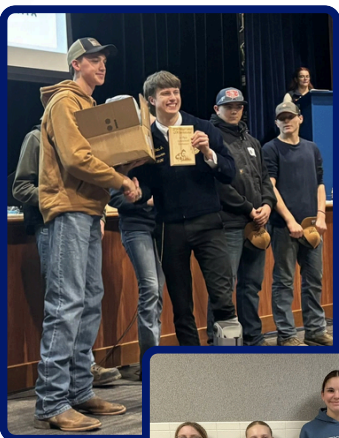
They showcased their skills across a variety of Career Development Events, including agricultural mechanics, floriculture, maple production, and tool identification. We're incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and the way they represented our program.

Congratulations to all of our members on your efforts and accomplishments - keep up the great work!

**Ag-Mech:**  
**Brent Ross 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Justice Bevis 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Tool ID:**  
**Gage Adam 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Avary Cornell 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Jessalyn Carl 5<sup>th</sup>**

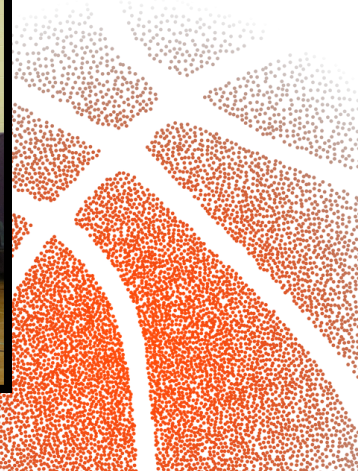
**Floriculture**  
**Alicyn Rippel 11<sup>th</sup>**





## Excellence On and Off the Court

Congratulations to our Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys Basketball teams for earning the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Team Award for the 2026 Winter Sports Season, for achieving academic excellence while actively participating in varsity-level interscholastic athletics during the season!




# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Meet our science team, **Mr. Dennison**, **Miss Aldrich**, and **Mr. Whitesell**!

From hands-on labs to engaging experiments, they make science fun, exciting, and unforgettable - sparking curiosity and inspiring students to explore the wonders of chemistry, biology, earth science, and more. We're so grateful for their energy, dedication, and the way they turn every lesson into an adventure of discovery!

**OUR SCIENCE DEPT.**



**Mr. Dennison**

**How long have you been teaching?**  
A bunch ... I think 24 at JT and 26 overall.

**What do you love most about teaching science?**  
I like to learn and discover new things.

**What's your favorite thing about JT?**  
The small town atmosphere.

**What are some of your favorite hobbies?**  
Hiking - Bird watching - Fossil collecting

**What is one item on your bucket list?**  
Go to the Tucson gem and mineral show.

**OUR SCIENCE DEPT.**



**Miss Aldrich**

**How long have you been teaching?**  
I am currently on my second year of teaching, both have been right here at JT.

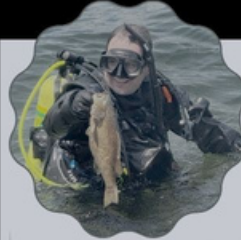
**What do you love most about teaching science?**  
What I love most about teaching is watching my students grow and succeed, especially after working through a challenging lesson. Some topics in biology can be difficult at first, and it's really rewarding to see students push through that frustration, keep trying, and eventually understand the concept. Seeing that moment when things finally "click" for them makes all the hard work worth it. I also enjoy watching my students achieve the goals they set for themselves. When they put in the effort, studying, asking questions, and staying engaged, it's exciting to see their confidence grow. Knowing that their hard work paid off and that they can feel proud of what they accomplished.

**What are some of your favorite hobbies?**  
Some of my favorite hobbies include anything and everything to do with the outdoors. Whether it's hunting, shed hunting, fishing, or just taking a walk outside, I just love being in nature. I also love spending time with my family and taking side by side rides in the summer.

**What's your favorite thing about JT?**  
One of my favorite things about JT is the strong sense of community we have. It really feels like everyone supports each other, from the staff to the students and families. I love how our district creates opportunities for students to come together and have fun outside the classroom. Events like the volleyball tournament or the Big Buck contest are great examples of that. They give students a chance to get involved, connect with each other, and celebrate their interests.

**What is one item on your bucket list?**  
One item on my bucket list is to go on a hunting trip out west. Either to Colorado for elk, or to Iowa for a giant whitetail. I would also love to travel to Alaska.

**OUR SCIENCE DEPT.**



**Mr. Whitesell**

**How long have you been teaching?**  
I have been teaching for 6 years and this is my first year at JT.

**What do you love most about teaching science?**  
The thing I love the most about being a science teacher is being able to show students how the world works and seeing their face light up when the concept clicks and then they can apply what they learned to other phenomenon they know of.

**What's your favorite thing about JT?**  
My favorite thing about JT is the small school community where everyone knows everyone and everyone supports everyone. From teachers supporting teachers, to upperclassman supporting younger kids, the community at JT is like nothing I have seen at any other school.

**What are some of your favorite hobbies?**  
Some of my favorite hobbies include: SCUBA Diving (I'm a PADI Dive Instructor), Officiating (Soccer, Basketball, Softball), Rug Tufting, 3D printing, Video Games.

**What is one item on your bucket list?**  
One item on my bucket list is night diving with the manta rays in Hawaii.

Jasper-Troupsburg Drama  
Club Presents

# FRACTURED FAIRYTALES

Join us for an evening of  
laughter and magic on  
**Thursday April 30 at 6pm**  
in the Elementary School  
auditorium.

\$1  
Admission  
(12 and  
Under  
Free)

Concession  
Stand  
Will  
Be  
Open

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH

# SPRING SPORTS PICTURE SCHEDULE

ALL PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX

3:15 MODIFIED BOYS TRACK

3:25 MODIFIED GIRLS TRACK

3:35 VARSITY TRACK

3:45 MODIFIED BASEBALL

4:00 MODIFIED SOFTBALL

4:20 VARSITY SOFTBALL

4:30 VARSITY BASEBALL

\*\* GOLF TEAM PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AT A LATER DATE TBD\*\*

USE ORDER CODE: **0084GYA** TO PRE-ORDER

Wildcat  
Pride 

# 2025-26 Yearbook UPDATES



## 2025-2026 J-T YEARBOOK PURCHASE YOUR COPY TODAY!

Yearbooks are still available to pre-purchase at a cost of \$45.00 plus sales tax.

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. Only 60 copies remaining at this time.

### Options to Pre-Order:

- Order online @ [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)
- Scan the QR Code



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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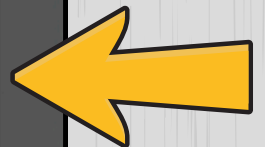


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Parents, your input ensures every student has access to essential digital tools. Please take a moment to complete this important State requirement.

Please scan the QR code or type the link below!

<https://forms.gle/bsQBgPp1XP5FKh7a7>



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

# April 2026



## JASPER-TROUPSBURG MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

CELEBRATE THE EARTH - MAKE EVERY DAY EARTH DAY!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<p>Make Online Payments at <a href="http://PayFort.net/">PayFort.net/</a></p>	<p><b>JOIN US FOR NY MENU DAY!</b> See menu for details</p>	<p>1 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta &amp; Sauce Buffalo Ranch Wrap Green Beans</p>	<p>2 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Buffalo Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips</p>	<p>3 <b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	
<p>6 </p>	<p>7 </p>	<p><b>SPRING BREAK!! APRIL 3rd-10th</b></p>			<p>10 </p>
<p>13 Homestyle Chicken Bowl w/Bread Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>14 Meat Tacos w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>15 Cheese Ravioli &amp; Sauce w/Bread Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Green Beans</p>	<p>16 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Buffalo Ranch Melt Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Hot Tomato Soup Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices!</p>	<p>17 Crispy Chicken Tender Sub Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Fresh Baby Carrots</p>	
<p>20 French Toast Sticks &amp; Sausage Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>21 Chicken Quesadilla w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>22 <b>NY MENU DAY!</b> Hamburger &amp; NY Hot Dog Bar Choose a Hamburger or Hot Dog &amp; Pick Your Own Toppings! Baked NY Onion Rings Homemade NY Cherry Crisp NY Juice! Chilled NY Milk</p>	<p>23 Sesame Chicken w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips</p>	<p>24 Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Filet Sandwich Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots</p>	
<p>27 Chicken &amp; Waffles Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Sliced Carrots</p>	<p>28 Meat or Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans</p>	<p>29 <b>Homemade NY Macaroni &amp; Cheese</b> w/Bread Buffalo Wing Macaroni &amp; Cheese w/Bread Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Green Beans</p>	<p>30 Italian Meatball Sub Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Steamed Broccoli NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes Fresh Cucumber Slices!</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
- MWWF: 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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