

# NYMILLS

MAY 2026

## UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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## A Message to the New York Mills School Community

### Dear New York Mills UFSD Families and Community Members,

As the New York Mills Union Free School District presents the proposed school budget for the upcoming year, we remain focused on balancing two important priorities: maintaining high-quality programs and services for our students while being mindful of the responsibility we share to our taxpayers.

After extensive planning, the Board of Education unanimously adopted a proposed 2026-2027 spending plan of \$18,076,435. This budget reflects the Board's commitment to its goals of student achievement, fiscal responsibility and strong communication with our families and community. The budget also includes a \$100,000 capital outlay project, which allows the District to continue making important smaller but meaningful annual improvements and upgrades to our facilities in a fiscally responsible manner. The 2026-2027 capital outlays work will focus on one of our core facility spaces, our Auditorium. The outlay will include additional upgrades to lighting, the sound system and stage curtains to improve both the functionality and overall experience for performances and events.

Through careful planning and thoughtful stewardship of resources, the District has worked to sustain the academic programs, extracurricular opportunities and student supports that help our learners grow and succeed. At the same time, we remain committed to transparency and the efficient use of public funds, ensuring that every dollar invested supports the success and well-being of our students.

In addition, we are excited to see the final phases of our recently approved capital improvement project completed this summer. These important facility upgrades will enhance our learning environments, providing improved spaces that better support instruction, collaboration and student engagement and reflect our community's continued investment in creating safe, modern learning spaces that meet the needs of today's learners.

In addition to the proposed budget, voters will also see two additional propositions on the ballot: one to re-establish the District's Capital Reserve Fund and one to re-establish the District's Transportation Reserve Fund. These previously voter-approved reserves have reached the end of their authorized term and re-approval would allow the District to re-establish the reserves for future needs.

As we look ahead, our work continues to honor the strong traditions that define New York Mills while also embracing thoughtful progress. Our efforts align with the vision of the New York Inspires initiative and the development of the Portrait of a Graduate, ensuring that our students leave our school prepared with the knowledge, skills and character needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Guided by our core beliefs, we strive to provide every student with a safe and welcoming environment, diverse learning experiences and opportunities to develop as leaders and responsible citizens. These commitments remain at the center of every decision we make.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support and partnership of the New York Mills community. Your ongoing investment in our schools makes it possible to sustain strong programs and provide meaningful opportunities for all students. Together, we are honoring our proud history of excellence while mapping a strong future for every Marauder.

Thank you for your continued support of the New York Mills Union Free School District.

Sincerely,

**Michele D. LaGase**  
Superintendent of Schools

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### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING & PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026  
5:30 P.M., HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

### BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026  
NOON - 8:00 P.M., BEEKMAN GYMNASIUM

VOTE

# 2026-2027 BUDGET INFORMATION

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

The administrative component consists of overall management activities, including Board of Education, superintendent's office, business office operations such as central data processing, payroll, purchasing, BOCES administrative expenses, insurance, printing, mailing, personnel, legal and auditing services and building administrative costs.

Function or Account	Budget 2025-26	Proposed 2026-27	Increase or (Decrease)
Board of Education	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$-
Central Administration	\$254,629	\$254,979	\$350
Finance	\$233,296	\$240,371	\$7,075
Legal Services	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$-
Personnel	\$45,000	\$48,000	\$3,000
Records Management	\$7,200	\$7,500	\$300
Public Information	\$35,000	\$65,000	\$30,000
Other Central Services	\$111,000	\$111,000	\$-
Other Special Items	\$216,450	\$220,000	\$3,550
Curr. Dev. & Sup.	\$139,000	\$141,000	\$2,000
Supervision - Regular Sch.	\$310,620	\$310,620	\$-
Employee Benefits	\$405,155	\$411,005	\$5,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,823,850</b>	<b>\$1,875,975</b>	<b>\$52,125</b>

Administrative Component is 10.38% of Budget

## PROGRAM COMPONENT

The program component consists of funding the instruction of and educational support services for the District's 565 students. Transportation of students, athletics and co-curricular activities are also included in this budget component.

Function or Account	2025-26	2026-27	Increase or (Decrease)
Legal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Instruction	\$9,981,360	\$10,176,339	\$194,979
Other Dist. Transportation	\$593,415	\$603,250	\$9,835
Garage Building	\$68,600	\$68,500	(\$100)
Employee Benefits	\$2,958,634	\$2,993,120	\$34,486
Other Transfers	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,617,009</b>	<b>\$13,856,209</b>	<b>\$239,200</b>

Program Component is 76.65% of Budget

## CAPITAL COMPONENT

The capital component consists of maintenance of buildings, upkeep of grounds, and electricity, heat, water and sewer and telephone services. Funds are also included for the lease of school buses, payments on the capital project and for refund of taxes for claims against property assessments.

Function or Account	2025-26	2026-27	Increase or (Decrease)
Operation of Plant	\$502,500	\$507,500	\$5,000
Maintenance of Plant	\$347,600	\$355,000	\$7,400
Refund of Taxes	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$ -
Lease of Buses/Purchase	\$179,907	\$286,876	\$106,969
Employee Benefits	\$186,911	\$194,005	\$7,094
Debt Service	\$807,758	\$890,870	\$83,112
Transfer to Capital	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ -

Capital Component is 12.97% of Budget

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,134,676</b>	<b>\$2,344,251</b>	<b>\$209,575</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$17,575,535</b>	<b>\$18,076,435</b>	<b>\$500,900</b>

Total Budget Increase 2.85%



# 2026-2027 BUDGET INFORMATION

## THIS NOTICE IS MANDATED BY NEW YORK STATE New York Mills Union Free School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2025-26 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2026-27 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$17,575,535	\$18,076,435	\$17,760,059
Increase/Decrease for 2026-2027 School Year		\$500,900	\$184,524
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.85%	1.05%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.63%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$8,428,674	\$8,673,105	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$8,428,674	\$8,673,105	\$8,428,674
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$323,499	\$400,474	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$8,105,175	\$8,272,631	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$8,105,175	\$8,272,631	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,823,850	\$1,875,975	\$1,875,975
Program Component	\$13,617,009	\$13,856,209	\$13,826,709
Capital Component	\$2,134,676	\$2,344,251	\$2,057,375

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2026-27 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 70%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Description	Amount				
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	<b>Under the Budget Proposed for the 2026-27 School Year</b>
<b>Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$472</b>

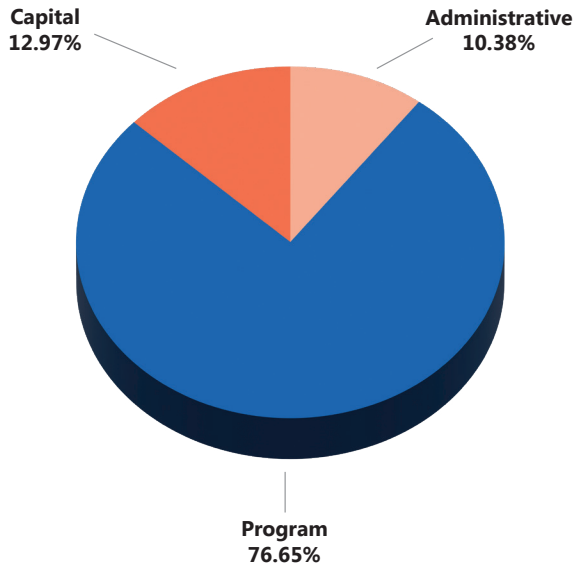
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2026-27 by the qualified voters of the New York Mills School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at Beekman Gymnasium in said District on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup>The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

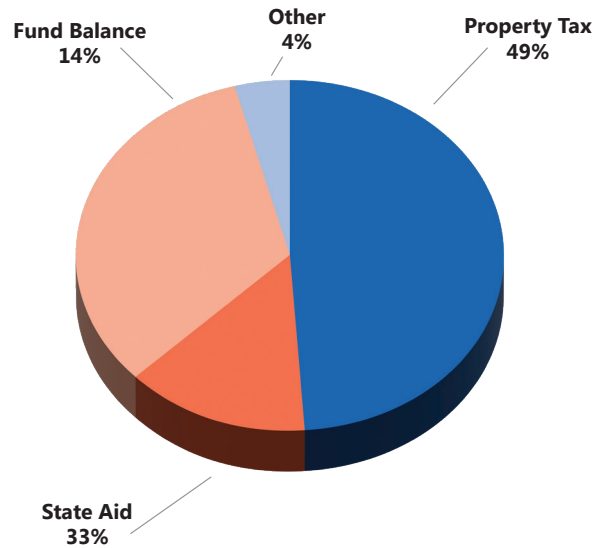


# 2026-2027 BUDGET INFORMATION

## Expenditures



## Revenues



## BUDGET PROPOSITIONS

### PROPOSITION 1

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New York Mills Union Free School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$18,076,435 as a general fund appropriation for the 2026-2027 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor.

### Tax Levy Increase

The tax levy increase for 2026-27 is projected to be 2.9%. This represents an increase of **85 cents** for every \$1,000 of your home's assessed value.

Example: A home assessed at \$100,000 would see a tax increase of \$85 per year or approximately \$7 per month.

### Tax on True

The tax on true value for the District in 2026-27 will be approximately \$13.80.

Note: Rates are estimated based on current information available. Final equalization rates will not be set by the State of New York until August. In the two previous years, the final tax on true was actually lower than projected at the time of budget development.

### Absentee Ballots

Ballot applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk on or before May 13, 2026 if the ballot is to be delivered by mail. Absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the election, May 19, 2026.

### Voter Eligibility Requirements

A voter must meet the following eligibility requirements to vote in school elections:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have been a resident of the school district for a minimum of 30 days prior to the vote, including those who rent. Section 2018-C of the Education Law may require all persons who vote to provide one form of identification or proof of residency.
- Be at least 18 years of age.

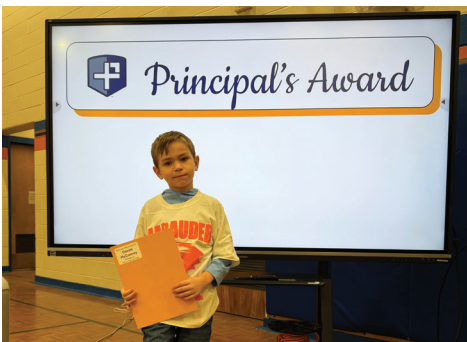
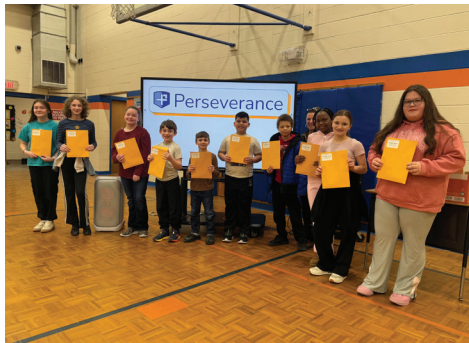


# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

New York Mills Elementary loves to celebrate its students with family and friends. We invite family members to surprise their children at each Student of the Month Assembly, where we honor our Kids of Character, Principal's Award Winners, staff and Best Bus. Skits representing what the traits "look like" in school, at home and in the community are created and performed by our students each month.

Since October, we have recognized over 290 students for displaying many of the Positivity Project traits we aspire to embody daily. Each teacher has awarded their students for their love of learning, optimism, bravery, humor, appreciating others, respect, perseverance, creativity and kindness.

We also honor seven students each month as Principal's Award Winners. These students exemplify the qualities of a NYM Marauder! All staff have an opportunity to choose one student to represent each grade level in recognition of their work ethic, character, attendance, behavior and leadership. These students get to have lunch with Mrs. DiSpirito! Students also get to pick their favorite staff member for the month. Each teacher is awarded with Marauder swag. Finally, a school bus is recognized each month for bus behavior. Those students are awarded a sweet treat. The auditorium rocks during each assembly as excitement fills the air and students cheer on their classmates. We are so proud of all of our award winners!



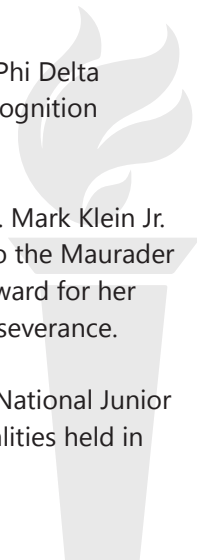
# HONOR SOCIETY

## *Induction Ceremonies*

On March 26th, 16 students were inducted into the New York Mills Union Free School District's Phi Delta Chapter of National Honor Society, our nation's oldest, largest and most prestigious student recognition program. Membership was based on scholarship, leadership, service and character.

In addition, two awards, funded by donations from the Miga family and friends, were presented. Mark Klein Jr. received the Tutor of the Year Award in recognition of the time and commitment he has given to the Maurader Mentoring Program. Similarly, Abbey Calhoun was the recipient of the Walter Miga Memorial Award for her embodiment of the characteristics that defined Mr. Miga, including honesty, generosity and perseverance.

Furthermore, 17 members of the Class of 2030 were inducted into the Phi Delta Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society on March 19th. Selection was based upon the effective demonstration of the qualities held in high esteem by the society: leadership, character, citizenship, service and scholarship.



### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

#### *Inductees*

Aidyn Barber	Molly Jordan	Aubrey Salmon
Rana Bilal	Liam Mahardy	Samantha Sirano
Christina Crawford	Caleb Miner	Stefanie Siriano
Emma Decker	Aaron Pereira	Andrew Tallman
Madison Dobson	Haelee Phillips	Ava Volz

#### NHS TAPPING

This year, our National Honor Society members "tapped" the new inductees to notify them that they were being accepted into the NHS. The current members shared the good news with and invited inductees during school.

### NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

#### *Inductees*

Caleb Ali	Jaxon Flihan	Tayla Sebastian
Ashley Bolick	Tahleya Holmes	Russell Thai
Kadence Burdick	Janeva Jordan	Madison Trevett
Spencer Corrigan	Margaret Kozlowski	Kendall Williams
Polina Donchuk	Jocelyn McDowell	Jaden Wu
Caitlyn Dzwonkowski	Zia Patel	



*Congratulations to all of the new inductees!*



# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY *Induction Ceremony*

MARCH 26TH, 2026



# NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY *Induction Ceremony*

MARCH 19TH, 2026



# Optimist

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### SEPTEMBER - *Abbey Calhoun*

Abbey Calhoun was selected as the September 2025 Optimist Youth of the Month. She is the daughter of Frank and Laura Calhoun.

Abbey is a high honor roll student who serves as the president of the New York Mills Chapter of National Honor Society. She has participated in cross country, track, Student Council, volleyball, Varsity Club, Yearbook Club, band, Green Team and is the president of her class. She has also volunteered for Biddy Basketball, fall cleanup and the New York Mills PTSO Craft Fair.

Most recently, Abbey was the recipient of the 2026 Walter Miga Memorial Award.

Abbey plans to attend Geneseo in the fall to study biochemistry.



### OCTOBER - *Asah Bova*

Asah Bova was selected as the October 2025 Optimist Youth of the Month. She is the daughter of Michael and Becki Bova.

Asah is a high honor roll student who serves as the secretary of the New York Mills Chapter of National Honor Society. She has participated in cheer, volleyball, field hockey, chorus, Student Council, Yearbook Club, Newspaper Club and Varsity Club. She has also volunteered for fall cleanup, the New York Mills PTSO Craft Fair and is a Sunday school teacher.

Asah plans to attend Palm Beach Atlantic University to study elementary education.



### NOVEMBER - *Jaden Clifford*

Jaden Clifford was selected as the November 2025 Optimist Youth of the Month. He is the son of Jason and Christine Clifford.

Jaden is a high honor roll student who serves as the co-treasurer of the New York Mills Chapter of National Honor Society. He has participated in basketball, baseball, Yearbook Club and Student Council. He has also volunteered at Snacks with Santa, the New York Mills PTSO Craft Fair, fall cleanup, baseball cleanup, New York Mills Trunk or Treat and kept score for basketball.

Jaden plans to attend college to study sports marketing.



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## **DECEMBER** - *Kaylin Holmes*

Kaylin Holmes was selected as the December 2025 Optimist Youth of the Month. He is the son of Robert Holmes and Leola Weather.

Kaylin is a high honor roll student who is a member of the New York Mills Chapter of National Honor Society. He has participated in cross country, track, Student Council and Green Team. He has also volunteered for fall cleanup, class fundraisers and mentored students during the chemistry field trip.

Kaylin plans to attend the University of Albany in the fall to study accounting.



## **JANUARY** - *Mark Klein Jr.*

Mark Klein Jr. was selected as the January 2026 Optimist Youth of the Month. He is the son of Andrea Talarico.

Mark is a high honor roll student who serves as the vice president of the New York Mills Chapter of National Honor Society. He has participated in football, basketball, baseball, Varsity Club, Yearbook Club and Student Council. He has also volunteered for fall cleanup, the New York Mills PTSO Craft Fair, class fundraisers and Snacks with Santa.

Most recently, Mark was the recipient of the 2026 Tutor of the Year Award.



## **FEBRUARY** - *Aidyn Barber*

Aidyn Barber was selected as the February 2026 Optimist Youth of the Month. She is the daughter of Aaron Barber and Christina Cummings.

Aidyn is an honor roll student and was recently inducted into the New York Mills Chapter of National Honor Society. She has participated in chorus, Drama Club, Green Team and Battle of the Books. She has also volunteered during school musicals, for class fundraisers and at a local cat shelter.

Aidyn plans to attend MVCC in the fall to study liberal arts/general studies.

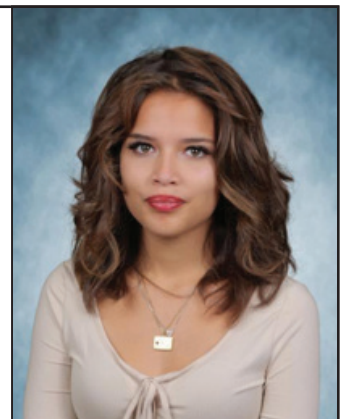


## **MARCH** - *Darieliz Casillas Torres*

Darieliz Casillas Torres was selected as the March 2026 Optimist Youth of the Month. She is the daughter of Brenda Torres.

Darieliz is an honor roll student. She has participated in field hockey, softball, Drama Club and chorus. She has also volunteered at the Sangertown Mall for class fundraisers and as scorekeeper during basketball games.

Darieliz plans to attend esthetics school and become a licensed esthetician.



## STUDENT COUNCIL COLORING CONTEST

The Student Council recently sponsored a coloring contest for the elementary students. Over 75 students participated. Student Council members selected one winner from each grade level to receive a basket of goodies.



## 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL



## THANKSGIVING PIES



# BATTLE *of the* Books



The Regional Battle of the Books competition, held on March 18th, featured an impressive display of intellectual prowess. This collaborative endeavor was successfully coordinated by Mrs. Danielle Howe, our library media specialist, along with several Book Club advisors from surrounding districts. The event, hosted at Herkimer County Community College, saw participation from 10 area school districts.

Students representing the Clinton, Dolgeville, Holland Patent, Little Falls, New Hartford, New York Mills, Remsen, Richfield Springs, Utica and West Canada school districts were in attendance. Middle school participants competed based on their knowledge of a reading list of 15 books, while the high school Book Club cohort studied a list of 14 texts. The format required judges to read selected quotes from the books, with students utilizing a "buzzer" system (similar to "Jeopardy!") to provide the correct book title and author's name.

Prior to the regional contest, a local Battle of the Books competition was conducted in our high school library to select the top students who would represent the District. Our middle school team, comprised of Noelle Armitage, Madelyn Messa, Anthony Rewkowski, and Sadie Robinson, faced rigorous competition at the regional level, ultimately securing an impressive third place finish.

The high school team, represented by Aidyn Barber, Austin Exton and Dakota Saunders, achieved a commendable fifth place standing within a highly competitive field. Congratulations to all participating readers for their outstanding representation of the New York Mills School District.



# ANYTHING GOES

On March 20-21, the grades 7-12 Drama Club showcased their talents in the musical "Anything Goes." Laughter filled the New York Mills auditorium as a cast of student actors took over the roles of comedic characters, taking the entire audience on a cruise from New York to England. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the students. We know you went home with laughter in your head and passion in your heart from the spectacular performances both evenings.

The Drama Club will be graduating three seniors this year, all who have played strong roles in several musicals. Liam Mahardy, who played the role of MoonFace Martin; Billy Ostolaza-Castellano, who played the role of Billy Crocker and Aidyn Barber, who played the roles of FBI Agent 1 and Old Lady with the walker.

Musical theater allows students a place to create, move, explore and focus on an art that supports so many parts of life. The students create a musical theater family within the walls of New York Mills as they practice over the course of several months. Thank you again to the community that supports the musicals here at New York Mills.

Director Teresa Lovecchio and Assistant Director Talan Marchese directed the musical. Mindy Polarolo directed the pit band and Juliana Muirhead choreographed the show.



# OCMEA Jr. High **ALL-COUNTY** MUSIC FESTIVAL

Jr. High All-County is a weekend-long festival that requires students to audition in January and, once accepted, gather for two days of intense music making. The experience allows young musicians the opportunity to perform with musicians their age and new directors, at different venues and try new music.

The weekend of March 27-28, selected members of our seventh, eighth and ninth grade music program created music that resonated in the halls of Adirondack High School as well as in the memories of everyone in attendance. The chorus summed up the weekend of music when they sang, "Music builds a bridge, music is a language that can speak to one and all."

Peyton Corsino, Layla Holmes, Carter Lovecchio and Graham Panella represented New York Mills in the mixed chorus. Melody Lovecchio represented New York Mills in the band.

Congratulations to the Jr. High All-County members on an exquisite weekend of professionalism and the art of music!



# OCMEA Elementary **ALL-COUNTY** MUSIC FESTIVAL

Noelle Armitage, Audrey Martin, Sadie Robinson and Kya Sebastian have been working diligently since January to master five new songs for Elementary All-County. The festival was held on April 24-25 at Westmoreland High School.



## Spring Concert Schedule

**May 14th** – Grades 7-12 Band and Chorus Spring Concert, **7:00 p.m.**

**May 20th** – Elementary Band and Chorus Spring Concert, **5:30 p.m.**

**May 25th** – Memorial Day Parade, New York Mills Marching Band, **11:00 a.m.**





# Winter Sports Success



We had several teams and athletes to celebrate during the winter season!



Congratulations to the following coaches and students:



## BOWLING SENIOR NIGHT



## BOWLING STATE QUALIFIER



Congratulations to bowler Nathanael Dzwonkowski on qualifying for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Individual Championships.

## STUDENT ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Haelee Phillips, Emma Decker, Molly Jordan and Julia Phillips recently attended the Athletic Leadership Conference with Ms. Hale in Cooperstown. They spent the day focusing on how to become an effective leader, maintain sportsmanship, trust in teammates and be the best version of themselves both on and off the court.



## Winter Sports Success *Continued*

### BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT



### INDOOR TRACK SENIOR WALK



### VOLLEYBALL SENIOR NIGHT





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Denise DiSpirito, *Interim K-12 Principal*

### VISIT US ON THE WEB

[newyorkmills.org](http://newyorkmills.org)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**MAY 5th** – Board of Education Meeting and Public Budget Hearing, 5:30 p.m., High School Library

**MAY 14th** – Grades 7-12 Band and Chorus Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.

**MAY 19th** – Budget Vote and Board of Education Election, 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Beekman Gymnasium

**MAY 20th** – Elementary Band and Chorus Spring Concert, 5:30 p.m.

**MAY 25th** – Memorial Day - **NO SCHOOL**

**JUNE 19th** – Juneteenth - **NO SCHOOL**

**JUNE 26th** – High School Graduation, 6:00 p.m.

**JUNE 26th** – Last Day of School for Students

### OUR MISSION:

In partnership with students, staff, families, and the community, our mission is to create an educational environment that inspires confidence, builds character, and fosters respect - empowering every student with the knowledge to become a productive, responsible citizen.

### DID YOU KNOW?

For the complete District calendar, schedule of upcoming events and more District news, please visit [newyorkmills.org](http://newyorkmills.org)