



DISTRICT INFORMATION

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Mount Pleasant Central School District is Educating Each Student Today for Endless Possibilities Tomorrow. The administration and faculty are dedicated and committed to providing a highly challenging and comprehensive education for each child. It is the primary goal of the district to encourage and nurture each student to fully develop his or her potential as a responsible constructive citizen of our society, and in that society to be a self-sufficient and self-fulfilled individual.



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District Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Summer Hours

Mon-Th: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fri: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



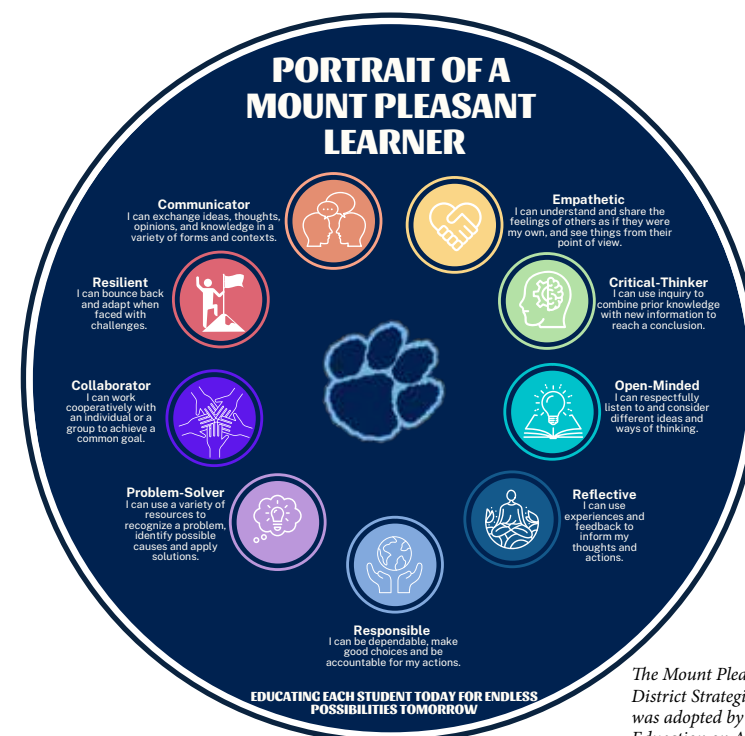
DISTRICT OFFICE DIRECTORY

Please dial 914-769-5500 and when prompted, enter the extension number below:

Dr. Peter Giarrizzo	Superintendent of Schools	ext. 5501
Margaret Modugno	Assistant Superintendent of Business Administration	ext. 5111
Dr. Peter Rufa	Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction	ext. 5118
Dr. Joann Vaccaro	Director of Pupil Personnel and Student Services	ext. 5107
Lori Centeno	Assistant Director of Special Education	ext. 5100
David Kantrowitz	Director of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics	ext. 1880
Dr. Robert Roelle	Director of Technology and Data	ext. 5110
Eric Strack	Director of Facilities	ext. 5910
Craig Scatola	Coordinator of Safety & Security	ext. 5102
Linda Ackermann	Transportation Assistant	ext. 5130
Lisa Annunziata	Registrar	ext. 5109
Mary Beth Mancuso	School District Clerk	ext. 5105
Christine Occhipinti	Secretary to the Superintendent	ext. 5501
Susan Tropeano	Executive Assistant for Human Resources	ext. 5103

VALUES OF OUR LEARNING ORGANIZATION

- Academic achievement rooted in a dynamic, learner-centered environment
- Kindness, respect, civility, and empathy that direct our words and actions
- Deep levels of active engagement and collaboration among students, staff, parents, and community members
- The voices and perspectives of all stakeholders
- Tenacity in the pursuit of growth and continuous improvement



The Mount Pleasant Central School District Strategic Plan 2022-2027 was adopted by the Board of Education on August 24, 2022.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

GRADES 1-12

Student registration takes place at the District Office located on the campus of Westlake Middle/High School at 825 Westlake Drive, Thornwood, NY 10594.

Registrar: Lisa Annunziata 914-769-5500 ext. 5109

Registration requirements can be found by going to the Mt. Pleasant CSD website at www.mtplsdsd.org > Departments > Registration then click on the icon that pertains to the grade level of the student.

There is a 3-Step registration process:

Step 1: Fill out and submit the online application

Step 2: Once you submit your online application, you will receive a message from SchoolStatus/ Operoo, our online system for completing and collecting all required Mt. Pleasant CSD registration forms and documents. Use the login credentials in the SchoolStatus/Operoo message to set up your account, then follow the instructions to complete the forms. *Please note: your registration paperwork will not be reviewed until you have completed all forms and uploaded all supporting documentation.* (Click the SchoolStatus/ Operoo HELP link on the top bar, right corner for help using SchoolStatus/Operoo.)

Step 3: Once all of the registration documents have been received and reviewed, the Registrar will contact you to set up a 20 minute in-person appointment at the District Office to finalize the registration.

Required Documents:

- Headshot photo of student
- Student's Original Birth Certificate or Passport
- Parent or Guardian Photo ID (passport or driver's license)
- Residency Questionnaire (Mt. Pleasant CSD form)
- Proof of Residency (i.e. Deed/Paid Tax Bill or Lease/Notarized Residency Affidavit form)
- Two separate/current utility bills (i.e. ConEd/Verizon/Water, etc).
- Proof of Guardianship (if child does not live with both parents)
- Home Language Questionnaire (Mt. Pleasant CSD form)
- Current NY State Health Exam (form) & Immunization Record
- School Records (including report card, special education records, if applicable)
- Release of Records (Mt. Pleasant CSD form - if transferring from another school)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR)

Children entering kindergarten in the 2027-2028 school year must be born on or before December 1, 2022. (The range is from 12/2/21 through 12/1/22.)

Please follow the 3-step registration process above. Parents of incoming kindergarten students must also fill out a kindergarten profile survey as part of registration.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

All events below are held at Hawthorne Elementary School, 225 Memorial Drive, Hawthorne, NY 10532.

- Incoming Kindergarten Registration Meetings (parents only): March 1-5, 2027, by appointment only.
- Kindergarten Family Orientation (new parents and incoming students): Thursday, April 29, 2027 at 3:30 pm.
- Kindergarten UPK-4 Parent-Only Orientation: Thursday, April 29, 2027 at 6:00 PM.
- Kindergarten Student Screenings: May 12-14, May 17-18, 2027, by appointment only.

PRESCHOOL SERVICES REGISTRATION

To refer your child for an evaluation by the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE), you must contact the Office of Pupil Personnel and Student Services at 914-769-5500 ext. 5108. Once the referral is received from the special education office, the registrar will contact you and instruct you to follow the 3-Step registration process. Additional documents needed during registration for an evaluation are: Service form, Medicaid form, Release of Records form

Note: Once you have submitted the online application, registration forms can be found when you log into Operoo.

UNIVERSAL PRE-K (4-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM) / UPK-4 (2027-2028)

The UPK-4 program is in partnership with the YMCA of Central Westchester and will be housed at Holy Rosary School in Hawthorne, New York.

Details regarding this program can be found by going to the Mount Pleasant CSD website at www.mtplsdsd.org > Departments > UPK-4

Children eligible for the UPK-4 program in the 2027-2028 school year must be born on or before December 1, 2023. The range is from 12/2/22-12/1/23 and must be a resident of Mt. Pleasant.

- Pre-Enrollment: January 18-29, 2027
- Confirmation email verifying successful completion of documents and Pre-Enrollment: no later than Thursday, February 4, 2027
- Lottery (if needed): Wednesday, February 10, 2027 at 10:00 am
- Slots must be accepted by: Wednesday, February 17, 2027

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Step 3: You will receive an email after the lottery (if needed) notifying you whether your child has secured a slot, along with an invitation to an Enrollment Verification Meeting with the Registrar by close of business on Friday, February 19, 2027. Students are not considered fully enrolled until the parent(s) have had their 10-minute, in-person meeting at the District Office with our Registrar to validate your original/personal documents.



BOARD OF EDUCATION

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Board of Education is to serve the community by providing an environment where all students can learn through a continuously challenging academic climate that values excellence, teamwork and individual intellectual development. The Mount Pleasant Central School District strives to meet the needs and concerns of students living in a rapidly changing, multicultural, technological society. The Board of Education believes the students, family, school and community share in this responsibility. Our schools must provide a setting where people are accepted as individuals in an environment that fosters self-discipline, mutual respect, cooperation and excellence.

2026-2027 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Seven community residents are elected for three-year overlapping terms on the Mount Pleasant Central School District Board of Education to set education policy and recommend an annual school district budget for voter approval.

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Liliana Marricco, Ex Officio
Edward Singh, Ex Officio
Term: 2026-2027 School Year

To email the entire Board of Education, please use boe@mtplcsd.org

2026-2027 BOARD MEETINGS

Community members are encouraged to attend board meetings and work sessions. Board Meetings can be viewed on the District website at www.mtplcsd.org.

Work Sessions are held on Wednesdays
at 7:30 PM in the District Office
Conference Room

August 19, 2026
September 9, 2026
October 14, 2026
November 4, 2026
December 2, 2026
January 13, 2027
February 10, 2027
March 10, 2027:
Budget Overview/
Non Instructional Budget
April 14, 2027: CBAC Reporting
May 5, 2027: Budget Hearing
June 2, 2027
June 21, 2027 (Monday)

Meetings are held on Wednesdays
at 7:30 PM in the Westlake Library
(unless otherwise noted)

August 26, 2026
September 23, 2026
October 21, 2026
November 18, 2026
December 9, 2026
January 27, 2027
February 24, 2027
March 31, 2027:
Instructional Budget
April 20, 2027 (Tuesday):
SW BOCES Vote/Budget Adoption
May 12, 2027
June 9, 2027



STUDENT SERVICES

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM

Free and reduced-price lunches are provided to eligible children through the district's food service program. Applications may be filed at any time during the school year and are available on the school website. Questions may be directed to the district treasurer, Stefanie Flynn, at 914-769-5500 x5133.

GUIDANCE & COUNSELING

In grades 6–12, students are assigned a guidance counselor to help them select their course of study, plan for college and/or careers, and make referrals to community resources through individual and group counseling programs and special programs. Each middle and high school student has a guidance plan.

A variety of special programs are available year-round, in addition to individual attention, including:

- Financial aid workshops
- College planning nights for juniors
- A mock college interview program
- Career cafés
- The annual middle school career fair

The Guidance Office offers many information resources, including Naviance, a web-based program focused on two- and four-year colleges, graduate schools, financial assistance, and careers.

A guidance counselor and/or school psychologist are available at the elementary level to support students' social and emotional growth.

HEALTH - A school nurse in each building is responsible for:

- Maintaining student health records, including immunization records
- Conducting hearing screenings for grades K–7 and grade 10
- Conducting annual vision screenings for grades K–12
- Responding to health emergencies

Each student is also screened annually for scoliosis between the ages of 8 and 15, in accordance with New York State law.

MEDICATION - Parents must contact the school nurse for instructions if a child needs to take medication during school hours.

SCHOOL NURSE OFFICES

School	Phone
Hawthorne Elementary	914-769-5500 x4700
Columbus Elementary	914-769-5500 x3700
Westlake Middle School	914-769-5500 x2700
Westlake High School	914-769-5500 x1700

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE/CPSE)

CSE - The Committee on Special Education is a team appointed by the Board of Education that reviews evaluations and student progress to determine eligibility for special education services and recommend appropriate programs and services for students whose disability adversely impacts their education. The committee works to ensure that classified students receive an appropriate education in the least restrictive environment.

CPSE — The Committee on Preschool Special Education addresses the special needs of preschool children (ages 3–5). Any preschool-age child suspected of having a developmental delay or other disability may be referred to the district's Committee on Preschool Special Education. Contact the Office of Pupil Personnel Services to schedule a screening if you suspect your child has a disability. For further information, contact the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 914-769-5500 x5108.

RECORDS ACCESS

Parents/legal guardians have the right to review all of their child's records, including the cumulative or guidance folder, the health record folder, and special education records.

CUMULATIVE FOLDER - The district maintains a cumulative folder for each child, including report cards, standardized test scores, and teacher comments on various achievements and/or reprimands. To review these folders, parents may make an appointment with the elementary school administrator or, at the middle and high schools, with guidance counselors.

HEALTH RECORD - To review health records, which are also maintained for each child, parents should call the appropriate school nurse.

SPECIAL EDUCATION - Records of children classified as special education students are subject to additional confidentiality safeguards. These are kept in the Pupil Personnel Office, and access by professional staff is strictly limited. Parents may review this information by calling the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 914-769-5500 x5108.



DISTRICT-WIDE INFORMATION

RAISING A CONCERN

Questions or concerns should be directed to the principal or administrator at the school building involved.

- If the matter cannot be resolved by the teacher, coach, or other school employee, concerns may be addressed in a meeting or by phone, e-mail, or letter. Putting concerns in writing helps document the issue.
- If unresolved, concerns may be escalated in this order:
Building level — Unresolved complaints must be reported to the Superintendent by the building principal.
Superintendent — If still unresolved, concerns may be carried to the Board of Education. The Superintendent must report unresolved complaints to the Board.
- Board of Education — The Board reviews the matter and reserves the right to require prior written reports from the appropriate parties.

At any stage, the district may ask for concerns to be put in writing.

DISTRICT POLICY NOTICES

DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (DASA) - The Mount Pleasant Central School District is committed to providing an educational and working environment that promotes respect, dignity, and equality. Harassment, hazing, and bullying are detrimental to a student and interfere with learning. New York State's Dignity for All Students Act seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, on a school bus, and at school functions. Each building has a DASA Coordinator who can help students and parents address concerns:

Hawthorne & Columbus Elementary Schools — Erica Denman

Westlake Middle School — Theresa Outhouse

Westlake High School — Richard Sharpe

Athletics — Dave Kantrowitz

Districtwide — Dr. Peter Rufa

An incident report can be filed on the website or in each school.

NON-DISCRIMINATION - The Mount Pleasant Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to or access to employment in school district programs and activities.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY - Mount Pleasant schools, in accordance with Federal and State laws, are all smoke-free. Students and adults are prohibited from smoking anywhere on school property during any school activity. Unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs, alcohol, or e-cigarettes by students on Mount Pleasant Central School District premises or during participation in any school

district activity is strictly prohibited. Students involved in such actions are subject to suspension and/or expulsion and will be required, with their parents, to meet with a building administrator. Local police authorities will be advised. District schools provide a variety of services to help students with drug and alcohol problems, including awareness programs and support services.

SEX DISCRIMINATION - The Mount Pleasant Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities it operates and is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 not to do so.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT - The Board of Education affirms its commitment to non-discrimination and recognizes its responsibility to provide all District employees with an environment free of sexual harassment and intimidation. Sexual harassment is a violation of the law and stands in direct opposition to District policy. Therefore, the Board prohibits and condemns all forms of sexual harassment by employees, school volunteers, students, and non-employees, such as contractors and vendors, that occur on school grounds and at all school-sponsored events, programs, and activities, including those that take place off school premises. A copy of the District's Sexual Harassment Policy is available in the District Clerk's office. Any student who believes he/she has been a victim of sexual harassment, as well as any other person aware of or who witnesses possible sexual harassment, should immediately report it to the District's designated Complaint Officers through informal and/or formal complaint procedures as developed by the District.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION POLICY STATEMENT - The Mount Pleasant Central School District is committed to the safety and security of its employees. Workplace violence presents a serious occupational safety hazard. The goal of this policy is to promote the safety and well-being of all people in the workplace. Acts of violence against any employee performing any work-related duty will be thoroughly investigated, and appropriate action will be taken, including the involvement of law enforcement authorities when warranted. All employees are responsible for helping to create an environment of mutual respect among themselves, students, parents, and other visitors; following all applicable documents; and assisting in maintaining a safe and secure work environment. This policy was developed in consultation with the authorized employee representative(s) and is designed to comply with New York State Labor Law.

Questions or concerns regarding any district statements may be directed to Dr. Peter Rufa, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction (also DASA Districtwide Coordinator), at 914-769-5500 x5118, or Susan Tropeano in Human Resources at 914-769-5500 x5103.

WEATHER AND BUS INFORMATION

SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYED OPENINGS

School closings and delayed openings will be announced through ParentSquare via email, phone, and text message, and through the following media channels:

- News Channel 12
- Daily Voice and Patch
- District website: www.mtplcsd.org
- Social media

Schools will be dismissed at their regular times on delayed-opening days.

Every parent/guardian registered in the Mount Pleasant CSD is included on the Superintendent's email list to receive emergency notices by email, phone, and text message. If you are not a family member of a registered student but wish to subscribe to Superintendent emails, please visit www.mtplcsd.org/parents-and-community/parentsquare.

EMERGENCY DISMISSALS

If schools must close early due to an emergency, staff, parents, and guardians will be contacted via phone, email, or text. The message will also be posted on the district website and social media. Parents must provide up-to-date emergency and regular telephone numbers to the district registrar at 914-769-5500 ext. 5109 and instruct children on what to do if parents cannot meet them during an emergency dismissal.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

If emergency closings cause the number of student contact days to fall below 180, March 29 will be a make-up day.

SCHOOL BUILDING SCHEDULES

	Classes Start	Classes End	Early Dismissal
Westlake High School	7:45 AM	2:17 PM	11:15 AM
Westlake Middle School	7:35 AM	2:18 PM	11:15 AM
Columbus Elementary	8:15 AM	3:00 PM	11:55 AM
Hawthorne Elementary*	8:15 AM	2:55 PM	11:55 AM

* Kindergarten begins at 9:00 AM on the first day of school only

BUS INFORMATION

For all information on bus schedules and routes, private and parochial school transportation, or to report an incident, please call:

Transportation Assistant: 914-769-5500 ext. 5130

Director of Business Administration: 914-769-5500 ext. 5111

For lost items, call:

Royal Coach Bus Company, Thornwood Office: 914-733-3005

Alternate Number, Yonkers Office: 914-733-7010

VIDEO CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES

All school buses are equipped with video cameras to monitor student behavior.

BUS SAFETY RULES

- Be ready at least five minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time.
- Wait until the bus has stopped completely before entering or leaving.
- Stay seated until the bus reaches your stop.
- Always keep your head and arms inside.
- Fighting or rough play is forbidden.
- Tobacco, alcohol, and drugs are forbidden.
- Keep voices low and never use foul language.
- Listen to the driver, who is directed to report misbehavior to principals.
- Potentially dangerous or distracting items are not allowed.





HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY

A PLACE OF GREAT BEGINNINGS

Hawthorne Elementary is “a place of great beginnings.” We are a learning community focused on sustaining and extending our K-2 students’ natural curiosity. We offer a rich, student-centered approach to learning. Our instruction is differentiated to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of each of our “Hawthorne Stars.”

HES STAFF

Principal

Anthony Carolini

Assistant Principal

Erica Denman

KINDERGARTEN

Jennifer Antonaccio

Ann Marie Boucher

Deborah Kurlander

Gabrielle Lamake

Melissa Soto

Danielle Taylor

Jen Zefi

GRADE 1

Angela Bockino

Denise Danzis

Amanda Fichter

Anthony Gianfrancesco

Lisa Gray

Jenifer Internicola

Arianna Palmiero

GRADE 2

Carole Bartucca

Kristin Biagiotti

Bridget Kronenberger

Elena Carrea

Madison Fennell

Francesca Lalli

Lisa Rush

ART

Melissa Mancini

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SCHOOL HOURS

School Day

8:15 AM to 2:55 PM

Early Dismissal

8:15 AM to 11:55 AM

Parent Conference

Early Dismissal

8:15 AM-11:15 AM

2-Hour Delay

10:15 AM to 2:55 PM

3-Hour Delay

11:15 AM to 2:55 PM

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Superintendent Conf Day - Staff Only	2 Superintendent Conf Day - Staff Only HES Meet and Greet K: 8:30-9:15 AM 2nd: 9:15-10:00 AM 1st: 10:00-10:45 AM 3rd Grade Ice Cream Social	3 SCHOOLS OPEN FOR ALL STUDENTS	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	8 UPK Back to School Night 5:30 PM 6th Grade Woo-Hoo Welcome 7:00 PM WAC Meeting 7:00 PM	9 HES Back to School Night K: 5:30 PM 2nd: 6:45 PM 1st: 7:30 PM Encore: 6:00-7:30 PM WMS PTA Mtg 7:00 PM BOE Work Session 7:30 PM	10 CES Back to School Night 6:00 PM	11 ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS	12 ROSH HASHANAH WHS SAT WHS Not a Test Site
13	14 WHS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM MTPEF Meeting 7:00 PM	15 WHS College Application Workshop for Seniors and Parents 7:00 PM, Library	16	17 WMS Back to School Night 7:00 PM	18	19 WHS ACT WHS Not a Test Site K Ice Cream Social 1:00 PM, HES Playground WHS Homecoming Dance 7:30 PM
20	21 YOM KIPPUR SCHOOLS CLOSED	22 Elem PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	23 BOE Meeting 7:30 PM	24 WHS Back to School Night	25	26 MTPEF UPK4 Meet Up Homecoming 7:00 PM
		SPIRIT WEEK				
27	28 AMP Meeting 7:00 PM	29 WHS Financial Aid Night 7:00 PM, Library	30			



COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY

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Thornwood, NY 10594

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Office Fax: 914-769-8512
ces.mtclcsd.org

ENHANCING CREATIVITY AND INDIVIDUALITY

We are a deeply connected, collaborative “Columbus Community.” We value the unique abilities and talents of each child. We are committed to building self-esteem, enhancing creativity and individuality, and developing lifelong learners. We establish high expectations for all students and provide a safe, nurturing environment where they can become productive, knowledgeable, and responsible citizens.

CES STAFF

Principal

Kevin Hanlon

Assistant Principal

Erica Denman

GRADE 3

Gina Baldinucci

Kerry Dockett

Cathy Moore

Nicole Ponte

Kristen Talusan

Francesca Turturro

Christopher Windman

GRADE 4

Rachel Callinan

Laurie Castellano

Loredana Coughlan

Jessica Kelly

Thomas Lisa

Carrie Mayer

Lenora Suraci

GRADE 5

Gina Carmody

Lisa Fornara

Maryann Luljuraj

Daniel Malone

Jennifer Rutledge

Dawn Turco

Maureen Valvano

CLERICAL

Susan Auriemma

Michele Rush

ENL

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Gina Ruggiero

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VISUAL ARTS

Sophie Della Pena

SCHOOL HOURS

School Day
8:15 AM to 3:00 PM

Early Dismissal
8:15 AM to 11:55 AM

2-Hour Delay
10:15 AM to 3:00 PM

3-Hour Delay
11:15 AM to 3:00 PM



OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				HES Picture Day ¹	CES Picture Day ²	WHS SAT ³ WHS Not a Test Site
⁴	WHS PTA Meeting ⁵ 7:00 PM MTPEF Meeting 7:00 PM	WMS/WHS ⁶ 1st Quarter Midpoint WAC Meeting 7:00 PM	WMS Picture Day ⁷ WMS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	⁸	HES Fire Prevention Day ⁹ WMS 8th Grade Photo	¹⁰
¹¹	¹² COLUMBUS DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	Elem PTA Meeting ¹³ 7:00 PM	HES Book Fair ¹⁴ BOE Work Session 7:30 PM	WHS Underclassmen ¹⁵ Photos HES Book Fair Family Night 5:00-7:30PM	WHS Underclassmen ¹⁶ Photos	WHS ACT ¹⁷ WHS Not a Test Site WHS PSAT TEST 10th & 11th ONLY
¹⁸	WHS Senior Portrait Retakes ¹⁹ MTPEF Golf Outing HS Winter Family ID Registration Opens	²⁰	BOE Meeting ²¹ 7:30 PM	²²	HES Pumpkin Patch ²³ Trunk or Treat 4:00 PM	²⁴
MTPEF Monster ²⁵ Mash Turkey Dash	AMP Meeting ²⁶ 7:00 PM	²⁷	²⁸	²⁹	HES Halloween ³⁰ Parade 9:00 AM UPK Character Parade 12:45 PM HS Winter Family ID Registration Closes	³¹



WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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DEVELOPING STUDENTS' FULL POTENTIAL

Westlake Middle School is committed to academic excellence through a program that recognizes the unique needs of changing adolescents and fosters the development of self-esteem, caring, and respect in all our students within the local and global community. We seek to develop each student's full potential through a challenging curriculum and a commitment to intellectual development through inquiry.

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SCHOOL HOURS

School Day
7:35 AM to 2:18 PM

Early Dismissal
7:35 AM to 11:15 AM

2-Hour Delay
9:35 AM to 2:18 PM

*Bell Schedule on Nov page



NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 WHS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM MTPEF Meeting 7:00 PM	3 WAC Meeting 7:00 PM Fall Institute - Half Day Students	4 WMS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM BOE Work Session 7:30 PM	5 HES/CES Picture Retake	6 CES Take A Vet To School Day WMS/WHS 1st Quarter Ends	7 WHS SAT WHS Not a Test Site
8 DIWALI	9	10 WMS and WHS Underclassmen Picture Retake Early Dismissal/ Emergency Drill Westlake Campus 2:00 PM CES 2:40 PM HES 2:45 PM	11 VETERANS DAY - SCHOOLS CLOSED	12 WHS/WMS Report Cards WMS Parent Teacher Conference, 2 Hour Delay CES/HES/UPK Parent/Teacher Conf. Half Day 11:15 Dismissal	13 Elem PTA Turkey Bingo	14
15	16 First Day of HS Winter Sports Elem PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	17 CES/HES/UPK Parent/Teacher Conf. Half Day 11:15 Dismissal	18 BOE Meeting 7:30 PM CES/HES/UPK Parent/Teacher Conf. Half Day 11:15 Dismissal	19 HES Family Math Night 6:30 PM	20 3rd Grade Thanksgiving Feast WHS Drama at EF Academy	21 WHS Drama at EF Academy
22 WHS Drama at EF Academy	23 AMP Meeting 7:00 PM	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY RECESS - SCHOOLS CLOSED	27	28
29	30		WMS BELL SCHEDULE 1- 7:35 - 8:25 2- 8:29 - 9:10 3- 9:14 - 9:54 4- 9:58 - 10:38 5- 10:42 - 11:22 (Gr. 8 Lunch) 6- 11:26 - 12:06 (Gr. 6 Lunch) 7- 12:10 - 12:50 (Gr. 7 Lunch) 8- 12:54 - 1:34 9- 1:38 - 2:18			



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7:45 AM to 2:17 PM
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7:45 AM to 11:15 AM
2-Hour Delay
9:45 AM to 2:17 PM
3-Hour Delay
10:45 AM to 2:17 PM

BROADENING THINKING; EXPANDING HORIZONS

Westlake High School is dedicated to the development of the individual and to helping students become all they are capable of becoming. Our goal is to develop in each of our students the essential skills necessary to successfully navigate the rapidly changing, pluralistic, and technologically complex world in which they will live and work. Our focus on communication, thinking, research, social, and self-management skills permeates our students' daily experiences through a wide array of interesting course offerings taught by a dedicated, professional teaching staff.

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DECEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 WAC Meeting 7:00 PM	2 Elem PTA Meeting 7:00 PM WMS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM BOE Work Session 7:30 PM	3	4 HANUKKAH BEGINS	5 WHS SAT WHS Not a Test Site Holiday Lights Craft Fair
6	7 WHS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM MTPEF Meeting 7:00 PM	8 WHS College Night for Juniors 7:00 PM WMS Winter Choral Concert at EF Academy	9 WHS Spanish Honor Society Induction, Library BOE Meeting 7:30 PM	10 2nd Grade Vocal Performance WHS Choral Concert 7:00 PM at EF Academy	11 WMS/WHS 2nd Quarter Midpoint	12 WHS ACT WHS Not a Test Site
13	14	15 WMS Winter Band Concert at EF Academy HES Holiday Boutique	16 5th Grade Winter Concert HES Holiday Boutique	17 CES Holiday Boutique WHS Band Concert 7:00 PM at EF Academy	18 CES Holiday Boutique	19
20	21 AMP Meeting 7:00 PM	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
				HOLIDAY RECESS - SCHOOLS CLOSED		
27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE		
	HOLIDAY RECESS - SCHOOLS CLOSED					

JANUARY 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2
					HOLIDAY RECESS	
3	4 WHS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM MTPEF Meeting 7:00 PM	5 WAC Meeting 7:00 PM	6 WMS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	7 WHS National Honor Society Induction	8	9
10	11	12 Elem PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	13 BOE Work Session 7:30 PM	14	15	16
17	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 AMP Meeting 7:00 PM	26	27 BOE Meeting 7:30 PM	28	29 WMS/WHS 2nd Quarter Ends	30 Elem PTA MultiCultural Celebration
		WHS REGENTS/MIDTERMS				
31						

FEBRUARY 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	WHS Class of 2028 Course Selection Begins WHS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM MTPEF Meeting 7:00 PM	Incoming 8th Grade Course Selection Parent Meeting 7:00 PM WAC Meeting 7:00 PM	WMS/WHS Report Cards Italian Honor Society Induction, Library WMS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	Hearts 4 Heroes 2nd Grade Celebration of Learning 6:30 PM WHS English Honor Society Induction, Library	UPK Wear Red Day Hearts 4 Heroes (Snow Day)	LUNAR NEW YEAR
7	HS Spring Family ID Registration Opens RAMADAN BEGINS	WHS Class of 2029 Course Selection Begins 4th Grade Band Recital 9:00 AM Elem PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	BOE Work Session 7:30 PM	1st Grade Vocal Performance 5th Grade Celebration of Learning 6:00 PM		
14	PRESIDENTS DAY WINTER RECESS				HS Spring Family ID Registration Closes	
	WINTER RECESS - SCHOOLS CLOSED					
21	AMP Meeting 7:00 PM		WHS Class of 2030 Course Selection Begins BOE Meeting 7:30 PM			WHS ACT WHS Not a Test Site Elem PTA Sweetheart Ball
28						

MARCH 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	¹ WHS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM MTPEF Meeting 7:00 PM	² WAC Meeting 7:00 PM	³ WMS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	⁴ WHS Social Studies Honor Society Induction, Library WHS Class of 2031 Course Selection Begins	⁵ WMS/WHS - 3rd Quarter Midpoint 4th Grade Colonial Fair	⁶ WHS SAT WHS Not a Test Site
	KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BY APPOINTMENT					
⁷ Elem PTA SonDay FunDay	⁸	⁹ Elem PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	¹⁰ BOE Work Session (Budget Overview/ Non-Instructional Budget) 7:30 PM Spring Institute Half Day Students EID AL-FITR	¹¹	¹²	¹³ MTPEF Spring Egghunt
¹⁴	¹⁵ AMP Meeting 7:00 PM	¹⁶	¹⁷ 3rd Grade Recital 9:00 AM	¹⁸ WHS Music Honor Society Induction, Library WHS Incoming 9th Grade Orientation, 7:00 PM, Auditorium	¹⁹	²⁰
²¹	²²	²³	²⁴	²⁵	²⁶ GOOD FRIDAY	²⁷
	SPRING RECESS - SCHOOLS CLOSED					
²⁸	²⁹	³⁰	³¹ WHS Science Honor Society Induction BOE Meeting (Instructional Budget) 7:30 PM			

APRIL 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Kindergarten Celebration of Learning 6:30 PM ¹	²	³
⁴	WHS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM ⁵ MTPEF Meeting 7:00 PM	WAC Meeting 7:00 PM ⁶	Math Honor Society Induction, Library ⁷ Planning Your Future: College Unlocked 8:30 AM, Auditorium WMS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	⁸ UPK Conferences 11:00 AM Dismissal HES/CES Conferences 11:15 AM Dismissal	WMS/WHS 3rd Quarter Ends ⁹ WHS Musical	WHS ACT ¹⁰ WHS Not a Test Site WHS Musical
	CAREER WEEK (DISTRICT-WIDE)					
WHS Musical & Luncheon ¹¹	WHS Senior Experience Begins ¹² Visual Arts Festival Opening Night 6:30 PM, Library Grades 2nd & 5th, 6th-12th	Elem PTA Meeting 7:00 PM ¹³ UPK Conferences 11:00 AM Dismissal HES/CES Conferences 11:15 AM Dismissal	WMS/WHS 3rd Quarter Ends ¹⁴ BOE Work Session (CBAC Reporting) 7:30 PM	4th Grade Celebration of Learning 6:00 PM ¹⁵	WHS Musical ¹⁶	WHS Musical ¹⁷
	VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL WEEK					
¹⁸	¹⁹	NYS ELA Exam 3-5 ²⁰ BOE Meeting (Budget Adoption, SWBOCES Vote) 7:30 PM	NYS ELA Exam 3-5 ²¹	²² PASSOVER	²³ PASSOVER	²⁴
			PASSOVER BEGINS	SCHOOLS CLOSED		
²⁵	AMP Meeting 7:00 PM ²⁶	NYS ELA Exam 6-8 ²⁷ 1st Grade Celebration of Learning 6:30 PM	NYS ELA Exam 6-8 ²⁸	NYS Science Exam 5th Grade ²⁹ Kindergarten Orientation, HES Gym New Families 3:30 PM UPK Families 6:00 PM WHS Spring Concert 7:00 PM	³⁰	

MAY 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 WHS SAT WHS Not a Test Site
2	3 NYS Math Exam 6-8 WHS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM MTPEF Meeting 7:00 PM WHS AP EXAMS	4 NYS Math Exam 6-8 WAC Meeting 7:00 PM	5 NYS Math Exam 3-5 BOE Work Session (Budget Hearing) 7:30 PM	6 NYS Math Exam 3-5 WMS National Junior Honor Society Ceremony	7 NYS Math Exam 3-5 Kindergarten Vocal Performance Elem PTA Mother/Daughter Event	8
9	10 WMS/WHS 4th Quarter Midpoint Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation 7:00 PM WHS AP EXAMS	11 NYS Science Exam 8th Grade WMS/WHS 4th Quarter Midpoint Elem PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	12 BOE Meeting 7:30 PM INCOMING KINDERGARTEN SCREENING BY APPOINTMENT	13 6th Grade Spring Concert 7:00 PM	14	15
16	17 AMP Meeting 7pm INCOMING KINDERGARTEN SCREENING BY APPOINTMENT	18 BUDGET VOTE 4th Grade Concert 6:30 PM	19 WMS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM	20 7th and 8th Grade Spring Concert 7:00 PM	21	22 Elem PTA Family Fun Night
23	24 WHS Underclassmen Awards, Auditorium	25	26	27 3rd Grade Celebration of Learning 6:00 PM	28 Half Day	29
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED					

JUNE 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		¹ CES Jazz Ensemble 6:30 PM, CES Cafeteria WAC Meeting 7:00 PM	² WMS PTA Meeting 7:00 PM BOE Work Session 7:30 PM	³ Incoming 3rd Grade Parent Orientation WMS Talent Show	⁴ 2nd Grade Visits CES 8:45-10:30 AM	⁵ WHS SAT WHS Not a Test Site
⁶	⁷ Senior Experience Presentations Senior Awards Night 6:30 PM MTPEF Meeting 7:00 PM	⁸ 5th Grade Concert 6:30 PM	⁹ BOE Meeting 7:30 PM	¹⁰ WHS Prom	¹¹ HES Field Day and Picnic	¹² WHS ACT WHS Not a Test Site
¹³	¹⁴ Westlake Day Athletic Awards Night 6:00 PM	¹⁵ Elem PTA Meeting 7:00 PM WMS 11:15 AM Dismissal WHS REGENTS/FINAL EXAMS	¹⁶ UPK Moving Up Ceremony WMS 11:15 AM Dismissal	¹⁷ UPK Moving Up Ceremony CES Field Day WMS 11:15 AM Dismissal	¹⁸ JUNETEENTH OBSERVED SCHOOLS CLOSED	¹⁹ JUNETEENTH
²⁰	²¹ BOE Work Session 7:30 PM WHS REGENTS/FINAL EXAMS	²² HES Moving Up Ceremony 9:00 AM WMS 11:15 AM Dismissal	²³ CES Moving Up Ceremony 9:00 AM WMS 11:15 AM Dismissal	²⁴ WMS Moving Up Ceremony 9:30 AM WMS 11:15 AM Dismissal	²⁵ WHS GRADUATION Superintendent's Conference Day Staff Only WMS/WHS 4th Quarter Ends	²⁶
²⁷	²⁸	²⁹ WMS/WHS 4th Quarter Report Cards	³⁰			

JULY 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
SCHOOL BUILDING OFFICES CLOSED FOR SUMMER (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SCHOOL BUILDING OFFICES CLOSED FOR SUMMER (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)						

AUGUST 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	SCHOOL BUILDING OFFICES CLOSED FOR SUMMER (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SCHOOL BUILDING OFFICES CLOSED FOR SUMMER (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SEPTEMBER 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 LABOR DAY	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

STUDENT AND FAMILY NOTICES

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Pursuant to the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, (PPRA) as revised by the No Child Left Behind Act, and the Mount Pleasant Central School District's policy on student privacy, parents/guardians have the right to opt their children out of the following activities:

The collection, disclosure and use of personal information gathered from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information. This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating or providing educational products or services for or to students, such as:

- College or other postsecondary education recruitment, or military recruitment;
- Book clubs, magazines and programs providing access to low-cost literary products;
- Curriculum and instructional materials used in schools;
- Tests and assessments used to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude, or achievement information for students or to generate other statistically useful data for the purpose of securing such tests and assessments, and the subsequent analysis and public release of the aggregate data from such tests and assessments;
- Student recognition programs;
- The sale by students of products or services to raise funds for school related activities.

The administration of any survey revealing information concerning one or more of the following:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- Sex behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parents;
- Income (other than required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

The administration of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school not necessary to protect the immediate health or safety of the student or other students and not otherwise permitted or required by state law. The term "invasive physical examination" means any medical examination that involves the exposure of body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injecting into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening. It does not apply to any physical examination or screening required or permitted under New York State law, including those permitted without parental notification.

If you have any questions about the Mount Pleasant Central School District's student privacy policy and your right to opt your child out of certain activities, please contact your child's building principal.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Mount Pleasant Central School District to comply with the requirements of PPRA. The name and address of the Office that administers PPRA are: Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-8520

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Mount Pleasant Central School District receives a request for access.
- Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.
- Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Mount Pleasant Central School District to amend a record should write to the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed.
- If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.]

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO MOUNT PLEASANT CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7241: STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION.

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS



THE MOUNT PLEASANT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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825 Westlake Drive
Thornwood, NY 10594

The Mount Pleasant Educational Foundation, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit organization established to raise funds to foster, encourage, and promote public education programs in the Mount Pleasant Central School District.

Our mission is to facilitate the acquisition of resources to benefit and energize the educational processes of the Mount Pleasant Central School District.

The primary objective is to expand beyond the programs funded by the district's tax base. We accomplish this goal by working collaboratively with the business leaders, service organizations, educators and community residents.

The Foundation awarded over \$30,000 in grants during its most recent grant cycle and, since its inception, has provided more than \$770,000 in grants to the district.

OFFICERS:

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Please visit our website for additional information
on our organization. www.mtpef.org



WESTLAKE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

westlakeathleticclub.org
PO Box 332
Hawthorne, NY 10532

The Westlake Athletic Booster Club (WAC) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2004 to serve as a liaison between the community and Westlake's athletic department. One of our primary objectives is to provide supplemental financial support to the school's athletic programs beyond what is available from the school district's budget.

Our mission is simple: to help every athlete feel like an important part of the Westlake sports program. We are proud to support all of our sports teams and provide opportunities that enhance the student-athlete experience.

Funding for the Westlake Athletic Club comes solely from team fundraising and donations.

Since its inception, Westlake Athletic Club has purchased two scoreboards for use by softball, baseball, soccer, and lacrosse teams; an outdoor batting cage and pitching machine for the softball program; a motorized cart for the athletic trainer and the athletic department's use; and outdoor storage units for seasonal equipment. In addition, the Westlake Athletic Club has hosted youth sports camps and awards scholarships annually to a male and a female senior multisport student-athlete.

Our continued success will only be possible with more help from families in our community who have children playing sports or who are interested in seeing our sports programs grow. Your participation is welcome and appreciated.

WAC BOARD MEMBERS:

President - Melissa Infantino
Vice President - Anna Nazaruck
Vice President - Dax Zaino
Treasurer - Dianna Jativa
Secretary - Dierdre Nebel
Membership - Gary Rushneck



If you are not already
a member, please
consider joining!



ARTS IN MOUNT PLEASANT SCHOOLS BOOSTER CLUB (AMP)

www.ampwildcats.org

Founded in 2025, The Arts in Mount Pleasant Booster Club champions and enriches the creative spirit of our K-12 students by supporting all aspects of the arts—including theater, band, chorus, and fine arts. We are dedicated to fostering a vibrant and inclusive arts community through advocacy, volunteerism, and fundraising. Our commitment is to provide resources, encouragement, and opportunities that empower students to grow as artists and individuals while cultivating a lifelong appreciation for the arts within our school and local community.

Not a member yet? Join us and help every young artist, musician, performer, and creator thrive.

AMP BOARD MEMBERS:

President - Beth Piñeiro
Vice President - Carmen Kelly
Secretary - Kim Force
Treasurer - Carrie Sliss
Member at Large - Pasquale Palumbo



PTAS

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Parent Teacher Association, or PTA, is a nationwide organization with state and local affiliates throughout the country. The main role of our local PTA is to build strong working relationships among parents, teachers and administrators to support the needs of our students and schools. We are dedicated to our children's educational success, health and well-being through strong family interaction, communication, partnership, and community support. To learn more and become a PTA member, visit each school's website.

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