

BOLIVAR-RICHBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



HOME OF THE WOLVERINES



VALEDICTORIAN

DANIKA LOUCKS, daughter of Tina and Ryan Loucks, has earned the distinction of valedictorian with a cumulative grade point average of 98.11%.

Danika has received numerous academic honors and awards throughout high school. She is a National Honor Society member who has received the Superintendent's Scholar Award as well as maintained high honor roll throughout her entire high school career while being enrolled in college level courses. Recently, Danika received the Daughters of the American Revolution award where she was honored for her dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Danika is a three-sport varsity athlete who participates in volleyball, indoor track and field, and softball. In addition to athletics, she has served as a student Board of Education Member, class treasurer, National Honor Society vice president, and student council member. Outside of school, Danika has participated in competition dance as well as club volleyball. She is an active member in her community through volunteering in a variety of ways.

In the fall of 2026, Danika plans to attend SUNY Cortland where she will major in Speech and Hearing Sciences. She has been awarded the Presidential Merit Scholarship. Congratulations, Danika!



SALUTATORIAN

STARLYN KISEL, daughter of Mercy and Robert Kisel, will be honored as the Class of 2026 salutatorian with a grade point average of 97.9%.

Starlyn has received many academic honors and awards throughout her high school career. She has maintained high honor roll as well as received the Superintendent's Scholar Award each year while being enrolled in college level courses. Starlyn is a member of National Honor Society where she serves as the president.

In addition to her academic success, Starlyn devotes her time to many extracurricular activities. She enjoys spending her time involved with music. Starlyn has played the lead role in many of the school's musicals as well as been selected to attend All County music festivals to participate in the choir. She has also participated on the varsity tennis and indoor track and field teams, competed in Odyssey of the Mind, been a member of the school's drama club, and secretary of the SADD Club. Additionally, Starlyn has recently become a peer support mentor for younger students within her school.

In the fall of 2026, Starlyn plans to attend Buffalo State University to study Social Work. She has been awarded the President's Scholars Award and the Honors Scholarship Award through Buffalo State University. Congratulations, Starlyn!

SCHOOL CLOSED, MAY 25, FOR MEMORIAL DAY

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeff Margeson, Superintendent of Schools



Wolverine Family,

The month of May brings us the signs of another season starting, along with the opportunity to turn over a new leaf and embrace the joys of our amazing rolling hills and surrounding foliage. The flowers begin to bloom, the trees decorate themselves with a palette of stunning colors, and the lawnmowers get back to work at the golf course!

As for a Superintendent, May means budget season. Our School Business Administrator, Amy Rozler, and I have been working diligently to honor our commitment that we made to our communities last year. That promise was to locate the problems, come up with solution-based answers, and aggressively implement the processes necessary to run the District in a financially responsible manner. We understand that it will take time for these processes to come to full fruition, but I am extremely happy to report that we have made significant positive strides in that endeavor. I invite all taxpayers to join us on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:00 in the High School Auditorium, as we present to the community the 2026-27 School Budget.

We also plan to address a smaller Capital Improvement Project (CIP) that needs attention as soon as possible. During our Building Condition Survey, we also asked for a roof scan of our buildings. As many of you know, there are active leaks in the Richburg building. We also have issues on two flat roofs located on the Bolivar campus, one behind the baseball grandstands, and one at the bus garage. Our intent is to address these issues through a CIP that would take place in the summer of 2027. We would also like to address some safety and structural concerns within the Elementary gymnasium, specifically the replacement of the floor. The gym floor has been sanded down and resurfaced to its final layer.

Our hope is to introduce the project now, educate the public through summer meetings, and then have a vote once we return back to school in September for the 2026-27 academic year.

The budget season wraps up with the budget vote on Tuesday, May 19, in the High School Conference room. Voting will begin at noon and will continue until 8:00 p.m.

Lastly, I would just like to thank everyone who has reached out with support and/or positive words. We continue to build our team of faculty and staff who are committed to creating the very best for our students. I can't communicate accurately enough how impactful positive support and community collaboration affects this mission. As we grow, our school becomes stronger through invested parents and guardians, along with the help and understanding of you, the taxpayer.

For everyone here at B-R, I thank you for that!

Respectfully,
Jeff Margeson, *Superintendent*

BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

**Bolivar-Richburg
Middle/High School**

100 School Street, Bolivar, NY 14715-
• 585-928-2561

Room 113 from Noon - 8:00 p.m.

Please enter the building near
the playground entrance to vote.

2026-2027 Budget Hearing

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Middle/High School
Building Auditorium

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

The following candidates are running for the Board of Education. There are two at-large vacancies on the Board created by the expiration, on June 30, 2026, of the terms of Board members Jarrod Bell and Aaron Duell. The candidates receiving, respectively, the largest and second-largest number of votes shall each be elected to three-year terms commencing on July 1, 2026, and expiring June 30, 2029.

- ☐ Donielle Champlin
- ☐ Aaron Duell

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

To be a qualified voter you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age
- A resident of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote



Dear BRES Families,

As we wrap up another wonderful school year, I'd like to take a moment to sincerely thank everyone who helped make it so meaningful.

Our students have made incredible strides both in their learning and in their personal development, and their compassion and positivity have strengthened our entire school community.

I am deeply grateful to our outstanding teachers and staff for their dedication and enthusiasm each day. The care and effort they pour into supporting our students does not go unnoticed. I would also like to thank our families for their continued support and collaboration—your involvement plays such an important role in everything we accomplish together.

As summer begins, I hope everyone enjoys their well-deserved break. We are excited to welcome you back in the fall for another school year!

Please note the upcoming events:

- May 25 - Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
- June 19 - Juneteenth, NO SCHOOL
- June 18 - Elementary School Field Day
- June 23 - Elementary Academic Awards Assembly, Grades 4 & 5, 1:00 p.m
- June 24 & June 25 - Early dismissal for PK-5
- June 25 - Kindergarten Graduation, 9:00 a.m. (Elementary Gym)
- June 25- Last day for Grades PK-5; Early dismissal; Report cards issued

Wishing you all a safe and restful summer!

Sincerely,
Megan M. Duke, Elementary Principal

HALF DAY PRE-K NEWS

Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Julie

Mrs. Johnson's Pre-K 3 kiddos kicked off the month of March with a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Week. The students (and parents!) did a great job dressing up for each of the fun themed days. We practiced many fun rhymes and enjoyed some Dr. Seuss classics.



March also brought our "colors" unit to life as we explored color mixing, sorting, and graphing. Students enjoyed many fun stories from the world of Eric Carle that taught us new ways of making colorful artwork. Some of these creations will be displayed at the upcoming Pre-K 3 and Head Start Art Show on May 21st.

We took full advantage of the few nice weather days we've had and enjoyed some time outside on the playground, drawing with chalk, blowing bubbles, and practicing our baseball skills. We are looking forward to our upcoming themes that include dental health, dinosaurs, flowers, and farm animals.



FULL DAY PRE-K NEWS

Miss Glover and Mrs. Mitchell

Happy Spring from Pre-K 4—the last few months have gone so fast! We cannot believe it's May already! The Pre-K students have been super busy learning all sorts of new things in school.

In February, we celebrated the 100th day of school. It was so much fun also celebrating the 100th birthday of the school along with our 100th day of school. The students celebrated by making 100 piece necklaces, 100 day crowns, and a 100 cup tower. In March, we had so much fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day wearing green and listening to leprechaun stories, as well as going to the high school to participate in Maple Day. In April, the students had an excellent time celebrating Easter with an egg hunt and many Easter activities! The students also attended the REV Theater performance of "Mother Goose." They loved watching the puppetry and storytelling of some

favorite nursery rhymes we have learned about this year!

Pre-K learned all about plants in March and April. The students learned all about different types of plants, parts of a plant, basic needs of plants, as well as why plants are important in our lives. We had a fruit and vegetable taste testing when we read the book A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds by Jean Richards. It was so interesting to see what the students liked and disliked. This was an exciting unit for the students as they were able to plant seeds and watch them grow. The classes also used the fruits and vegetables to make prints with paint. We made beautiful sunflowers to decorate the hall. In math, we finished working on numbers 0 to 10. The students worked very hard on writing, identifying, and counting out groups up to 10.

In May and June, we will be working on our habitats unit in reading. We will be working on measurement and patterns in math. Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Glover are planning an exciting end of the year countdown. The students will have so many fun activities leading to the end of Pre-K! We will be so sad to say good-bye to our Pre-K friends—it has been such a remarkable year! We hope everyone has a great summer!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Broughton, and Mrs. Stuzman

Kindergarten has been busy! We had an awesome time at the high school visiting the WEE Center for Maple Day. We got to see chickens, how syrup was made, and even tried maple syrup with our pancakes. After learning about colonial times and townspeople we wrapped up our unit by making our own bread and butter. We are digging into the Taking Care of the Earth unit in Kindergarten. Students will also be exploring careers and thinking about what they may want to be when they are older. With the nice weather arriving, we are looking forward to an end-of-year field trip (more information coming soon). As we wrap up our year and suit up for Kindergarten graduation, we want to wish everyone a fun and safe summer!



1ST GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Clark and Ms. Johnston

During March, first graders travelled to Allegany, NY to spend the day at the Challenger Learning Center. Before visiting, first graders worked hard learning about space, including different constellations, planets, the moon, what causes night and day, along with the different phases of the moon. This field trip provided an excellent, hands-on learning experience!

Students got to be astronauts, scientists, and engineers throughout the day. They experienced a space shuttle simulation, where they donned helmets and gloves. When they landed they got to check out a new planet and determine if it is safe for humans to live on. They got busy digging through rocks, looking for animals, signs of water, plants, and shelter. Students found spiders, shells, and many other small creatures! The astronauts decided to tell NASA that they should investigate the planet more.

Before entering the lab as scientists, students put on lab coats and then participated in different experiments where they had to follow directions and use math to help them complete the experiments. From sorting and classifying bugs, to naming constellations, to weighing different objects, scientists had to work together to be successful.

Lastly, students got to learn about what it would be like to have a birthday party on the moon! They had to put their math skills to work to unlock the supplies and then they partied with Snoopy.

Exclamations of “I want to be an astronaut!” and “This is awesome!” could be heard throughout the Challenger Learning Center.

2ND GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Louser, and Mrs. O'Neil

Wow! It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is approaching! Second graders have been working very hard the past few months.

In reading, students have heard and learned about Cycles of Nature and The Civil War. They have also read about a knight named Sir Gus and how his luck has gotten him through many tricky situations. Ask your child to share their favorite Sir Gus story. Second graders have also been learning about the "schwa" sound—it says short u, but is spelled with 'a' or 'e'. They've also learned about different sounds and spellings with the "schwa" sound (el, al, il, tion). Students have been learning about adjectives, subjects and predicates, and the different verb tenses (past, present, future). Please continue to read together at home for at least 20 minutes every night.

In math, students have learned how to graph data using a bar graph and picture graph. Second graders can now count coins and dollar bills and solve one- and two-step word problems involving money. Students have learned how to measure in centimeters, inches, meters, and yards. They are continually working on mastering their math facts with sums and differences within 20. Please work on math facts within 20 (both addition and subtraction) at home.

Continue to work hard and finish the year strong!

3RD GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Hackett, Ms. Livingston, and Mr. Butler

As we head into May, we have so much to celebrate in third grade! One highlight was our Video Game Day, which students earned by writing persuasive, research-based letters to the principal. Their hard work and determination truly paid off. We also had a blast during Glow Day, which brought lots of energy and excitement into our classroom.

State testing is officially coming to a close, and we are so proud of how focused and determined our students have been throughout the process. They have really shown what they are capable of!

As we begin wrapping up the school year, things will start to get busy. Please keep an eye out for any upcoming changes to your child's schedule as we head into the final stretch.

In ELA, we are starting the "I Survived" series, which always sparks curiosity and excitement. Students often turn into little historians, eager to share new facts and ask thoughtful questions. Get ready for lots of interesting conversations at home!

Thank you for your continued support. We are so proud of all that your children have accomplished this year!



4TH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Bentley, Ms. Perrin, and Mrs. Ferris

In science, we wrapped up our unit on waves and have now jumped right into learning about energy! Students will be exploring how energy works by building circuits and discovering more about fossil fuels and how they power our world. This unit is full of hands-on learning, and the students are especially excited for one of our projects—designing and building their own amusement parks in Minecraft Education!

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, things are about to get very busy and very fun! We have several exciting field trips planned over the next two months, including visits to Ganondagan State Historic Site, Mumford Village, Stony Brook State Park, and Niagara Falls. These experiences will connect directly to what we are learning in class and give students the chance to explore history, nature, and science in real life. Please keep an eye out for important information about these upcoming trips. We have a lot to look forward to and it's going to be a fantastic end to the year!

The fourth graders have been busy during ELA! They have polished their R.A.D.E.D.E.s and moved on comparing two texts by writing a four-paragraph essay. Their hard work paid off when they took the New York State English Language Arts assessment. The students powered through the two days of testing showing off their skills. When the testing was over, fourth grade moved on to the Revolutionary War. Our focus is on the war specifically in New York State. Students are learning about the causes of the war, how NY impacted the war, and how the United States was born.

They are enjoying reading the play “Dividing Loyalties” about a family during the American Revolution who struggled about which side to fight for. Once we have finished learning about the Revolutionary War, we will be moving on to the beginning of women’s rights in New York State. The students are excited about these topics!

In 4th grade Math, we have been busy working hard on preparing for the upcoming state test. We have continued to review place value, multiplying, and dividing larger numbers, geometry, and all things fractions. We have practiced navigating the test-taking tools as well including strategies for doing our best on the test day. Our Grade 4 Math State Assessment is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 6th. Below are a couple of reminders to help your students be ready for the test.

- A good night’s rest each night of the week of the test will help them be at their best.
- Getting to school on time to making sure they have time to eat their breakfast (school provided) and use the restroom before starting the test.
- Student iPads will continue to be kept at school until testing is complete to ensure they are charged and ready to go.

We know they will do an excellent job showing us how much they have grown this year!!!

FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE

Mrs. Hillman

Wow! What a busy and fun time we have been having in science this year. It is hard to believe our school year is wrapping up. In class, we have been focusing on ecosystems and looking at the importance of all living organisms. We have had a lot of fun looking at all the diverse organisms on our Earth and studying plant growth. Ask your child to share with you where a plant gets its material for growth.

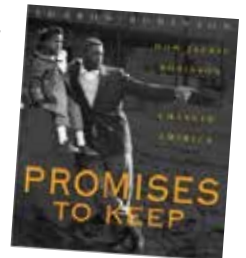
FIFTH GRADE ELA

Mrs. Smith

ELA class has been filled with lots of reading and writing! We are on Module 3A, which begins with a brief study of the importance of sports in American culture over time. The heart of this module is the whole class study of the short but challenging biography *Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America*, by his daughter, Sharon Robinson. Students will analyze Jackie Robinson as a specific example of an athlete who served as a leader who broke barriers in society.

Our “Wolverine PAWS” recipients certainly make us proud! Congratulations to Willie Allison and Elianna Sherman. To be selected, students must go above and beyond to help others and show good character traits. These students truly deserve this award!

As the school year ends, I would like to thank all the 5th graders for an outstanding year in ELA class. Your smiles and enthusiasm for learning will be missed. All of you can succeed and I wish you the absolute best in 6th grade!



MAPLE DAY

Students in Mrs. Hyson's Sustainable Living and Agriculture class helped organize the annual Maple Day at the Wolverine Environmental Education Center on Friday, March 27, bringing the maple syrup-making process to life for elementary students.

Pre-K through 5th grade students visited the middle/high school throughout the day for a firsthand look at how maple syrup is made. They learned how trees are tapped, discovered how much sap it takes to produce a single gallon of syrup, and watched an evaporator in action as sap was boiled down. Students also got to tap a tree themselves — and capped off the experience with pancakes topped with homemade maple syrup.



JUNE 2026 REGENTS EXAM SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JUNE 9	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17	THURSDAY, JUNE 18	TUESDAY, JUNE 23
8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:05 a.m.
English Language Arts	Algebra II	Algebra I	Life Science: Biology Living Environment	U.S History and Government
11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Physical Science: Chemistry	Physical Science: Physics	Global History & Geography II	Earth Science	Geometry

Note: Regents exams will be held in the Lower Gymnasium. Please realize that regents examinations cannot be given at a time or date other than listed above according to New York State regulations, so please try to avoid making appointments and vacation plans on regents examination days.

IMPORTANT: According to NYS Education Department regulations, no student may be admitted to a morning exam after 10:00 a.m. or after 2:00 p.m. to an afternoon exam. In addition, no student may leave a morning exam before 10:00 a.m. or an afternoon exam before 2:00 p.m. This policy assures that no students share any test information exiting or entering exams.

COLLEGE BOUND JUNIORS & SENIORS FUTURE PLANS:

Seniors - should be finalizing college choices by May 1st and making sure college deposits have been paid, scholarship applications and financial aid forms have been submitted, and orientation registrations and other college tasks are completed. Contact Mrs. Hooker for assistance with any questions you may have. Documents about scholarship searches, college selection, financial aid, and the "Senior Spring To-Do List" are all available on the guidance webpage, on Parent Square, and in the Guidance Team for Seniors for students and parents.

Juniors - College-bound juniors should be setting up and attending spring college open houses as well as touring colleges to explore campuses of interest. Mrs. Hooker is happy to assist with college and career searches.



PLEASE CHECK THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE WEBPAGE FOR INFO ON DRIVERS ED, REGENTS EXAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS, MILITARY, COLLEGE AND CAREER NEWS, ETC.

COLLEGE, CAREER AND MILITARY T-SHIRT DAY

COLLEGE, CAREER AND MILITARY T-SHIRT DAY WILL BE Thursday, May 1st, for seniors, faculty and staff! May 1st is the national college commitment date when colleges often require a deposit to confirm attendance at their institution. Wear a shirt to represent your future plans after graduation- your college, military branch or your future employer.



GRADUATION REHEARSAL

will take place on Thursday, June 25th at 1:00 p.m. It is mandatory for all 2026 graduates to attend!

GRADUATION 2026

will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, in the Middle/High School Auditorium. Seating will be first come first-serve. The doors will be unlocked at noon sharp.





Dear Families,

As we move into the spring season, our Middle/High School is filled with a renewed sense of energy, growth, and accomplishment. The longer days and warmer weather often bring a natural boost in motivation, and it has been wonderful to see our students taking full advantage of the opportunities around them—both inside and outside the classroom.

Academically, this is an important stretch of the school year. Our teachers continue to provide engaging, rigorous instruction while also preparing students for upcoming grade 3-8 NYS assessments and Regents exams. We encourage all students to stay focused, ask questions, and take advantage of the extra help and support that is available. Consistent attendance and strong effort now will make a significant difference as we close out the year.

Beyond the classroom, our students have been busy showcasing their talents and dedication. Our spring athletic teams are underway, and we are proud of the teamwork and sportsmanship our student-athletes display each day. Our students recently put on the musical “Once Upon a Mattress” and are now preparing for upcoming concerts. These experiences are an important part of a well-rounded education, and we encourage families to attend and support our students whenever possible.

Spring is also a time when we begin planning transitions. Our middle school students are preparing for the move to

high school, and our upperclassmen are making decisions about their next steps after graduation. Our counseling team continues to work closely with students and families to plan their schedule for next year and help students work towards their post-secondary goals.

As always, we value our partnership with families. Your support plays a critical role in student success. Please continue to communicate with teachers, monitor student progress, and encourage positive habits at home. Together, we can ensure a strong and successful finish to the school year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. We are proud of all that our students have accomplished and look forward to a productive and exciting spring season.

Please note the upcoming events:

- April 16: 3rd Quarter Report Cards
- May 19: Budget Vote
- April 21-22: NYS Grades 6-8 ELA Exam
- May 1: College, Career, and Military T-Shirt Day for Seniors
- May 5-6: NYS Grades 6-8 Math Exam
- May 12: NYS Grade 8 Science Exam
- May 17-20: Grade 8 Washington DC Trip
- May 27: High School Spring Concert
- May 28: Middle School Spring Concert
- 1st Week of June: Awards Ceremonies

Mrs. Talbot, *Secondary Principal*

2026 TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C

To all the parents/Guardians of this year's eighth grade students attending the trip to DC, we have some important information to share with you.

- Luggage check will be on Saturday, May 16, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- We will depart for DC on Sunday, May 17, at 6:00 a.m. Be at the school at 5:45 a.m. at the latest to load.
- We will return from DC on

Wednesday, May 20, arriving at the school approximately 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

This year will be stopping in Gettysburg to enjoy lunch at Pickett's Buffet and tour the battlefields surrounding Gettysburg before making our way to Washington, DC. Once in DC, students will be participating in activities surrounding our capital, from site seeing of memorials to learning about our nation's rich history and

how our government works. Help make this year's trip a great success by encouraging positive behaviors and participation in school, no matter where the learning takes us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Shane Thornton and the rest of the Eighth Grade Team
sthornton@bolivarrichburg.org

SPRING FLING!



Nearly 100 of our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders danced the night away at the Spring Fling dance hosted by the SADD Club and the Middle School Student Council. SADD members did an amazing job with the music, and refreshments were offered by our YMCA program. Thank you to everyone who helped out with this fun and memorable evening.



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Once Upon A Mattress

A huge shout-out to our cast and crew for a wonderful performance of Once Upon a Mattress. Your hard work and dedication really came through as your talents lit up the stage. All of our students did a phenomenal job, but we will miss our graduating seniors very much! It was so nice being in our new auditorium and exploring what our new sound and lighting systems can do. Thank you to all our staff and parent volunteers whose time and efforts helped our show look beautiful and run smoothly backstage. And thank you to everyone who came to watch and support our show!

Mrs. Freeman-Brauen, Mr. Brennan, and Mrs. Childs



ALL COUNTY FESTIVALS



All County Orchestra, Int Band, & Show Choir

recommendaions — a recognition of both their musical ability and the dedication they bring to their craft. Being chosen to perform in these ensembles is a significant achievement, and we are proud of each of them.

Congratulations to all Bolivar-Richburg students who participated in the All County Festivals in January and March! Students were selected based on their 2025 Solo Festival scores and teacher



Junior High Chorus



Jazz Band



Junior High Band



Senior High Choir



6th Grade Choir



Senior High Band

2026 MUSIC DEPARTMENT END OF YEAR EVENTS CALENDAR

May 8-9
May 25
May 27
May 28

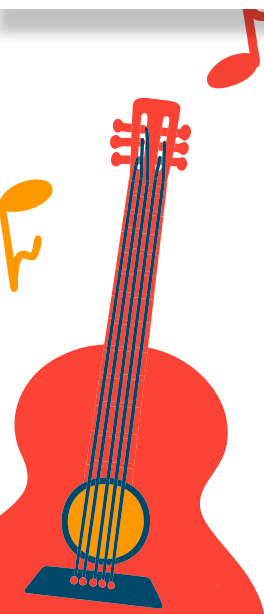
NYSSMA Solo Festival
Memorial Day Parades
High School Spring Concert
Middle School Spring Concert

Fillmore Central School
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June 5
June 6
June 9
June 27

6th/JH Darien Lake Music Festival
SH Darien Lake Music Festival
Honors Jazz Band – Jazz In Bloom
Pioneer Oil Days Parade

Darien Lake
Darien Lake
Wellsville Central School
BRCS



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

National Honor Society Inducts New Members



On Wednesday, March 4, fifteen new students were inducted into the Bolivar-Richburg Chapter of the National Honor Society. To be eligible, juniors and seniors at Bolivar-Richburg must maintain a 91% or above cumulative high school average in addition to meeting high standards of character, leadership, and service. As a traditional part of the ceremony, the seniors in National Honor Society dedicated the floral centerpiece to Mrs. Peterson, a BRCS English teacher, as the person who demonstrates the ideals of the National Honor Society. The students inducted were (from left to right) Arlianna Gaston, Savannah Shelley, Elizabeth Learn, Madyson Stanton, Lindsey Greeson, Sydney Faulkner, Braden Zilker, Madalynn Woodworth, Ren Button, Owen Unfus, Carson Lipyance, Tytan Smith, Autumn Cicarelli, Addison Amidon. Not pictured: Lyla Fanton.

We congratulate all new members of the National Honor Society! You make us proud!

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

National Junior Honor Society Inducts New Members

On Tuesday, February 11, ten students were inducted into the Bolivar-Richburg Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. To be eligible, 8th graders and freshmen at Bolivar-Richburg must maintain 90% or above cumulative middle and high school average in addition to meeting high standards of character, leadership, service, and citizenship. The students inducted are pictured as follows from left to right: Noah McPherson, Mason Hackett, Savannah Clutter, Aleyah Mesler, Grace Bell, Alexis Torrey, Allison Fanton, Corbin Rockefeller, Bryson Herrington, Jefferey Champlin. We congratulate all new members of the National Junior Honor Society! You make us proud!



NHS TEACHER'S DESK

The Bolivar-Richburg National Honor Society put their free time to good use recently, assembling over 1,600 writing packets for The Teacher's Desk — a Western New York nonprofit that provides new school supplies, books, and hygiene products to teachers at no cost. The organization serves over 250 schools, 6,000 teachers, and 150,000 students across the region each year, allowing educators to “shop” for free supplies for their classrooms. BR NHS students volunteer with the organization regularly as part of their commitment to community service.



SADD CLUB

On Wednesday, March 18, the SADD Club hosted a powerful presentation on distracted driving for grades 9-12. The event was made possible through a NYS SADD grant called “Hang Up and Drive.” Pictured are speakers Jacy Good and Steve Johnson along with SADD club members and advisor, Mary Hirsch-Schena.



ATHLETIC NEWS

SPORTS MERGER UPDATE

by Mr. Margeson

I would like to take this opportunity to let our Wolverine family know that our sports merger with Cuba-Rushford has been an overwhelming success for our students. The C-R family has been extremely welcoming and supportive throughout the process. There will always be some obstacles to overcome, but our team continues to put in extra hours to do what is best for our kids.

Although there are many people who have helped with this transition, from parents, to coaches, to bus drivers and staff, I would like to highlight two gentlemen whose duties and responsibilities significantly increased. Bolivar-Richburg would like to thank our Athletic Director, Dustin Allen, and our Transportation Supervisor, Ed Elling, along with their teams, for going above and beyond to make this merger successful. Each day, Mr. Allen and Mr. Elling are coordinating new practices and game schedules, bus runs, and solving multiple issues as they arise through communication and collaboration.

The success of our students is in large part due to these two hard-working Wolverines!

THANK YOU!



Dustin Allen, Athletic Director



Ed Elling, Transportation Supervisor

2026-2027 BUDGET INFORMATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION BOLIVAR-RICHBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL - TOWNS OF BOLIVAR, LITTLE GENESEE, WIRT, WEST CLARKSVILLE, ALMA AND CUBA COUNTY OF ALLEGANY, NEW YORK

1. Presentation of 2026-2027 Bolivar-Richburg Central School budget by Superintendent, Mr. Jeff Margeson, and Business Administrator, Ms. Amy Rozler for a Question-and-answer session,

2. Adjournment of the hearing,

Notice of the public vote has been or will be duly published in the manner required by law in the Olean Times Herald: April 2, April 14, April 21, and May 1, 2026.

Annual Meeting/Budget Vote will be held in the Bolivar Building Board of Education Room 113, May 19, 2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District, Allegany County, Bolivar, New York (the "District") will be held in the High School Building, in the Auditorium, located at 100 School Street, Bolivar, NY 14715 on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., for presentation of the District's proposed 2026-2027 budget.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting and Vote of the qualified voters of the District (the "Annual Meeting and Vote") will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, between the hours of 12 p.m. (noon) and 8:00 p.m. in the High School Building in the Board of Education Room 113, located at 100 School Street, Bolivar, NY 14715, at which time

the polls will be opened for the purposes of voting on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year, electing two (2) members of the Board of Education (the "Board"), voting on a proposition involving the purchase of school buses, voting on a proposition involving the purchase of certain maintenance equipment, voting on a proposition to increase the local library appropriations, and transacting such other business as may be authorized by law. Polls are opened-12:00 noon.

1. Polls are opened-12:00 noon.
2. Announcement that the polls are closing-7:50 p.m.
3. Polls are closed-8:00 p.m.
4. The inspectors will count the votes to ensure the number of voters corresponds with the number of people registered.
5. The Chairman will announce the results of the voting.
6. The Chairman will declare the meeting adjourned.

PROPOSITIONS

Proposition 1 – Annual Budget (2026-2027):

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the requisite funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

Proposition 2 – Bolivar Free Library Taxes:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the annual appropriation for the operation of the Bolivar Free Library, Bolivar, New York, a free association library, is hereby increased by \$1,983.00 for a total of \$73,483.00, and that the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to levy and collect taxes in the District for payment thereof.

Proposition 3 – Colonial Library Taxes:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the annual appropriation for the operation of the Colonial Library, Richburg, New York, a free association library, is hereby increased by \$5,706.90 for a total of \$62,775.87, and that the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to levy and collect taxes in the District for payment thereof.

Proposition 4 – Genesee Library Taxes:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the annual appropriation for the operation of the Genesee Library, Little Genesee, New York, a free association library, is hereby increased by \$7,624.00 for a total of \$58,451.00, and that the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to levy and collect taxes in the District for the payment thereof.

Proposition 5 – Acquisition of School Buses and Similar Vehicles (and Related Equipment):

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District, Allegany County, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to purchase school buses and similar vehicles (and related equipment) for use in the transportation program of the District at an estimated maximum cost of \$543,110 (with such estimated maximum cost reflecting the value of any trade-ins), and the District is authorized to expend or apply toward the purchase \$38,000 from the District’s Transportation Capital Reserve Fund that was established in May 17, 2022, and the sum of \$505,110, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and all other eligible legal fund sources; and in anticipation of such tax, bonds or other obligations (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts) of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$505,110 and shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law, and that New York State Transportation Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

Proposition 4 – Proposition 6 – Purchase of Van:

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to purchase a van for student transportation use at an aggregate estimated maximum cost of \$43,802.85 using \$43,802 of funds currently on hand in the Bolivar-Richburg Central School District Capital Buildings and Grounds Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund established in May of 2022.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election for members of the Board shall be held to fill two (2) at-large vacancies created by the expiration, on June 30, 2026, of the terms of Board members Jarrod Bell and Aaron Duell. The candidates receiving the two highest vote totals shall each be elected to three-year terms commencing on July 1, 2026, and expiring June 30, 2029.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all candidates for the office of member of the Board shall be nominated by petition. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk in the District's secondary building between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., not later than 5 p.m. on April 20, 2026. Each petition shall be directed to the District Clerk and must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the 2025 Annual Meeting and Vote, and must state the residence of each signer and the name and residence of each candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail ballots for the Annual Meeting and Vote may be obtained between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Vote, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the Annual Meeting and Vote, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m., on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, to be canvassed and counted. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk, where it shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., until the day set for voting, except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the District, including eligible family members, must submit a separate application for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the military ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on April 24, 2026. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, military voters may designate a preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail. If no preference is given, the military ballot application or ballot

will be transmitted to the military voter by mail.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that only qualified voters of the District shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and Vote. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) a resident within the District for a period of 30 days next preceding the Annual Meeting and Vote. The District may require all persons offering to vote at the Annual Meeting and Vote to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law §2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name, and address.

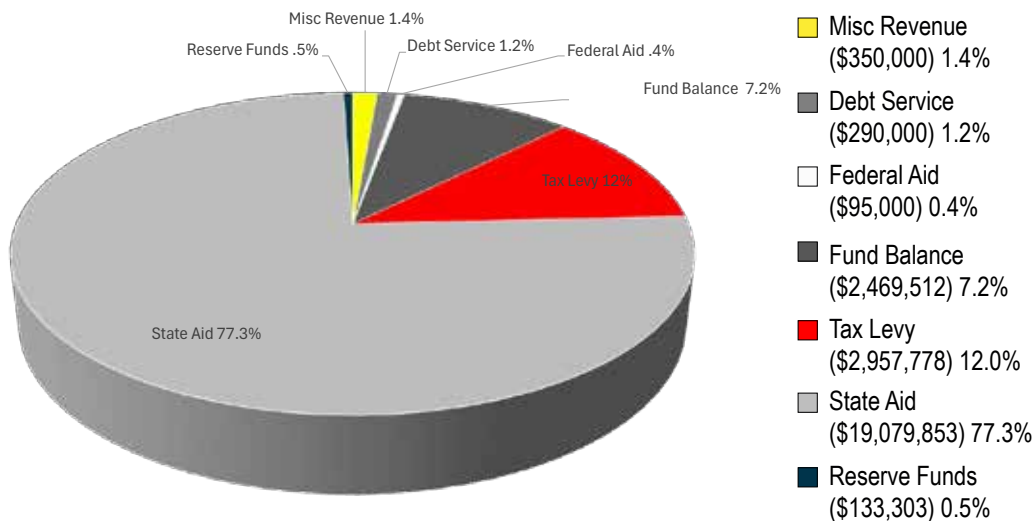
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board in accordance with §§2035 and 2008 of the State Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Board at the secondary building on or before April 20, 2026 at 5 p.m.; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the District Clerk and signed by at least 7 qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of budget or statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the District's budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the 14 days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting and Vote, except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and on the day of the Annual Meeting and Vote, at the office of the District Clerk or any District schoolhouse during the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

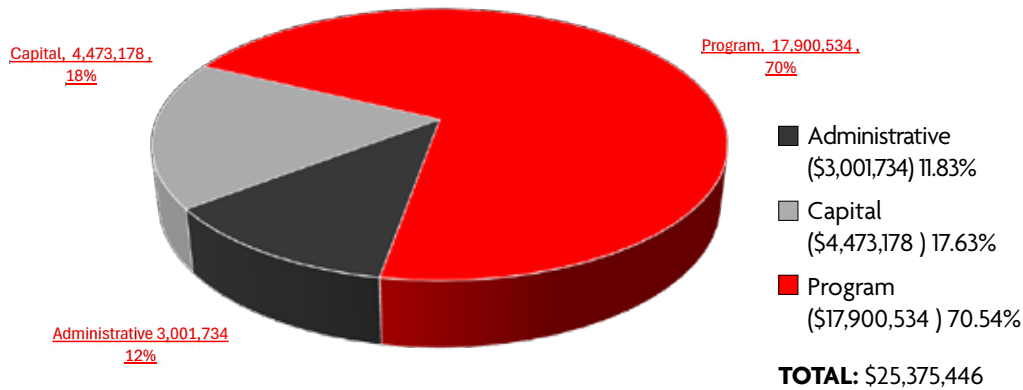
BY:

Amy Shelp
Clerk, Board of Education
Bolivar-Richburg Central School
100 School Street
Bolivar, NY 14715
March 31, 2025

2026-2027 SOURCES OF EDUCATIONAL FUNDING



2026-2027 USES OF EDUCATION FUNDING



2026-2027 SUMMARY OF REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

	2025-2026 Budget	2026-2027 Budget	Inc (Dec) Over Prior Year
State Aid	\$19,339,386	\$19,079,853	\$(259,533)
Misc Revenue	601,000	350,000	\$(251,000)
Federal Aid	95,000	95,000	\$-
Estimated Tax Levy & STAR Reimbursement	2,873,063	2,957,778	\$84,715
TOTAL REVENUE	\$22,908,449	\$22,482,631	\$(425,818)
Interfund Transfer of Debt Service	290,000	290,000	\$-
Appropriated Reserve	174,955	133,303	\$(41,652)
Appropriated Fund Balance	3,305,255	2,469,512	\$(835,743)
TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER SOURCES	\$26,678,659	\$25,375,446	\$(1,303,213)

2026 SCHOOL TAX PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Payment Period

Tax payments are accepted from September 1 through October 31, 2026.

By Mail:

Make your check payable to: Bolivar-Richburg CSD and include the bottom portion of your tax bills.

Mail both items to: Bolivar-Richburg CSD, PO Box 207, Warsaw, NY 14569
Do not mail payments to the school district

In Person:

Bring your payment and the bottom portion of your tax bill to any Five Star Bank location in WNY. Place them in a sealed envelope and deposit it in the designated drop-box at the bank.

Important Details:

A 2% late fee is charged for payments made between October 1 and October 31, 2026.

Payments must be post-marked by October 31, 2026. Payments received after October 31, 2026, post-mark date will be returned and sent to the County Treasurer for re-levy.

Requesting receipts:

Include an additional copy of your bill along with a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment

Questions?

Amy Rozler, Tax Collector:
arozler@bolivarrichburg.org
585-928-2933

Amy Shelp, District Clerk:
ashelp@bolivarrichburg.org
585-928-2937

2026-2027 PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

	BUDGET COMPONENTS					
General Support	Administrative	Capital	Program	2026-2027 Total	2025-2026 Total	Change
Board of Education	14,075			14,075	13,365	710
Superintendent's Office	258,747			258,747	259,727	(980)
Finance, Audit & Tax Collection	413,299			413,299	418,261	(4,962)
Legal/Personnel/Public Info	522,184			522,184	513,569	8,615
Operations & Maintenance		1,551,443		1,551,443	1,557,908	(6,465)
Insurance, Judgments, Assessments, Refunds	386,542			386,542	388,496	(1,954)
BOCES Central Data, Printing & Mailing	52,206	56,952	365,441	474,599	444,243	30,356
Total General Support	1,647,053	1,608,395	365,441	3,620,889	3,595,569	25,320

Instructional Support	Administrative	Capital	Program	2026-2027 Total	2025-2026 Total	Change
Curriculum, Supervision & Inservice	793,501		286,708	1,080,209	1,005,489	74,720
Instruction - Regular School			5,550,039	5,550,039	5,846,192	(296,153)
Instruction - Special Needs, Occ Ed, Summer			4,170,306	4,170,306	4,819,297	(648,991)
Instruction - Media/Technology			511,993	511,993	635,392	(123,399)
Guidance/Health/Psych/Soc Work			613,061	613,061	689,958	(76,897)
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Activities			490,480	490,480	491,144	(664)
Total Instructional Support	793,501	-	11,622,587	12,416,088	13,487,472	(1,071,384)

Total Student Transportation	-	-	1,932,945	1,932,945	1,837,730	95,215
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Employee Benefits	Administrative	Capital	Program	2026-2027 Total	2025-2026 Total	Change
Retirement Systems	128,359	131,730	879,819	1,139,909	1,037,129	384,242
Social Security	82,310	89,793	576,173	748,277	755,667	688,580
Worker's Compensation	7,649	8,345	53,545	69,539	59,697	9,842
Unemployment Insurance	220	240	1,540	2,000	2,000	-
Health Benefits	342,640	373,790	2,398,483	3,114,914	2,988,853	126,061
Total Employee Benefits	561,180	603,898	3,909,561	5,074,639	4,843,346	231,293

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Administration:

Jeffrey Margeson, Superintendent of Schools
 Susan Bokman, Director of Data and Accountability
 Megan Duke, Elementary Principal
 Jessica Talbot, Secondary Principal
 James Pettit, Secondary Assistant Principal
 Amy Rozler, School Business Administrator
 Mary Snyder, CSE/CPSE Chairperson

Current Resident

or Local Postal Patron



Debt Service	Administrative	Capital	Program	2026-2027 Total	2025-2026 Total	Change
Serial Bonds - Building	-	2,024,389		2,024,389	2,608,046	(583,657)
EPC - Energy Contract	-	136,496		136,496	136,496	0
Total Debt Service	-	2,160,885	-	2,160,885	2,744,542	(583,657)
Interfund Transfers	Administrative	Capital	Program	2026-2027 Total	2025-2026 Total	Change
Transfer to School Lunch Fund	-		40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	-		30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Transfer to Capital	-	100,000		100,000	100,000	-
Total Interfund Transfers	-	100,000	70,000	170,000	170,000	-
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	3,001,734	4,473,178	17,900,534	25,375,446	26,678,659	(1,303,213)
TAX LEVY INCREASE 2.95%					BUDGET INCREASE -4.89%	

Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 require public school boards of education to present the proposed budget in three parts. As a result, this presentation is organized around the following components; administrative, capital, and program:

Administrative Component: Includes expenses associated with the operation of the school board, superintendent's office, and business office. Includes salaries and benefits for all certified administrators and supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing administrative duties, consulting costs not directly related to instructional programs, and all other activities that are administrative in nature.

Capital Component: Includes debt service for all facilities financed by bonds and notes of the district, lease expenditures, costs resulting from judgements in tax certiorari proceedings, awards from court judgements, administrative orders and settled claims, cost of construction, acquisition, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and improvements of school buildings, all expenses associated with custodial and maintenance salaries and benefits, service contracts, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and repair of school facilities.

Program Component: Includes salaries and benefits of teachers and any school administrator or supervisor who spend a majority of their time performing teaching duties, and all transportation operating expenses.