Great Neck Public Schools

2026-2027



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Great Neck Public School District provides an innovative and collaborative educational environment that supports academic excellence and the social and emotional growth of all students so that they may become life-long learners and compassionate, productive members of a diverse, global society.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education consists of five residents, elected by fellow residents in the school district election in May. Each serves a three-year, unpaid term as trustee. Terms are staggered, with one or two seats up for election each year. The Board has broad legal powers and responsibilities for determining educational policy, for supervising the administration of the schools, and for levying taxes on properties to support school district operations. The Board's chief executive officer is the Superintendent of Schools.

Additionally, ex officio student members are selected annually to represent each district high school. Ex officio student members are non-voting members of the Board and are not entitled to participate in executive session or any other non-public meetings.

Public Board of Education meetings are scheduled regularly and appear in this calendar and on the district website. Additional meetings may be called at any time. Board meeting agendas are also available on the district website.

Residents who have matters to present to the Board should communicate in writing (Board of Education, Great Neck Public Schools, 345 Lakeville Road, Great Neck, NY 11020, or boe@greatneck.k12.ny.us) to be placed on a meeting agenda. Concerns may also be brought to the Board during Open Time during a Board meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

Adopting, amending, and deleting district policies are the sole responsibilities of the Board of Education (*Board Policy Development, 2400*). All policies are available for review on the district website.

2026–2027 BOARD MEETINGS

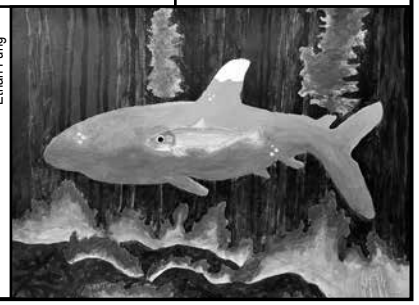
The Board of Education has adopted the following meeting schedule for the current school year. All meetings will take place in the E.M. Baker Elementary School auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change; visit the district website for the most current meeting information.

Thursday, August 27, 2026 – Public Action Meeting at 7 p.m. at Phipps
Tuesday, September 15, 2026 – Public Action Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – Public Action Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2026 – Public Action Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 2026 – Public Action Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2027 – Public Action Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2027 – Snow date, if needed
Tuesday, February 9, 2027 – Public Action Meeting and Budget Presentation #1
Tuesday, February 23, 2027 – Snow Date, if needed
Tuesday, March 2, 2027 – Public Action Meeting and Budget Presentation #2
Wednesday, March 31, 2027 – Public Action Meeting and Budget Presentation #3
Tuesday, April 13, 2027 – Public Action Meeting, Budget Presentation #4 and Adoption of Budget
Tuesday, May 4, 2027 – Official Public Budget Hearing and Public Action Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2027 – Annual School District Election and Budget Vote. Polls Open from 6 a.m.–9 p.m.; Board Meeting at 10 p.m. at Phipps
Wednesday, June 2, 2027 – Public Action Meeting at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 15, 2027 – Public Action Meeting at 7 p.m.



Left to right: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth R. Bossert and ***2026–2027 Board of Education trustees*** *(with expiration year of current term) Donna Peirez (2028), Vice President Steve Chen (2027), President Grant Toch (2027), Joanne Chan (2029), and Marisa Brandeis Kermanian (2029). Ex officio student members for the 2026–2027 school year are Alexander Geller (Village School), Letizia Kaya (North High), and Cassandra Zheng (South High).*

AUGUST 2026

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9	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	*Assumption of Mary* **15**
16	FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION DEADLINE **17**	**18**	**SH** Gr. 12 Photos by Appointment (thru 8/21) → **19**	**20**	**21**	SAT **22**
NH SAT **23**	**HS** Fall Sports Begin **Elementary** Classmate Lists/ Teacher Assignment Available on Parent Portal **SH** Gr. 12 Photos by Appt. **24**	**SM** New Student Assessments – 9am (thru 8/26) → **25**	**26**	**Board of Education** Public Action Mtg – 7pm @ PHIPPS **NH** Gr. 9 Orientation Parent/ Student – 9am Gr. 9 Schedule Changes – 10:30am **NM** Walk Through & 6th Grade Orientation – 10:30am **SH** New Students: Program Changes by Appt. (thru 8/28) → **SM** Walk Throughs: Gr. 6 A-L – 10:30am; Gr. 6 M-Z – 12pm; New Gr. 7 & 8 Students – 10:30am **27**	**28**	**29**
30	SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY **EMB** K Meet & Greet – 1:30pm **JFK** K Meet & Greet – 1:30pm **PARK** K Meet & Greet – 1:30pm **SH** Gr. 9 Orientation & Walk Through – 9:30am **SR** K Meet & Greet – 1:30pm **31**				Ethan Fung 	

SCHOOL HOURS

Universal Pre-Kindergarten . . . . . **9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,** or **Noon to 3:20 p.m.**
Kindergarten–Grade 5 . . . . . **9:00 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.**
Grades 6–8 . . . . . **8:20 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.**
Grades 9–12 **North High School** . . . . **8:00 a.m. to 2:33 p.m.**
South High School . . . **7:59 a.m. to 2:33 p.m.**
Village School . . . . . **8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**
SEAL Program . . . . . **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

For school addresses and telephone numbers, see the District Directory on page 30. For bus schedules, visit the Transportation Office web page at www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/transportation.

ABSENCE & LATENESS

All students who have been absent or late are required, upon return to school, to bring a written note from a parent/person in parental relation giving dates and reasons. Students who leave school early must present prior written permission from a parent/person in parental relation. (See: Board of Education Policy on *Student Attendance, 5100*.)

A student may be excused during the last hour of one school day a week for courses in religious education. Prior written permission from a parent/person in parental relation and evidence of official registration must be filed with the principal. (See: Board of Education Policy on *Religious Observance, 5190*.)

ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is a major component of academic success. The district has clear expectations regarding student attendance, including: encouraging attendance by students; efforts to minimize the number of unexcused absences, tardiness, and early departures; maintaining an adequate attendance recordkeeping system; identifying patterns of student attendance; and developing effective intervention strategies to improve school attendance. (See: Board of Education Policy on *Student Attendance, 5100*.) This policy is reviewed annually with students and staff. It is available in its entirety on the district website, and copies are available upon request.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Great Neck Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive and district personnel may deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other district personnel, parents/persons in parental relation, and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The district has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and at school functions. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty and integrity.

Through the Code of Conduct (Board of Education Policy *5300*), the district clearly defines the expectations for acceptable conduct on school property, identifies the possible consequences of unacceptable conduct, and ensures that discipline, when necessary, is administered promptly and fairly. The Code applies to all students, school personnel, parents/persons in parental relation, and other visitors when on school property or attending a school function. The Code of Conduct is available in its entirety on the district website and is available upon request.

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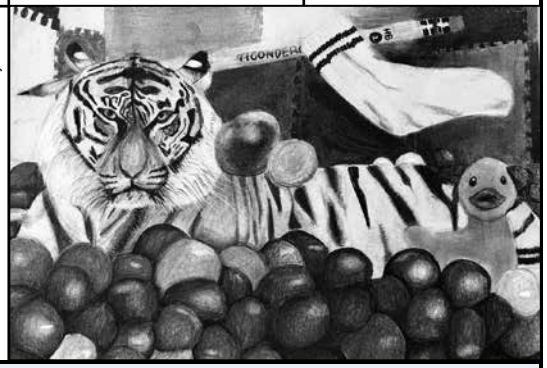
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL K-12 FIRST QUARTER MARKING PERIOD BEGINS **MS** Fall Sports Begin **JFK** Pre-K Meet & Greet: AM Pre-K – 10am; PM FFF – 10:30am; PM Pre-K – 11:30am; AM FFF – 12pm **PARK** Pre-K Meet & Greet: AM Pre-K – 10am; PM FFF – 11am; PM Pre-K – 1pm; AM FFF – 2pm **NH** Senior Sunrise **1**	**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for Pre-K & FFF** **2**	**NM** Open House – 6:30pm **SH** 1st Semester Parking Mtg – 2:45pm **SM** Open House – 6:30pm **3**	**NH** Freshman BBQ **4**	**5**

6	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** *Labor Day* 7	**Community Ed** Fall Session Begins **Fall Driver Ed** Begins **NH** Gr. 12 College Planning – 7pm Gr. 10-11 Orientation – 7pm **PARK** PTO Welcome & Class Parent Mtg **SH** Gr. 12 College Night (virtual) – 6pm 8	ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSES **EMB** Gr. K-1– 6pm Gr. 2-3 – 7pm Gr. 4-5– 8pm **JFK** Gr. 3-5 – 6pm PreK & K – 7pm Gr. 1-2 – 8pm **LAK** Gr. 4-5 – 7pm Gr. 1-3 – 8pm **SR** Gr. K-1 – 6pm Gr. 4-5 – 7pm Gr. 2-3 – 8pm 9	**PARK** Open House – 6:30pm **VS** Open House – 6:30pm 10	**SH** Club Fair *Patriot Day* *Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset* 11	**HS** SAT *Rosh Hashanah* 12
Rosh Hashanah ends 13	**LAK** Gr. 5 Principal's Tea + Talk – 10am New Families Mtg – 6:30pm PTA Mtg – 7:30 pm **NH** Gr. 9-11 Photos **SR** Welcome Back Picnic – 5pm 14	**Board of Education** Public Action Mtg – 7:30pm at EMB 15	**NH** Safe Driving Assembly – 8:45am **SR** Class Parent Mtg – 9:30am PTA Breakfast Mtg – 10am Welcome Back Picnic (rain date) – 5pm 16	**NH** Science Research Orientation & Science Boosters – 6pm ENL Parent Mtg – 6pm Open House – 7pm **SH** Senior Class Photo – 9:30am ENL Parent Information Session – 5:45pm Open House – 7pm **SM** Photo Day (thru 9/18) → *Citizenship Day & Constitution Day* 17	**NM** Club Fair **SH** Pep Rally 18	**SH** ACT **SH** Homecoming 19
LAK Car Show *Yom Kippur begins at sunset* 20	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** *Yom Kippur* 21	*First Day of Fall* 22	**LAK** Bingo Night – 5pm **NM** Photo Day (thru 9/24) → 23	**EMB** PTO Fall Family Social – 4:30pm **LAK** Photo Day (thru 9/25) → **NH** Booster Club Mtg (virtual) – 7pm **SM** Frost Valley Mtg – 7pm 24	**SM** New to District Parent Mtg – 9am *Mid-Autumn Festival* *Sukkot begins at sunset* 25	26
LAK Car Show (rain date) – 12pm 27	**LAK** Gr. 4 Principal's Tea + Talk – 10am **NM** PTO Mtg – 7pm **SH** PTO New Parent Mtg (virtual) – 7pm 28	29	**PARK** PTO Caregiver Evening Workshop & Mtg 30			

Emily Zhu



National Hispanic Heritage Month

SEPTEMBER 2026

DELAYED OPENINGS

Delayed openings delay the opening of school by two hours. Delayed opening notifications will be communicated to parents and staff via ParentSquare, and announcements will also be posted on the district website. The delayed opening schedule is as follows:

Programs/Schools	2-Hour Delay
Elementary Schools	11:00 a.m.
Middle Schools	10:20 a.m.
North High School	10:00 a.m.
South High School	9:59 a.m.
Village School	10:15 a.m.

A delayed opening means bus schedules will also be delayed two hours. For example, if your child's bus is normally scheduled to arrive at 7:54 a.m., a two-hour delay will change the arrival time to 9:54 a.m.

In the event of a delayed opening, all elementary before-school intramurals and enrichment activities are canceled. The breakfast program will not be available when there is a delayed opening.

A delayed opening is subject to change if the weather and/or road conditions remain hazardous. The Superintendent retains the option to issue a subsequent order directing a school closing when the potential for a hazardous situation exists.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Early dismissals are considered when there is a weather forecast predicting weather conditions that may result in traffic problems at regular school dismissal times. The time of day an alert is announced and the availability of school buses will determine whether early dismissal is possible.

Although a regular order of dismissal (high schools, middle schools, elementary schools) will take place, every effort will be made to set up an earlier bus schedule. This will allow additional time to transport high school and middle school students and have the buses arrive at the elementary schools at the regular dismissal time.

In the event of an early dismissal, notification will be sent via ParentSquare to all parents; specific information regarding release times will be posted on the district website. Parents should have a contingency plan in place in the event of an early dismissal. Please note that if an early dismissal occurs, the PM Pre-K and PM Fun for Fours programs will be canceled (see school website for additional information).

Each nonpublic school must make its own decision about an early dismissal. Bus service will depend on availability of drivers and dismissal time requested by schools. The GNPS Transportation Office (441-4060) will coordinate bus arrangements for the North Shore Hebrew Academy.



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		Eliana Goldberg		**NM** ENL Dinner – 6:30pm		**HS** SAT
				1	*Sukkot ends* *Shemini Atzeret begins at sunset* **2**	*Shemini Atzeret* *Simchat Torah begins at sunset* **3**

NH Frost Valley (thru 10/6) *Shemini Atzeret ends* *Simchat Torah ends* **4**	**Shared Decision Making Committee** (SDMC) Training – 6pm @ SH **LAK** Gr. 3 Principal's Tea + Talk – 10am **SH** Gr. 9-11 Photo Day (thru 10/6) **5**	**LAK** ENL Parent Mtg – 7pm **6**	**SEPTA** Kickoff – 7pm **7**	**Elementary Parent-Teacher Conference** Sign-up Window Opens (thru 10/22) **SM** PTA Mtg (virtual) – 7pm **SR** Gr. 5 Group Photos **8**	**NH** Pep Rally **9**	**NH** Homecoming **10**
11	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** *Columbus Day* *Indigenous People's Day* **12**	**13**	**Board of Education** Public Action Mtg – 7:30pm @ EMB **VS** PTA Meeting – 6:30pm **14**	**15**	**16**	ACT **HS** PSAT **Rec. Programs Begin** Saturday Recreation Programs, Gr. K-8 @ SM – 9am **17**
NH SAT **Rec. Programs Begin** Sunday Recreation Programs, Gr. K-8 @ NM – 9am **18**	**MS** Winter I Sports Registration Deadline **LAK** Gr. 2 Principal's Tea + Talk – 10am **19**	**SM** Book Fair (thru 10/22) **UPTC** Presidents Council – 6:30pm Kick-off Town Hall – 7:30pm @ NH **20**	**JFK** Photo Day **LAK** Book Fair (thru 10/23) Gr. 2 & 3 Literacy Night – 6:30pm **SR** Book Fair Shopping Night – 6pm **21**	**PARK** K Photo Day **SH** Piano Recital – 7pm **SR** Book Fair (thru 10/23) **22**	**NM** Photo Retake Day **PARK** Pre-K Photo Day **23**	**NH** Music Night – 7pm **24**
25	**SH** Red Ribbon Week (thru 10/30) PTO Mtg (virtual) – 7pm **26**	**EMB** Photo Day (thru 10/28) **LAK** Photo Retake Day **SR** Photo Day (thru 10/28) **27**	**NH** Halloween Fair – 5pm **NM** Dancing Classrooms – 7pm **28**	**District Faculty Music Recital** – 7pm at SH **JFK** Title I Mtg – 9:30am **NH** PTO Mtg – 7pm **29**	**PARK** Pumpkin Patch **30**	*Halloween* **31**

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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

When the Superintendent or assigned designee determines that a condition exists that warrants a school closing, delayed opening, or early dismissal, or to convey other important information, parents, faculty, and staff will be notified through the ParentSqaure. Information can also be obtained by viewing the district website, listening to TV and radio stations, or calling a School Emergency Telephone Number (listed below).

ParentSquare: The district uses ParentSquare to facilitate urgent communications to parents, faculty, and staff. Emergency messages will be delivered via phone call, email and text message.

Website: The homepage of the district website (www.greatneck.k12.ny.us) will display emergency announcements.

Radio Stations: FM: 97.5 (WALK), 98.3 (WKJY), 102.3 (WBAB), 106.1 (WBLI); AM: 1010 (WINS), 1100 (WHLI)

TV Channels: 2 (CBS), 5 (FOX), News 12 Long Island

School Emergency Telephone Numbers: If emergency conditions prevail, every attempt will be made to record a message on the school emergency number.

Parkville	441-4350	North Middle	441-4500
Baker	441-4100	South Middle	441-4600
Kennedy	441-4200	North High	441-4700
Lakeville	441-4300	South High	441-4800
Saddle Rock	441-4400	Village School	441-4900
Community Education*	441-4949	SEAL	441-4960
Adult Learning Center	441-4950	Pupil Personnel Services	441-4970

** Driver Education students should phone 441-4949 for complete information.*

EMERGENCY PLANS & DRILLS

A District-Wide Comprehensive Safety Plan and Building-Level Safety Plans are in use and updated annually. At least once a year, each school conducts a test of its emergency plan, including transportation and communication procedures. Tests are done in cooperation with local emergency management officials, when possible. Parents/persons in parental relation will be notified about such drills. Students and staff receive information about the school's procedures each year.

EXTRA HELP IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

If a middle or high school student is experiencing difficulty in academic subjects, the district offers alternatives to private tutoring. Teachers are available for weekly extra-help sessions in each academic and elective area. They may also be able to assist students briefly during a non-instructional period or before or after school on a scheduled basis.

Each secondary school also has an academic center to provide students with additional support. Resources and review sessions to prepare students for New York State and Advanced Placement examinations are also provided.

Organized peer tutoring programs and academic intervention services are available when necessary. Please ask the guidance counselor or department head of the subject area in which your child needs assistance about the availability of these services. (See: Board of Education Policy on *Private Individual Instruction by Great Neck Faculty, 9640.*) In addition, a local nonprofit group, COPAY (Community Organization for Parents and Youth, 466-2509) offers low-cost peer tutoring after school.

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Daylight Saving Time Ends • *Set clocks back 1 hour* • *Replace smoke alarm batteries* *All Saints Day* **1**	**MS** Winter I Sports Begin *All Souls Day* **2**	**SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY** **SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS** *Election Day* **3**	**NM** Frost Valley Trip (thru 11/6) PTO Mtg – 7pm **4**	**Gr. K-5** 11:45am Dismissal **EMB/PARK K/SR** Afternoon & Evening Conferences **JFK/LAK** Afternoon Conferences **JFK** Pre-K – No School; Pre-K-Gr. 5 Afternoon Conf. **PARK** Pre-K – No School; Pre-K Daytime Conferences **SH** Gr. 12 Photo Make-ups by Appt. (thru 11/6) Music Night I – 7pm **5**	FIRST QUARTER MARKING PERIOD ENDS **HS** Winter Sports Registration Deadline **6**	**HS** SAT **7**

Diwali **8**	SECOND QUARTER MARKING PERIOD BEGINS **JFK** Book Fair (thru 11/10) **SH** Fall Sports Awards Night – 6:30pm **9**	**SM** Photo Retake Day **10**	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** *Veterans Day* **11**	**LAK** Gr. 1 Principal's Tea + Talk – 10am **NH** Booster Club Mtg (virtual) – 7pm **PARK** Pre-K AM Evening Conferences **LAK/JFK** Evening Conferences **SH** Gr. 9-11 Photo Make-ups **12**	**NH** Musical, "Anastasia" – 7pm **13**	**NH** Musical, "Anastasia" – 7pm **SH** Puzzle Treasure Hunt – 12pm **14**
NH Musical, "Anastasia" – 7pm **15**	**HS** Winter Sports Begin **JFK** Reading Week (thru 11/20) **LAK** Food Drive (thru 11/20) **SM** Frost Valley Trip (thru 11/18) **NH** Photo Retake Day **16**	**Board of Education** Public Action Mtg – 7:30pm at EMB **ALC** Thanksgiving Event – 12pm @ CLOVER **VS** Junior Parent Mtg – 6:30pm **17**	**EMB** Parent Shopping Night – 6:30pm **18**	**EMB** Book Fair (thru 11/20) **NM** One Acts – 7pm **PARK** Pre-K PM Evening Conferences **19**	**SH** Musical, "Rock of Ages: Teen Edition" – 7pm @ SM **20**	**SH** Musical, "Rock of Ages: Teen Edition" – 7pm @ SM **21**
22	**23**	**PARK** Pre-K Thanksgiving Concert **24**	EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL *All Schools Dismiss 15 Minutes Early* **PARK** K Thanksgiving Concert **SR** Kindergarten Thanksgiving Show – 2pm **VS** Thanksgiving Luncheon – 11am **25**	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** **Thanksgiving Recess** *Thanksgiving* **26**	**27**	**28**
29	**Pre-Kindergarten Registration** Opens for the 2027-28 School Year **30**					

Claire Niu



Aimee Zhang



National Native American Heritage Month

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FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

Food and Nutrition Services (441-4090) provides nutritious, well-balanced meals that fully comply with Federal Nutrition Standards, which include age-appropriate calorie limits, larger servings of fruits and vegetables, a greater variety of vegetables, fat-free or 1% milk, an increase in whole grains, reduced sodium, and adherence to Smart Snack Guidelines.

Great Neck Public Schools provides breakfast, lunch, and other food options in all elementary, middle, and high schools. These offerings can be purchased as complete meals or used to supplement meals brought from home.

For the upcoming school year, all federally-compliant breakfast and lunch meals will be free for all students. Additional meals and a la carte purchases will be available for purchase at an additional charge. Students will need to have funds in the student lunch account to make these types of purchases. Students are required to use their student identification card for all transactions in the cafeteria. Students missing their ID cards will not be allowed to purchase any a la carte items.

To learn more about payment options, visit http://gnpsfoodandnutritionservices.org or contact Food and Nutrition Services via email at foodservices@greatneck.k12.ny.us.

In situations where students forget to bring meal money, schools follow specific procedures based on Board of Education *Policy 8505: Charging of School Meals*. These guidelines ensure no student goes hungry while also encouraging personal responsibility and helping the district manage resources effectively.

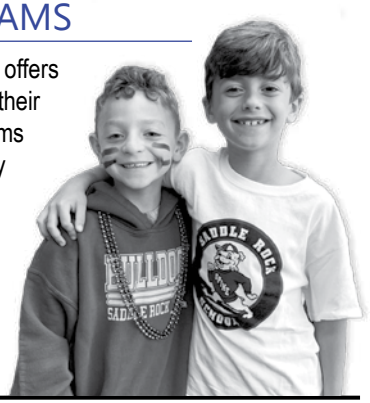
Free and reduced-price meal applications will still be available and should be filled out by families in need, regardless of the free breakfast and lunch program. Potential benefits of filling out the forms may include:

- Discounted fees for SAT, ACT & AP exams
- Increased funding to support students' access to education
- Discounts for fees associated with college application processing
- Discounted fees for other student-related programs

Family income levels must meet federal eligibility guidelines. These programs are handled with complete confidentiality. Applications can be accessed online and include instructions for submission. Visit http://gnpsfoodandnutritionservices.org for additional information.

ENRICHMENT & RECREATION PROGRAMS

The district's Recreation and Physical Education Department offers enrichment and recreation opportunities for students to explore their interests in a supervised learning environment. Enrichment programs take place before school hours, and recreation programs generally take place during weekday evenings and on weekends. Program brochures are available online at www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/rec. For more information about these and other district recreation/instructional programs, contact the Recreation and Physical Education Department (441-4045).



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		JFK Photo Retakes **1**	**NM** PTO Book Fair (thru 12/4) **PARK** Photo Retake Day **SEPTA** Mtg – 7pm **SR** PTA Breakfast Mtg – 9:30am **2**	**SR** Holiday Boutique (thru 12/4) **NYSSMA** Winter Conference at Rochester (thru 12/6) **3**	**Pre-K & Elementary** Report Card Portal Opens *Hanukkah begins at sunset* **4**	**HS** SAT **SH** Cultural Heritage Night – 6pm @ SM **5**

NH SAT **6**	*Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day* **7**	**Board of Education** Public Action Mtg – 7:30pm at EMB **JFK** Holiday Boutique (thru 12/9) *Feast of the Immaculate Conception** **8**	**LAK** Holiday Gift Shop (thru 12/11) **NH** Winter Concert I – 7 pm **SR** Photo Retake Day/Club Photos **9**	**SH** Winter Concert I – 7pm @ SM **10**	**SH** Improv Night I – 7pm **11**	ACT DECA Regionals *Hanukkah ends* **12**
13	**NH** Winter Concert II – 7pm **SM** Gr. 7 & 8 Winter Concert and Art Show – 7pm **14**	**NM** Gr. 6 Winter Concert Series – 7pm **SM** Gr. 6 Winter Concert and Art Show – 7pm **15**	**NM** Gr. 7 & 8 Winter Concert Series – 7pm **SH** Winter Concert II – 7pm @ SM **16**	**JFK** Winter Concert – 7pm **SH** Research Round Tables – 2:45pm **SR** Winter Concert – 7pm **17**	**EMB** PTO Staff Holiday Breakfast **NM** PTO Holiday Breakfast **18**	**19**
20	*First Day of Winter* **21**	**SH** Research Round Tables – 2:45pm **VS** Holiday Party – 6:30pm **22**	**JFK** 61st Holiday Breakfast – 8am **LAK** Winter Sing – 10am **SH** Holiday Brass Tour **23**	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** **Holiday Recess** *Christmas Eve* **24**	*Christmas Day* **25**	*Kwanzaa begins* **26**
27	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** **Holiday Recess** **28**	**29**	**30**	*New Year's Eve* **31**		Jane Choi 

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INTERNET SAFETY

In school, the district filters Internet access, supervises online activities, and teaches Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship to all students in grades K–12. For these practices to be effective, parents are encouraged to partner with the school using the following suggestions for reinforcement at home:

1. Place computers, laptops, and tablets in a room where there is adult supervision in order to monitor your child's online activities.
2. Stay involved in your child's digital world and monitor online posts.
3. Strike a reasonable balance between supervision and privacy.
4. Set limits with regard to screen time and prioritize educational use over social and recreational activities.
5. Set expectations for appropriate online behavior and encourage respect of others at all times.
6. Be aware that children under the age of 13 cannot legally create online accounts without parental permission, and in some cases, are prohibited from doing so entirely by website operators.
7. Explain that it can be unsafe to share private information, photos, or videos online. Once something is posted online or through social media, or transmitted from a cell phone, it becomes a public part of your child's digital footprint.
8. Raise your child's awareness of the long-term consequences for inappropriate online behavior; e.g., content can be viewed by college recruiters, prospective employers, or law enforcement officials.

See also: Board of Education Policy on *Computer Network & Internet Acceptable Use for Students & Staff, 4526*.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Great Neck Public Schools is committed to ensuring fair and equitable educational and employment opportunities for all of its students and staff. Pursuant to various applicable Federal and State laws, the district shall not discriminate on the basis of any arbitrary criteria, including but not limited to: age, ancestry, color, creed, disability, domestic violence victim status, ethnic group, gender (including gender expression and identity), genetic predisposition, marital status, military status, national origin, parental status, race, religion, religious practice, reproductive health decisions, sex, sexual orientation, or weight in the educational programs and activities of the district. For further details, see the Board of Education Policy on *Equal Opportunity, 0100*, and *Staff Complaints and Grievances, 9140.1*.

The district's Title IX Compliance Officers are Jennifer Kirby, Director of Human Resources (441-4050, jkirby@greatneck.k12.ny.us) and Dr. Daniel Holtzman, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education (441-4010, dholtzman@greatneck.k12.ny.us). Both compliance officers are located in the Phipps Administration Building, 345 Lakeville Rd., Great Neck, 11020.

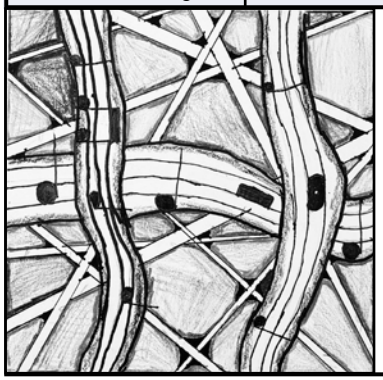
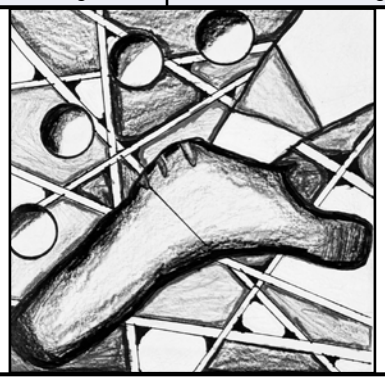
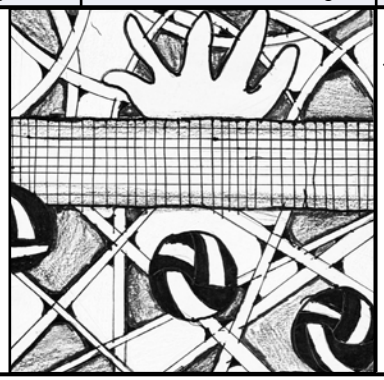
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			Timothy Chu		**SCHOOLS CLOSED Holiday Recess** *New Year's Day* **1**	**2**

3	**4**	**MS** Winter II Sports Registration Deadline **NH** Incoming Gr. 9 Science Research Interest (via Google Meet) – 6:30pm **5**	**Community Ed** Winter Session Begins NMEA All-County (thru 1/10) → *Epiphany** **6**	**NH** FPA Boosters – 7pm Junior College Planning – 7pm **NM** Principal's Tea & Talk – 9:15am **7**	**SH** Coffee House I – 7pm **8**	**9**
NMEA All-County **10**	**Kindergarten-Gr. 12 Registration** Opens for the 2027-28 School Year **LAK** Family Game Night – 6:30pm **11**	**Board of Education** Public Action Mtg – 7:30pm @ EMB **VS** PTA Mtg – 6:30pm **12**	**EMB** Photo Retakes **NM** Spelling Bee **13**	**NH** Senior Symposium – 7pm **PARK** Pre-K Book Fair & Pajama Night – 6pm K Book Fair & Pajama Night – 7pm **14**	**PARK** Daytime Book Fair **15**	**16**
17	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* **18**	**MS** Winter II Sports Begin **19**	**NM** Cultural Heritage Celebration – 6pm **SH** Gr. 11 College Night (virtual) – 6pm **SR** PTA Breakfast Mtg – 9:30am **20**	**Elementary** Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-Up Window Opens (thru 2/4) **EMB** Winter Concert – 7pm **SH** Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly **SR** Family Movie Night – 6pm **21**	MIDDLE SCHOOL SECOND QUARTER MARKING PERIOD ENDS **22**	**23**
24 **NH** Opera, "The Magic Flute" – 3pm **31**	MIDDLE SCHOOL THIRD QUARTER MARKING PERIOD BEGINS **Spring Driver Ed** Begins **25**	**Board of Education** Mtg (snow date, if needed) – 7:30pm @ EMB **HS** Regents Exams (thru 1/29) → **26**	**PARK** PTO Caregiver Evening Workshop & Mtg *Holocaust Remembrance Day* **27**	**NH** PTO Mtg – 7pm **SH** Winter Play, "Poe: Dreams of Madness" – 7pm **NM** Cultural Heritage Celebration (snow date) – 6pm **28**	HIGH SCHOOL SECOND QUARTER MARKING PERIOD ENDS **LAK** Cultural Pride Day Celebration **NH** Opera, "The Magic Flute" – 7pm **SH** Winter Play, " Poe: Dreams of Madness" – 7pm **29**	**NH** Opera, "The Magic Flute" – 7pm **SH** Winter Play, "Poe: Dreams of Madness" – 2pm & 7pm **30**

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PESTICIDE USE & ASBESTOS COMPLIANCE

The school district has pursued an integrated pest management program since 1994. It is in full compliance with NYS regulations (*Pesticide Notification Law, Commissioner's Regulations 155.4D*). The district makes no application of pesticides, as defined in the Law, in any of its schools or buildings. For further information, or to receive written notification 48 hours prior to a regulated pesticide application, contact the Buildings and Grounds Office (441-4040).

The district continues to maintain its Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) which documents all performed or planned asbestos-related inspections, response actions, and post-response actions, including periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities within the district. A copy of the AMP is available for review in the Buildings and Grounds Office, Phipps Administration Building, 345 Lakeville Road, as well as in the main office of each school.

WORKING PAPERS

Working papers are required by law for students under the age of 18 who seek paid employment. Forms are available in the high school and middle school guidance offices. They must be signed by a parent/person in parental relation and require a medical screening by a private or school physician (a school physical is valid up to a year from the date of examination).

PUBLIC USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

District facilities may be used by the public by permit only. Questions regarding the use of district facilities may be directed to the Recreation Office, Phipps Administration Building, 345 Lakeville Road (441-4045).

Nonprofit and for-profit groups may submit applications for social, civic, educational, and recreational purposes. All events on district property must be open to all residents of the school district and participation may not be denied to any person on the grounds of age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnic group, gender, genetic predisposition, marital status, national origin, parental status, race, religion, religious practice, sex, sexual orientation, or weight. If admission is charged, proceeds must be expended for educational or charitable purposes approved by the Board of Education.

Application for use of district facilities must be made at least one month in advance of the event. Fees must be paid in full and a certificate of insurance must be submitted before the event. Additional terms and conditions can be found on the application and are included in the Board of Education Policy on *Public Use of District Facilities, 1500*.

Applications and fee schedules are available from the Recreation Office, Phipps Administration Building, 345 Lakeville Road, or on the district website.



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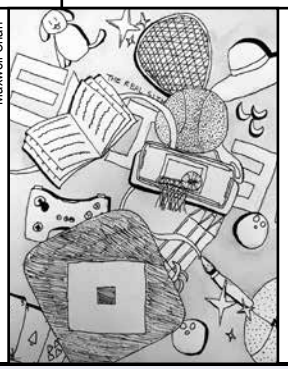
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	HIGH SCHOOL THIRD QUARTER MARKING PERIOD BEGINS **EMB** Cultural Heritage Week (thru 2/4) **1**	**NH** Pre-Registration Elective Student Assembly **SH** 2nd Semester Parking Mtg – 2:45pm **SM** Cultural Heritage Celebration – 5pm *Groundhog Day* **2**	**NH** ENL Meeting – 8am **SH** Music Night II – 7pm **3**	**NH** Incoming Gr. 9 Student/ Parent Orientation – 7pm **PARK** Cultural Heritage Celebration **4**	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** *Lunar New Year Eve* **5**	*Lunar New Year* **6**

Ramadan begins at sunset **7**	**LAK** Indoor Bingo (thru 2/12) → **SH** PTO Mtg (virtual) – 7pm **8**	**Board of Education** Budget Presentation #1 and Public Action Mtg – 7:30pm @ EMB **9**	**LAK** Sweetheart Dance – 6:30pm *Ash Wednesday* **10**	Pops Concert – 7pm @ NM **SM** Cultural Heritage Celebration (snow date) – 5pm **11**	**12**	**13**
Valentine's Day **14**	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** **Winter Recess** *Presidents' Day* **15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**
21	**SH** Spirit Week (thru 2/26) → **22**	**Board of Education** Mtg (snow date, if needed) – 7:30pm @ EMB Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society – 6:30pm **23**	**NM** Gr. 6 Incoming Parent Mtg – 7pm **SH** 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament – 2:45pm (thru 2/25) → Incoming Gr. 9 Parent Mtg – 6pm **24**	**NH** Booster Club Mtg (virtual) – 7pm **PARK** Pre-K AM Evening Conferences → **JFK/LAK** Evening Conferences **25**	**SH** Rebel War – 2:45pm Battle of the Bands – 7pm **SR** Career Day **26**	ACT **27**
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REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL

The Registration Office is located in the Phipps Administration Building, 345 Lakeville Road. For assistance, you may contact the office by email (residency@greatneck.k12.ny.us) or phone (441-4080). **All applications for registration must be submitted and processed online.** The online registration application and instructions are available on the district website at www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/registration.

To register a student, the following documentation is required: proof of district residency, which may be a deed, current tax bill or proprietary lease; or a current signed lease or rental agreement; and three pieces of official mail with your home address (online or printed mail is not accepted). You must also provide the child's original birth certificate, a valid photo ID of the parent or guardian, and, if applicable, official parental control papers. In addition, proof of immunization by a doctor must be submitted at the time of registration, in accordance with New York State requirements. The doctor must include the month, day, and year of all immunizations. Students may not attend school without this documentation. Please contact your physician to obtain the appropriate immunization information. A New York State physical form dated within one year of registration is required of all students.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) — For the 2027–28 school year, early registration for Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) will begin November 30, 2026. In-person appointments (required) for registration will be scheduled starting January 4, 2027, and must be completed by January 15, in order to finalize the application. If a lottery is necessary, parents will be notified of the lottery date and the student's placement. Any child who legally resides in the district and will be four years old on or before December 1 of the entering year is eligible for September admission to the Great Neck Public Schools' half-day UPK program.

Kindergarten — For the 2027–28 school year, Kindergarten registration applications will open on January 11, 2027, for both public and private school students. A child is eligible for September admission if they legally reside in the school district and will be five years old on or before December 1 of the entering year. A mailing will be sent with directions for downloading the necessary forms from the district website. Students attending Pre-K at Parkville or John F. Kennedy schools do not need to fill out a new application.

Parents are strongly encouraged to register their children for both UPK and Kindergarten during the early registration periods. After the early registration deadlines, student registration will continue on an ongoing basis. For more information, please contact the Registration Office (441-4080 or residency@greatneck.k12.ny.us).

First grade — A child must be six years old on or before December 1 of the entering year. A child whose birthday falls after December 1 may still be admitted if they have completed a year of kindergarten in a fully accredited school within the United States. An official report card will be required. Please note that nursery school does not serve as a substitute for kindergarten. A child admitted under these conditions may be temporarily placed in first grade until faculty members have had the opportunity to evaluate their readiness.

Transfer students from schools outside the district will be tentatively placed in the grade level indicated by their official previous school records. Members of the Great Neck faculty will then assess the student's overall readiness for that grade.

Change of Address — If a student moves within the district, the parent or legal guardian must contact the Registration Office immediately to officially update their address. New proof of residency must be provided, which includes either a deed, current tax bill or proprietary lease; or a current signed lease or rental agreement; along with three pieces of official mail showing the new address (online mail is not accepted). The Registration Office will update district records and notify the student's school(s) and, if applicable, transportation services. Changes may take up to 2–3 days to process, including transportation.

Non-Residency — The district works diligently to ensure that only students who legally reside in the district attend its schools. If nonresidency is suspected, please contact the Registration Office (441-4080 or residency@greatneck.k12.ny.us) or complete the confidential non-residency form located in the Registration section of the district website (www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/administration/registration-and-attendance/non-resident-reporting-form). All communications will be handled in strict confidence. For full details, please refer to the Board of Education Policy on *School Admissions, 5150*.

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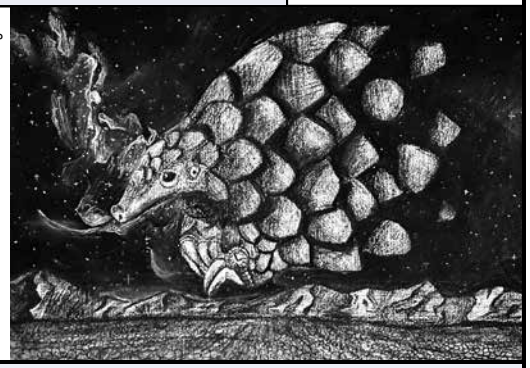
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	HS Spring Sports Registration Deadline for Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball & Track **SH** World Language Week (thru 3/5) Charity Volleyball Tournament – 2:45pm (thru 3/2) Winter Sports Awards Night – 6:30pm **1**	**Board of Education** Budget Presentation #2 and Public Action Mtg – 7:30pm @ EMB **JFK** Parent Assessment Mtg – 10am **VS** PTA Mtg – 6:30pm **2**	**LAK** Parent Assessment Mtg – 7pm **SR** School Play – 7pm DECA States (thru 3/5) **3**	**Gr. K-5** 11:45am Dismissal **PARK/JFK** Pre-K AM & PM NO SCHOOL; Pre-K AM & PM Daytime Conferences **SR/EMB/PARK** Gr. K-5 Afternoon & Evening Conferences **JFK/LAK** Afternoon Conferences **NM** Science Symposium – 6pm **SM** Incoming Gr. 6 Parent Guidance Mtg (virtual) – 7pm **4**	**5**	**HS** SAT **6**

7	**HS** Spring Sports Registration Deadline for All Other Spring Sports **HS** Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball & Track Begin *Ramadan ends* **8**	**SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY** **SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS** *Eid al-Fitr* **9**	**LAK** New Developments – 5:30pm **SH** Performing Arts Fundraiser Concert – 7pm *Eid al-Fitr ends* **10**	**JFK** Musical – 7pm **NM** Parent Book Talk – 10:30am **PARK** Pre-K PM Evening Conferences **SH** SADD Assembly **11**	**12**	**NH** Battle of the Classes – 7pm **13**
Daylight Saving Time Begins • *Set clocks forward 1 hour* • *Replace smoke alarm batteries* 10th Annual Table Tennis Invitational – 9am @ NH **14**	**HS** All Other Spring Sports Begin **MS** Spring Sports Registration Deadline **NH** Chamber Music – 7pm **PARK** Pre-K Music in Our Schools Week (thru 3/19) **SM** Incoming Gr. 7-8 Parent Guidance Mtg – 7pm PTA Mtg (virtual) – 7:45pm **15**	**SEPTA** Mtg – 7pm NYSSMA Piano @ Adelphi (thru 3/18) **16**	**NM** Musical – 7pm *St. Patrick's Day* **17**	**NH** Unity Day (thru 3/19) **NM** Musical – 7pm **SM** Musical (students only) – 3pm **18**	**Pre-K & Elementary** Report Card Portal Opens **SH** Gr. 11 Mini College Fair **SM** Musical – 7pm **SR** International Day **19**	**NM** Musical (snow date) – 7pm **SM** Musical – 1 & 7pm *First Day of Spring* *Persian New Year* **20**
Palm Sunday **21**	**Community Ed** Spring Session Begins *Purim begins at sunset* **22**	NYSSMA Levels 1-4 at Manhasset (thru 3/24) *Purim* **23**	**SH** Career Day **24**	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** **Spring Recess I** *Annunciation of the Virgin Mary* *Holy Thursday* **25**	*Good Friday* **26**	**27**
Easter **28**	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** **Spring Recess I** **29**	**SH** PTO Mtg (virtual) – 7pm **30**	**Board of Education** Budget Presentation #3 and Public Action Mtg – 7:30pm @ EMB **31**			



Charlie Zhong

Music In Our Schools Month • Women's History Month

MARCH 2027

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REPORTING TO PARENTS

The school district prides itself on keeping parents informed about their children's educational progress. School records are available for review by parents and communication with teachers is encouraged. Parents may view up-to-date information about their children using the Infinite Campus (IC) Parent Portal, accessible via the district website.

In the elementary schools, there are two parent-teacher conferences during the school year. Conference time slots are reserved online. Parents receive a communication from the school with directions when the appointment window opens. Additional conferences can be arranged by contacting the teacher. Report cards are made available through the IC Parent Portal in the fall and spring, and a final report card is posted in June; past report cards are archived within the Campus Backpack. NYS Assessment results for grades 3-5 are also available through the IC Parent Portal.

In the middle schools and high schools, report cards are posted in the IC Parent Portal four times a year. Grades on individual assignments and/or assessments are posted to the IC Parent Portal and can be viewed by parents and students throughout each marking period. State assessments, Regents results, and other documents are available online as well. Guidance counselors and teachers are available to meet with parents. Appointments should be made through the guidance or principal's office.



SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

The Great Neck Public Schools is committed to providing an educational and working environment that promotes respect, dignity, and equality and that is free from all forms of sexual harassment. The Board of Education recognizes that harassment of students, employees (including all staff, applicants for employment, both paid and unpaid interns, exempt and non-exempt status, part-time, seasonal, and temporary workers, regardless of immigration status) and certain "non-employees" (which includes contractors, subcontractors, vendors, consultant and other persons providing services pursuant to a contract, or their employees, Board of Education members and volunteers) on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation is abusive and illegal behavior.

Sexual harassment includes unwelcome conduct that is either of a sexual nature, or which is directed at an individual because of that individual's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and/or transgender status. Sexual harassment can occur between persons of all ages, genders, and/or any gender identification.

In order to effectively enforce this policy and to take prompt corrective measures, it is essential that any person with knowledge of sexual harassment report the allegations immediately to the district's Title IX Compliance Officers (listed on page 30). This policy is available in its entirety on the district website and in each district facility. See Board of Education Policy on *Sexual Harassment, 0110.*

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 Stella Zhao	 Yeonwoo (Annabelle) Choi	 Claire Yu		**NH** Freshman World Cup – 2:45pm PTO Mtg – 7pm **PARK** K Folk Dance – 6pm & 7pm **1**	**2**	**NH** Coffee House – 7pm **3**

NH Physics & Engineering Festival –1pm **4**	**NH** Incoming Gr. 9 Science Research Orientation (via Google Meet) – 6:30pm **5**	**Exams:** NYSESLAT (thru 5/22) **Exams:** Gr. 3-5 ELA Testing Gr. 6-8 ELA Testing **UPTC SHAI** Mtg – 7:15pm @ GN Library **6**	**Exams:** Gr. 3-5 ELA Testing Gr. 6-8 ELA Testing **SEPTA** Mtg – 7pm **7**	**NH** College Panel – 7pm **SM** Spaghetti Dinner – 5pm **8**	THIRD QUARTER MARKING PERIOD ENDS **NH** Drama – 7pm **SH** Opera – 7pm @ SM NYSSMA Levels 5-6 & All-State @ Herricks HS (thru 4/10) **9**	ACT **NH** Drama – 7pm **SH** Opera – 7pm @ SM **10**
NH Drama – 3pm **11**	FOURTH QUARTER MARKING PERIOD BEGINS **LAK** Family Fun Run – 5:30pm **SH** Senior Prom Parent/ Student Mtg – 7pm **SR** Bingo Night – 5pm **PARK** PARP Week (thru 4/16) **12**	**Board of Education** Budget Presentation #4, Adoption of Budget and Public Action Mtg – 7:30pm @ EMB **VS** PTA Mtg – 6:30pm **13**	**EMB** Drama – 7pm **LAK** Gr. 1 & 2 Chorus Concert – 6:30 pm NYSSMA Guitar @ Bellmore-Merrick (thru 4/15) **14**	**NH** International Night – 6:30pm **PARK** PARP Family Fun Night: Pre-K – 6pm K – 7pm **15**	**SH** Coffee House II – 7pm **16**	DECA Nationals (thru 4/21) **NH** Asian Cultural Show - 7pm **17**
DECA Nationals (thru 4/21) **18**	**LAK** Family Fun Run (rain date) – 5:30pm **19**	**VS** Festival of the Arts **20**	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** **Spring Recess II** *Passover begins at sunset* **21**	*Earth Day* **22**	**23**	**24**
Orthodox Palm Sunday **25**	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** **Spring Recess II** **26**	**27**	**28**	*Passover ends* **29**	**30**	

World Autism Month

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The district recognizes its legal responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of student records. As part of this responsibility, parents/persons in parental relation and students age 18 or over have the right to inspect and review education records. The procedures for ensuring these rights are consistent with New York State and Federal law, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and its implementing regulations and the Great Neck Public School's Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security.

The district also recognizes its responsibility to ensure the orderly retention and disposition of student records of district-sanctioned programs and activities. The district uses reasonable methods to provide access to student educational records only to those authorized under applicable law, and to authenticate the identity of the requestor.

Furthermore, when the district executes agreements with third-party contractors who collect, process, store, organize, manage or analyze student Personally Identifiable Information (PII), the district shall include provisions requiring that confidentiality of data be maintained in accordance with law and district policy. The district will ensure that the contract or written agreement includes the third-party contractor's data privacy and security plan that has been accepted by the district. In accordance with NYS law, accepted data privacy and security plans are available on the district website.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act — Parents and eligible students* have the following rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA):

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education record.
2. The right to exercise a limited control of other people's access to student records.
3. The right to seek to correct the student's education record if believed to be in error.
4. The right to report violations of FERPA to the appropriate federal agency.
5. The right to be informed about FERPA rights.

*All rights and protections given to parents under the FERPA and this procedure transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or enrolls in a post-secondary school. The student then becomes an "eligible student."

The following information is designated as student Directory Information: student's name, grade level, school attending, awards received, and mailing address. This information may be disclosed without prior written consent. Parents or eligible students will have two weeks from the beginning of the school year or date a student enrolls to advise the school district, in writing, of any and all items they refuse to permit the district to designate as directory information for the balance of the school year.

For more information, see Board of Education Policy on *Student Records, 5500*; *School District Records, 1120;* and *Privacy and Security for Student, Teacher and Principal Data, 8625.*



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MAY 2027

JUNE 2027

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Orthodox Easter **2**	**3** **Exams:** HS AP Testing (thru 5/14)	*Yom Hashoah* **4** **Board of Education** Official Public Budget Hearing and Public Action Mtg – 7:30pm @ EMB **VS** PTA Mtg – 6:30pm	**5** **Exams:** Gr. 3-5 Math Testing Gr. 6-8 Math Testing **EMB** Evening Plant Shop – 6:30pm **LAK** Plant Sale (thru 5/7) **PARK** Plant Picking	*Ascension Day** **6** **Exams:** Gr. 3-5 Math Testing Gr. 6-8 Math Testing **PARK** Spring Walk Through – 7pm **EMB** Plant Sale (thru 5/7) **JFK** Plant Sale (thru 5/7) **SR** Plant Sale (thru 5/7)	**7** **NM** Staff Appreciation Luncheon **PARK** Staff Appreciation Luncheon **SR** Evening Plant Sale – 3:30pm NYSSMA All-State Instrumental & Vocal @ Westbury (thru 5/8)	**1** **HS** SAT **8**

Mother's Day **9**	**Exams:** HS AP Testing (thru 5/14) **NH** Tri-M Awards – 5pm Thespian Awards – 7pm **10**	**Exams:** Gr. 5 Science Testing **NH** Senior Prom Parent Mtg – 7pm **11**	**JFK** Spring Walk Through – 7pm **SR** Spring Walk Through – 7pm **LAK** Gr. 3-5 Chorus Concert – 7pm **12**	**EMB** Spring Walk Through – 7pm **LAK** Spring Walk Through – 7pm **NH** Booster Club Mtg (virtual) – 6pm Junior Event **13**	**14**	**SH** Junior Event *Armed Forces Day* **15**
Eid al-Adha begins *Pentecost* **16**	**SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY** **SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS** *Eid al-Adha* **17**	***Remember to Vote!*** **BUDGET VOTE** **Polls Open 6am – 9pm at EMB • LAK • SR • SH** **Board of Education** Mtg – 10pm @ PHIPPS **18**	**JFK** Gr. 4 Spring Concert – 7pm **NH** Research Reflections – 3:30pm **PARK** Field Day **SR** Spring Concert – 7pm **19**	**EMB** Spring Concert I – 6:30pm Spring Concert II – 7:30pm **JFK** Gr. 5 Spring Concert – 7pm **LAK** Orchestra Concert – 7pm **SH** One Act Play Festival – 7pm **20**	**NH** One Act Plays – 7pm **SH** One Act Play Festival – 7pm **SM** Relay Field Day NYSSMA Harp @ Syosset (thru 5/22) **21**	**NH** One Act Plays – 7pm **SH** One Act Play Festival – 7pm **22**
23	**NM** Gr. 6 Spring Concert and Art Show – 7pm **SM** Gr. 7 & 8 Spring Concert and Art Show – 7pm **SH** Art Show (thru 5/28) **24**	**NH** ArtFest Opening – 6pm ArtFest Concerto Night – 7pm **SM** Gr. 6 Spring Concert and Art Show – 7pm **25**	**LAK** Spring Bingo Night – 5:30pm **NH** Young People's Concert – 10am Senior Dept. Awards – 3pm PTO Mtg – 6pm **NM** Gr. 7 & 8 Spring Concert and Art Show – 7pm **SH** Student Gov't. Assembly Senior Instrumental Concerto Night – 7pm **SM** Relay Field Day (rain date) **26**	**Fifth-Grade Olympics** @ NM **NH** ArtFest Concert – 7pm **SH** Art Show Reception – 6pm Spring Concert I – 7pm **27**	**LAK** Food Truck Tailgate – 5pm **SH** Gr. 8 Orientation Walk Through – 9am Car Show **28**	**29**
30	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** Great Neck Memorial Day Parade – 9:30am *Memorial Day* **31**			Charles Lin 	Hadley Nam 	Anna Xiao 

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month • Jewish American Heritage Month

MAY 2027

**Not a legal holiday. Pupils may be excused for religious reasons upon prior written request from a parent/person in parental relation.*

VISITING THE SCHOOLS

As the Great Neck Public Schools are places of work and learning, certain limits must be set for visits to the schools. The building principal or his/her designee is responsible for all persons in the building and on the grounds. This is a shared responsibility, and it is expected that all staff will confirm that any visitors to a school are there for legitimate purposes.

Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the school will be considered a visitor. All visitors to a school must enter through a designated single point of entry. They will be required to present photo identification, register their name in the visitor management system, and be issued a visitor's identification badge that must be worn at all times while in the school or on school grounds. The visitor must return the identification badge before leaving the building. (For particulars, see Board of Education Policy on *Code of Conduct: Visitors to the Schools, 5300.65.*)



ADULT LEARNING CENTER

The Adult Learning Center (441-4950), located at 105 Clover Drive, offers programs for adult students who wish to learn English as a Second Language (ESL) or earn their New York State High School Equivalency Diploma. To learn more about courses and offerings, please visit www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/alc. Program news and updates are also available on the Great Neck Adult Learning Center Facebook page.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Thousands of registrants engage in learning through Community Education (441-4949), located at 30 Cumberland Avenue. Community Ed provides countless opportunities for lifelong learning year-round for adults of all ages, as well as driver education and SAT prep for resident high school students. For more information about the Community Ed program, please visit www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/ce. News and updates are also available on the Great Neck Community Ed Facebook page.

PARENT CHILD+ PROGRAM

The district provides a limited-enrollment ParentChild+ Program (441-4930) for eligible 16-month to four-year-olds. Once or twice a week, professionally trained early learning specialists visit families in their homes and help parents in their role as their children's first teachers. Parents may also attend weekly workshops while their children participate in a structured playgroup where they socialize with other children and learn the routines of school. ParentChild+ is based at the Cumberland Center, 30 Cumberland Avenue.

MAY 2027

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JUNE 2027

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		EMB & SR Gr. 5 Visit MS **EMB** K Songfest – 10am **NH** Senior Athletic Awards Night – 7pm **SH** Spring Concert II – 7pm **1**	**Board of Education** Public Action Mtg and UPTC Committee Reports – 7pm @ EMB **SH** Research Symposium – 2:45pm **UPTC** General Mtg – 6pm @ EMB **2**	**Fifth-Grade Olympics** @ NM (rain date) **NH** Fundraiser Dinner Concert – 6pm In the Commons Concert – 7pm **NM** PTO Mtg – 9:30am **SH** Prom **SM** PTA Mtg (virtual) – 9:30am **3**	**LAK** Food Truck Tailgate (rain date) – 5pm **SH** Music Buddies Concert – 7pm **SR** Recorder Concert – 10am **4**	**HS** SAT **5**

NH SAT **6**	**PARK** Annual Picnic – 4:30pm **SH** Senior Awards – 7pm **7**	NO SCHOOL FOR GRADES 6 & 7 **Regents Exams:** Algebra II, Earth, Space & Science, Chemistry, and Physics **NH** Senior Awards Night – 7pm **PARK** Annual Picnic (rain date) – 4:30pm **SH** Pops Concert – 7pm **8**	**ALC** Annual Awards Ceremony – 12pm @ NH **EMB** Kindergarten Parent Orientation – 6pm; Dessert Social – 7pm **LAK** Gr. 5 Visits SM (thru 6/10) Incoming First Grade Families – 5pm; PTA Mtg – 6pm; Band Concert – 7pm **NH** Rising Senior College Night – 7pm **SR** PTA Dessert Mtg – 7pm Kindergarten Parent Orientation – 6pm **9**	**Gr. K-5** 11:45am Dismissal** **No AM/PM PreK** *Shavuot begins at sunset* **10**	**LAK** Flag Day Celebration – 10am *Shavuot** **11**	**SH** ACT *Shavuot ends* **12**
13	HS LAST DAY OF CLASSES **HS** Visits to Elementary **JFK** Incoming Pre-K & New K Parent Orientation – 6:30pm **NH** Senior Sunset **PARK** Incoming Pre-K & New K Parent Orientation – 6:30pm **SH** Spring Sports Awards Night 6:30pm *Flag Day* **14**	HS FINALS & REGENTS BEGIN **Board of Education** Public Action Mtg and SDMC Reports – 7pm @ EMB **PARK** K Visits LAK **15**	**PARK** Songfest **SM** Incoming Gr. 6 Transition Mtg – 5:30pm **16**	**Gr. K-5** 11:45am Dismissal** **EMB** Staff Appreciation Luncheon **JFK** Staff Appreciation Luncheon **NH** Prom **SR** Staff Appreciation Luncheon **17**	**SCHOOLS CLOSED** *Juneteenth observed* **18**	*Juneteenth* **19**
Father's Day **20**	**Elementary** Gr. 5 Farewell Assemblies *First Day of Summer* **21**	**22**	**NH** Senior Event – 7pm **NM** Gr. 8 Moving Up Ceremony **SH** Graduation Rehearsal – 8am **SM** Gr. 8 Moving Up Ceremony **23**	**Middle School** 11:15am Dismissal** **Gr. K-5** 11:45am Dismissal** **JFK** PM Pre-K & FFF Ends **NH** Graduation **SH** Graduation **PARK** PM Pre-K & FFF Ends **24**	**AM Pre-K & Gr. K-5** 11:45am Dismissal** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOURTH QUARTER MARKING PERIOD ENDS **Pre-K & Elementary** Report Card Portal Opens Regents Rating Day **VS** Graduation **25**	**26**
27	**28**	**29**	**30**		 Kaoru Hatta	

Pride Month

JUNE 2027

**Not a legal holiday. Pupils may be excused for religious reasons upon prior written request from a parent/person in parental relation.*
***Subject to change based on the number of inclement weather days used during the school year.*

JULY 2027

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AUGUST 2027

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BUDGET & FINANCE

The TAX CODE NUMBER FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT is 234.
It must be entered on New York State Income Tax Returns (Form IT-201).

Most of the school district's annual, operating revenue comes from local property taxes. Tax-rate allocations are determined by the Nassau County Department of Assessment based on two classes of property. Other major sources of revenue include: Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs), grants, financial aid from state and federal governments, rental income, interest on investments, tuition from nonresident students, fees from Community Education courses, and fees from K–12 after-school recreation and summer programs.

The budget process begins in early fall. By the middle of the school year, the superintendent, drawing on recommendations from principals, staff, PTA/PTOs, UPTC Presidents' Council, and the Budget Advisory Committee, presents proposals to the Board of Education in the form of a Proposed Draft Budget. These proposals are disseminated to the community through a series of public presentations held during regularly scheduled Board meetings. Each presentation is posted on the district website immediately following each meeting, along with other timely and important information regarding the budget process. Residents receive a district mailing that includes dates and locations of the Budget Presentations, Proposed Budget Adoption, Budget Hearing, and Budget Vote.

The Board refrains from making firm decisions on budget appropriations until it has listened to the concerns of the community at the various meetings and through communications. After lengthy public discussion, the Board adopts the Proposed Budget, which is presented to the voters on the third Tuesday in May, except in years when the date coincides with a religious holiday requiring the date of the election to be seven (7) days earlier. All residents are informed through a district-wide mailing of the essential components of the Proposed Budget and of the Public Budget Vote. Copies of the Proposed Budget are available on the district website and at the Phipps Administration Building, public schools, and libraries.

Beginning in the 2012–2013 school year, General Municipal Law limited the amount a school district could raise its real property tax levy. The formula to calculate the limit is complex, but generally the increase over the previous year's real property tax levy can be no more than 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. However, exclusions that are unique to each district can result in the allowable increase being greater than 2 percent. If the district's proposed levy is not within the State's guidelines, the budget must be approved by 60 percent of the electorate, as opposed to a simple majority.

If the Proposed Budget is not approved, the Board may resubmit the same or a revised Budget to the voters on the third Tuesday in June. If voter approval is not obtained, the Board is required to adopt a State-mandated and -regulated Contingency Budget.

Voter registration — If you have voted in any national, New York State, Nassau County, or Great Neck school election within the last four years, you are registered to vote in school district elections. If you are not registered, you may do so if you are 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the United States, and have lived in the school district for at least 30 days. For more information about voter registration for school district elections, call the Office of the District Clerk, Phipps Administration Building, on school days from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. (441-4007).

Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act requires school districts in Nassau County to provide election information in English and Spanish. In accordance with this Act, print materials produced by the Great Neck Public Schools pertaining to the School District Election and Budget Vote will be distributed in both languages.

PRESUPUESTO Y FINANZAS

EL NÚMERO DE CÓDIGO DE IMPUESTOS PARA EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR es 234.
Debe ingresarse en las Declaraciones de Impuestos sobre la Renta del Estado de Nueva York (Formulario IT-201).

La mayoría de los ingresos operativos anuales del distrito escolar provienen de los impuestos locales a la propiedad. Las asignaciones de tasas de impuestos son determinadas por el Departamento de Evaluación del Condado de Nassau en base a dos clases de propiedad. Otras fuentes importantes de ingresos incluyen: Pagos en lugar de impuestos (PILOT), subvenciones, ayuda financiera de los gobiernos estatales y federales, ingresos por alquileres, intereses en inversiones, matrícula de estudiantes no residentes, tarifas de cursos de educación comunitaria y tarifas de programas de verano y recreación K–12.

El proceso presupuestario comienza a principios del otoño. A mediados del año escolar, el superintendente, basándose en las recomendaciones de los directores, el personal, las PTA/PTOs, el Consejo de Presidentes de UPTC y el Comité Asesor de Presupuesto, presenta propuestas a la Junta de Educación en forma de un Anteproyecto de Presupuesto. Estas propuestas se difunden a la comunidad a través de una serie de presentaciones públicas que se realizan durante las reuniones regulares de la Junta. Cada presentación se publica en el sitio web del distrito inmediatamente después de cada reunión, junto con otra información importante y oportuna sobre el proceso presupuestario. Los residentes reciben un correo del distrito que incluye fechas y ubicaciones de las Audiencias de Presupuesto, Adopción de Presupuesto Propuesto y Voto de Presupuesto.

La Junta se abstiene de tomar decisiones firmes sobre las asignaciones presupuestarias hasta que haya escuchado las preocupaciones de la comunidad en las audiencias y a travéz de las comunicaciones. Después de una larga discusión pública, la Junta adopta el Presupuesto propuesto, que se presenta a los votantes el tercer martes de mayo. Todos los residentes están informados a través de un correo en todo el distrito de los componentes esenciales del presupuesto propuesto y de la votación del presupuesto público. Las copias del Presupuesto propuesto están disponibles en el sitio web del distrito y en el Edificio de Administración de Phipps, escuelas públicas y bibliotecas.

A partir del año escolar 2012–2013, la Ley General Municipal limitó la cantidad que un distrito escolar podría aumentar su impuesto a la propiedad real. La fórmula para calcular el límite es compleja, pero en general, el aumento con respecto al impuesto a la propiedad real del año anterior no puede ser más del 2 por ciento o la tasa de inflación, lo que sea menor. Sin embargo, las exclusiones, que son exclusivas de cada distrito, pueden dar como resultado que el aumento permitido sea superior al 2 por ciento. Si el impuesto propuesto por el distrito no está dentro de las pautas del estado, el presupuesto debe ser aprobado por el 60 por ciento del electorado, en lugar de una mayoría simple.

Si el presupuesto propuesto no se aprueba, la Junta puede volver a enviar el mismo presupuesto o un presupuesto revisado a los votantes el tercer martes de junio. Si no se obtiene la aprobación de los votantes, se requiere que la Junta adopte un Presupuesto de Contingencia reglamentado y obligatorio por el Estado.

Registro de votantes — si ha votado en una elección escolar nacional, del estado de Nueva York, del condado de Nassau o de Great Neck en los últimos cuatro años, está inscrito para votar en las elecciones del distrito escolar. Si no está registrado, puede hacerlo si tiene 18 años o más, es ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y ha vivido en el distrito escolar durante al menos 30 días. Los residentes pueden inscribirse en la Oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito, Edificio de Administración de Phipps, los días de escuela de 8 a.m. a 3 p.m. (441-4007).

La Sección 203 de la Ley Federal de Derechos de Votación requiere que los distritos escolares en el Condado de Nassau proporcionen información sobre las elecciones en inglés y español. De acuerdo con esta Ley, los materiales impresos producidos por las Escuelas Públicas de Great Neck que forman parte del la Elección del Distrito y la Votación del Presupuesto Escolar se distribuirán en ambos idiomas.

BUS TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

School bus safety is a serious responsibility that relies on teamwork. It requires the active participation of the school district, transportation department, bus companies, drivers, attendants, parents, and the general public. Please take time to read this guide to learn key safety protocols and help our Transportation Department transport students safely and on time.

Free school bus transportation to public and nonpublic schools within the district is provided for pupils in grades K–5 who live 1⁄2 mile or more from school attended; for grades 6–8 who live 3⁄4 mile or more from school attended; and for grades 9–12 who live 1 mile or more from school attended. Distances for each grade level are measured along the shortest route between home and school. Other rules may apply to children with disabilities; please consult with Pupil Services (441-4970).

Children who require bus transportation because of a temporary physical disability or other illness must submit a written physician's diagnosis to the school nurse. Final approval for granting bus passes for medical reasons rests with the school physician.

Free school bus transportation to nonpublic schools is provided under the same distances governing students attending schools within the district, provided the schools they attend are less than 15 miles from home.

Parents of students attending or planning to attend nonpublic schools must apply for free transportation in writing by April 1, for the following school year. This date, set by State Education Law, provides the district sufficient time to seek transportation contracts through competitive bids, to estimate costs for budget purposes, and to submit the required forms for State Education Department (SED) approval. Families who move into the school district after April 1 must submit a transportation request no later than 30 days after establishing residence. An application for only one school per pupil will be accepted. None of the above applies to a pupil with disabilities or a student approved for a special education program.

Students may occasionally arrive home later than expected due to transportation delays resulting from vehicle breakdowns, weather conditions, traffic congestion, road construction, disciplinary matters, or other unforeseen circumstances. If your child has not arrived home as anticipated, you may contact your child's school or the bus company, **WeTransport/VTC (516-561-7070, press 1** when prompted for assistance). The bus company may also be contacted regarding any lost-and-found items that may have been left on a school bus.

In inclement weather, bus drivers are instructed to respect weather conditions rather than maintain a time schedule. When weather conditions appear to make driving a problem, delays should be expected. When inclement weather is forecast, consult the procedures in this calendar for emergency school closings, delayed openings, and early dismissals (see pages 5-7).

A parent or designated adult must meet pre-kindergarten and first-grade students at the bus stop at the scheduled drop-off time. Bus drivers are instructed to release children in these grade levels only when a parent or authorized adult is visibly present at the stop. If no such individual is present, the bus driver will return the child to school for their safety.

Students are required to ride only their assigned bus and may board and exit only at their designated bus stop. For the safety, security, and accountability of all students, changes to assigned buses or bus stops are not permitted unless prior approval has been obtained from the school administration and transportation department. Parents and guardians are expected to ensure that students adhere to their assigned transportation arrangements at all times.

Bus privileges may be taken away for continued misbehavior, vandalism, or failure to follow the driver's instructions. If a school bus cannot be driven in a safe manner, the driver can return to the home school and seek assistance from the school administrator. The driver may also call for assistance from the school administrator, the Transportation Office, or the police. The Superintendent or their designee, and/or the building principal is responsible for suspending or revoking a student's bus privileges. If a student is going to be denied school bus transportation for disciplinary reasons, his/her parents must be informed in advance of the action and must be given an opportunity for a conference with the school administrator. If vandalism has been committed, a student may be charged for the repairs.

Safety regulations exist with regard to drivers and buses through agencies such as the SED, Department of Transportation (DOT), and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The Board of Education, in its concern for safe school bus transportation, has added regulations that exceed legal statutes. For more information about school bus safety procedures and regulations, please visit www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/transportation. See also: Board of Education Policies *8400, 8414.6, and 8415.*



CARS, PARKING & BICYCLES

According to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law (Article 19, Section 501.3), students with Junior Operator Licenses (Class DJ and Class MJ) who attend the Great Neck Public Schools do not meet State-approved work/study or evening high school requirements and are not permitted to drive in Nassau County except with a parent/person in parental relation or licensed driving instructor in the vehicle. Students with Operator and Motorcycle Licenses (Class D and Class M) are also urged not to drive cars to school. Those who must drive should observe the posted speed limit and exercise great caution, especially near the school. Students must register their cars with the school and park in areas designated for student parking. Where parking is limited, those who park on the street must adhere to all parking restrictions and be respectful to residents. (See also: Board of Education Policy on *Student Driving, 5454*.)

According to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law (Article 34, Section 1238, Number 5), children under 14 years of age are required to wear helmets when riding bicycles. Furthermore, the district encourages all bicycle riders to wear helmets. In addition, anyone who rides a bicycle to school should secure it with his/her own lock in a designated bicycle parking area.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parental involvement is an important component of our school district. Through each school's Parent Teacher Association/Organization (PTA/PTO), Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA), Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC), and the district-wide United Parent-Teacher Council (UPTC), hundreds of parents impact all facets of school and community life.

The UPTC serves as a sounding board for important educational ideas, topics, and issues; as a coordinating body for joint PTA/PTO action; and as a stimulus to local PTA/PTO and general community activities in the interest of excellent education. The UPTC comprises the elected president(s) and delegates of each PTA/PTO, and additional members appointed by each PTA/PTO to serve on special-purpose committees.

Parents are viewed as partners in education and are welcome to actively participate in their school's PTA/PTO and SDMC, and the UPTC. Parent interest, cooperation, and support are encouraged.

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United Parent-Teacher Council Committees

The United Parent-Teacher Council has several standing committees, including: Instructional Advocacy, College and Career Readiness, Athletics & Recreation, and Total Community Involvement. Each committee is led by one or more Chairpersons who are elected annually. UPTC Committee Chairpersons for the 2026–27 school year may be found on the UPTC website, www.uptc.org.

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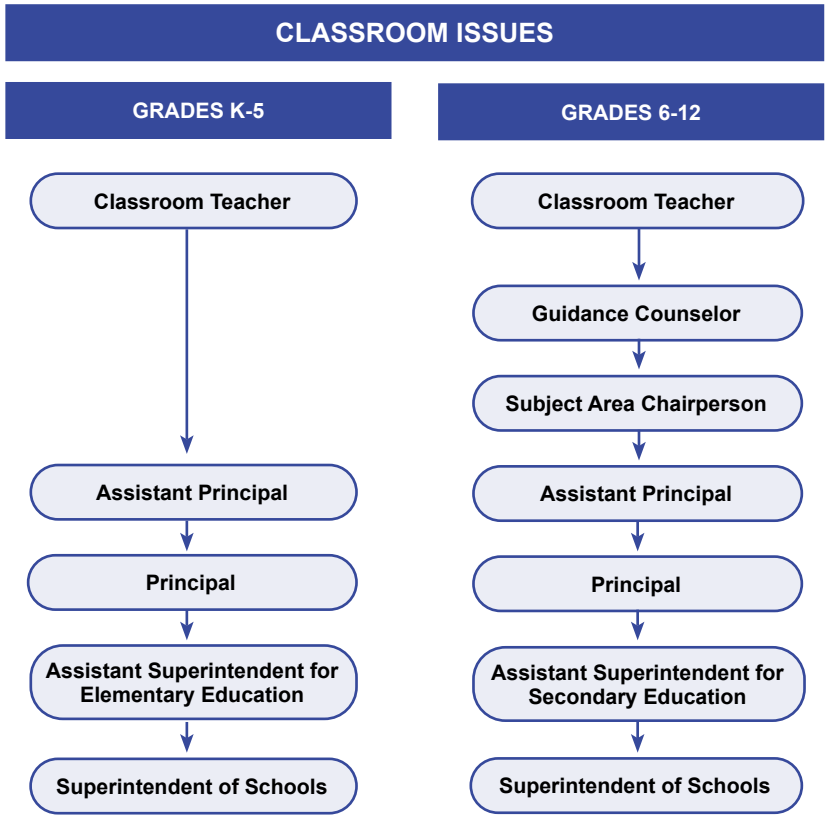
The district has established procedures to respond effectively to questions and suggestions from parents and residents. The procedures start with the person closest to the situation, as it is that person who will have the most information.

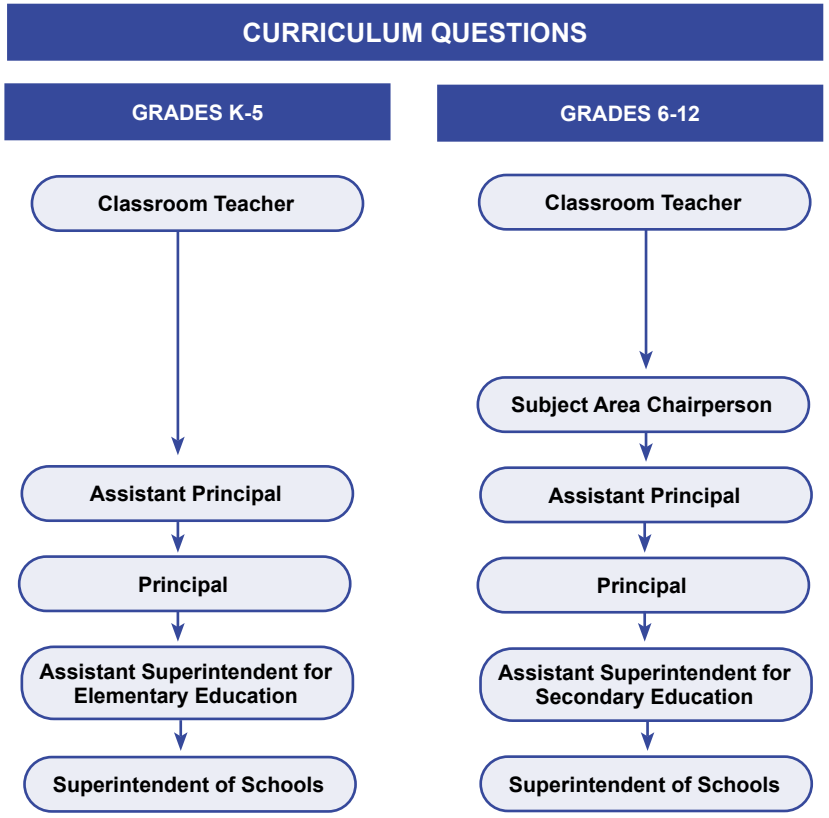
The district has always encouraged direct parent-teacher communication to answer questions about a child's progress. In the event that a concern or issue requires additional assistance, it is to the benefit of the parent and the student to take full advantage of each level of communication. This strengthens the understanding and appreciation of the role of everyone involved, so please use each level in the order as indicated.

Elementary – First, contact your child's classroom teacher. Should you require additional information or assistance, speak with the Assistant Principal, followed by the Principal. If a matter cannot be resolved at the building level, contact the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education. After speaking with these individuals, the Superintendent will personally assist you and/or act as a liaison to the Board of Education.

Secondary – First, contact your child's teacher. Should you require additional information or assistance, speak with the department head for that subject area, followed by an Assistant Principal, then the Principal. If a matter cannot be resolved at the building level, contact the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education. After speaking with these individuals, the Superintendent will personally assist you and/or act as a liaison to the Board of Education.

Depending on the matter at hand, your child's guidance counselor is another resource who should be contacted early in the process.





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614 Middle Neck Road, Great Neck, 11023
Principal: Lauren Sullivan

John L. Miller–Great Neck North High School (NH) 441-4700
35 Polo Road, Great Neck, 11023
Principal: Corey McNamara
Assistant Principals: Ronald Levine, Kathlyne Snyder

Attendance	441-4715
Guidance	441-4720
Nurse	441-4710
Phys Ed/Athletics	441-4752
Psychologist	441-4735

William A. Shine–Great Neck South High School (SH) 441-4800
341 Lakeville Road, Great Neck, 11020
Principal: Thomas DePaola
Assistant Principals: Michael DiPasquale, Adam Hopkins

Attendance	441-4815
Guidance	441-4820
Nurse	441-4810
Phys Ed/Athletics	441-4852
Psychologist	441-4820

Richard S. Sherman–Great Neck North Middle School (NM) 441-4500
77 Polo Road, Great Neck, 11023
Principal: Brendan Nelson
Assistant Principals: Jennifer Booth, William Corrao

Attendance	441-4515
Guidance	441-4520
Nurse	441-4510
Phys Ed/Athletics	441-4552
Psychologist	441-4536

Great Neck South Middle School (SM) 441-4600
349 Lakeville Road, Great Neck, 11020
Principal: Gina Cartolano, Ed.D.
Assistant Principals: Leonard DiBiase, Ryan Nadherny

Attendance	441-4615
Guidance	441-4620
Nurse	441-4610
Phys Ed/Athletics	441-4668
Psychologist	441-4636
TV Studio (GNPS/TV)	441-4767

Elizabeth Mellick Baker Elementary School (EMB) 441-4100
69 Baker Hill Road, Great Neck, 11023
Principal: Heather Sweet-Lazos, Ed.D.
Assistant Principal: Joseph Schumpf

Attendance	441-4115
Nurse	441-4110
Psychologist	441-4135

John Fitzgerald Kennedy Elementary School (JFK) 441-4200
1A Grassfield Road, Great Neck, 11024
Principal: Ronald Gimondo
Assistant Principal: Ai-Huei Chang-Lau, Ed.D.

Attendance	441-4215
Nurse	441-4210
Psychologist	441-4235

Lakeville Elementary School (LAK) 441-4300
47-27 Jayson Avenue, Great Neck, 11020
Principal: Emily Zucal
Assistant Principal: Neepa Redito

Attendance	441-4315
Nurse	441-4310
Psychologist	441-4335

Saddle Rock Elementary School (SR) 441-4400
10 Hawthorne Lane, Great Neck, 11023
Principal: Luciana Bradley
Assistant Principal: Sara Goldberg, Ed.D.

Attendance	441-4415
Nurse	441-4410
Psychologist	441-4436

Parkville School (PARK) 441-4350
10 Campbell Street, New Hyde Park, 11040
Principal: TBD
Lakeville Kindergarten at Parkville, Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) & Fun for Fours 441-4350

Attendance	441-4365
Nurse	441-4360
Psychologist	441-4384

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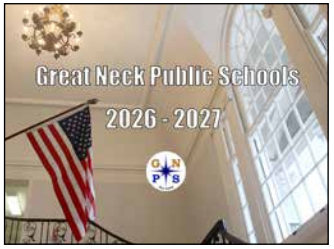
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