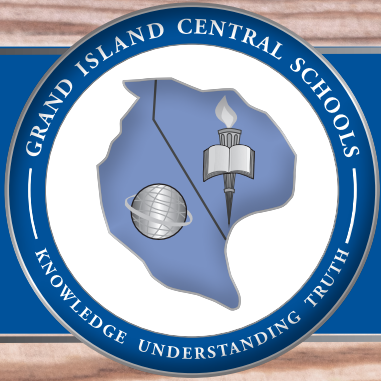
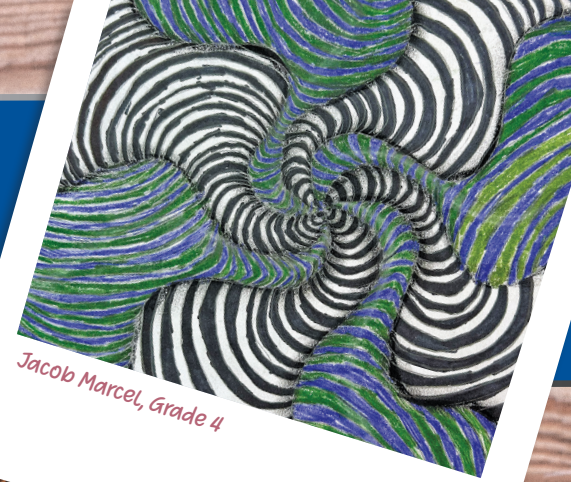




Grand Island Central School District

2026-27 Calendar & Community Notifications

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Jacob Marcel, Grade 4



Quinn Yarwood, Grade 8



Blake Pizur, Grade 8



Maddie West, Grade 10



Olivia Piper, Pre-K

OLIVIA PIPER
PRE-K

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
PERSONAL GROWTH
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Welcome to the Grand Island Central School District

Dear Grand Island Families,

As I begin my eleventh year as Superintendent of Schools, I continue to feel an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Grand Island Central School District community. Each year brings new opportunities, new challenges, and new reasons to celebrate the incredible students, staff, families, and community members who make our district such a special place.

The past year reminded us of the importance of community engagement and partnership. Through thoughtful discussions and active participation in the budget process, residents demonstrated their commitment to the future of our schools. I am grateful for the community's support of the revised school budget and transportation proposition during the June revote. This support allows us to continue investing in educational opportunities for students while maintaining safe, reliable transportation through our long-term bus replacement plan. For many children, the school bus is the first and last school experience of each day, and ensuring they travel safely remains one of our most important responsibilities.

Even during times of challenge and change, there is much to celebrate across our district. From outstanding academic achievements and award-winning music and arts programs to athletic success and meaningful community service initiatives, our students continue to demonstrate excellence in every area. Their accomplishments are made possible by the unwavering dedication of our teachers, staff, administrators, families, and community partners who support and inspire them every day.

As we look ahead, we are excited to officially launch Grand Island's Portrait of a Graduate framework during the 2026-27 school year. Developed through collaboration among students, staff, families, and community stakeholders, the Portrait of a Graduate identifies the skills, attributes, and experiences we believe every Grand Island graduate should possess. The framework will serve as a guide for instructional practices, student opportunities, and district priorities, helping ensure that our graduates are prepared to think critically, communicate effectively, collaborate with others, adapt to change, and contribute positively to their communities and the world around them.

We also continue to explore thoughtful ways to integrate technology into teaching and learning. Through our partnership with Khan Academy, students in our middle and high schools will continue to have access to Khanmigo, an AI-powered tutoring platform that provides personalized academic support and interactive learning opportunities. As education continues to evolve, we remain committed to preparing students with the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary for success in an ever-changing world.

One of the greatest strengths of the Grand Island Central School District is the partnership we share with families and the broader community. When schools and families work together, students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. This calendar is designed to help keep families informed about important dates, district initiatives, and the many opportunities available throughout the school year.

As we begin another year together, I remain optimistic about the future of our district. The strength, resilience, and pride of the Grand Island community continue to move us forward, and I am confident that, together, we will continue to provide exceptional opportunities for every student.

Thank you for your continued support of the Grand Island Central School District. I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful summer, and I look forward to welcoming our students back for another exciting year of learning, growth, and achievement.

Sincerely,
Brian Graham, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Email: BrianGraham@gicsd.org
Phone: 716-773-8801



2026-27 School Hours for Students

GIHS/VCMS

7:23 a.m.	Buses Drop Off
7:34 a.m.	School Begins
2:28 p.m.	Buses Depart

Huth/Kaegebein/Sidway

8:50 a.m.	Buses Drop Off - Huth/Kaegebein
8:55 a.m.	Buses Drop Off - Sidway
9 a.m.	School Begins
3:15 p.m.	Buses Depart

Please note that the actual schedule may be revised by no more than 5 minutes either way after the start of school once the bus patterns are established.

Our Points of Pride

- Engaged in a comprehensive refresh of our strategic plan initiative involving all stakeholders within the district.
- Caring, supportive faculty and staff focused on student success.
- Outstanding athletic program with a rich history and tradition of success within the Niagara Frontier League, Section VI, and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.
- Listed as a "Best Community for Music Education" by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) for the 15th consecutive year.
- Robust curriculum that provides a variety of learning experiences for students.
- District-wide character education that emphasizes responsibility, respect and safety.
- Extended learning experiences through clubs and activities.
- Dedicated registered nurse in every building.

GICSD Telephone Directory

Grand Island Central School District
1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, NY 14072
District Phone: 773-8801

Central Office Departments

Student Registration.....	716-773-8800
Facilities Use.....	716-773-8823
Office of the Superintendent.....	716-773-8801
Business Office.....	716-773-8805
Athletics.....	716-773-8813
Special Education.....	716-773-8815
Curriculum.....	716-773-8818
Human Resources.....	716-773-8822
Community Relations.....	716-773-8833
Community Education.....	716-773-8864
Food Service.....	716-773-8885
Transportation.....	716-773-8890



Scan the QR code to watch
a video from Dr. Graham



VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AT WWW.GRANDISLANDSCHOOLS.ORG TO KEEP ABREAST OF NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE SCHOOLS AND TO FOLLOW GRAND ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS. A COMPLETE LIST OF ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS IS AVAILABLE UNDER THE COMMUNITY TAB OF THE DISTRICT WEBSITE.





Grand Island High School

Grades 9-12
1100 Ransom Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Hillary Kretz-Harvey, Principal
Jaime Peld, Assistant Principal
Attendance Office, 716-404-1303
Main Office, 716-773-8820
Nurse's Office, 716-773-8827

Points of Pride

- Rigorous academic program with options for honors, advanced placement, and other coursework through colleges and universities including Niagara University and Erie Community College.
- Advanced technology education in the district's state-of-the-art technology wing.
- GIHS Art Club collaboration with the Town of Grand Island Recreation Department.
- Award-winning DECA business club.
- Travel abroad opportunities through the language program.



Veronica E. Connor Middle School

Grades 6-8
1100 Ransom Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Dr. Felicia Pallaci, Principal
Kelsey Edmonds, Assistant Principal
Attendance/Guidance Office, 716-773-8837, 716-773-8844
Main Office, 716-773-8830
Nurse's Office, 716-773-8838

Points of Pride

- WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) is a middle school orientation and transition program that trains eighth-graders as mentors who make new students feel comfortable in middle school. A monthly character education program and social emotional learning activities (WEB days) are presented to all seventh and eighth-graders too.
- Seventh-grade students participate in raising money to build a fresh water well in South Sudan, inspired by the book "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park.



William Kaegebein Elementary School

Grades 2-5
1690 Love Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

David Janicki-Howe, Principal
Main Office, 716-773-8840
Nurse's Office, 716-404-1606

Points of Pride

- Healthy Heart Night
- *NEW* Book Vending Machine
- STEM Program
- SABAH Ice Skating Program
- Chamber Concert/Art Show
- Book Bingo: Family Reading Night
- Award Winning Band, Strings and Choir Programs
- Buffalo State Collaboration (ELA & Math)
- Student-led Video Announcements
- Author Visits
- Project-Based Learning
- Wellness Wednesdays
- PBIS Pep Rallies



Huth Road Elementary School

Grades 2-5
1773 Huth Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Maxwell Pikula, Principal
Main Office, 716-773-8850
Nurse's Office, 716-404-1706

Points of Pride

- National PTA School of Excellence.
- Award-winning faculty.
- After-school activities.
- One-to-one technology.
- Touch TVs/SMART Boards in every teaching space.
- Schoolwide Field Day
- Multiple enrichment assemblies throughout the year.
- Strong music program.
- Well-attended PTA fundraisers.
- Author Visits
- STEM Program
- SABAH Ice Skating Program
- Award winning Band Program
- Project Based Learning
- Wellness Wednesdays
- Pep Rallies and/or Parades focusing on the Viking Values



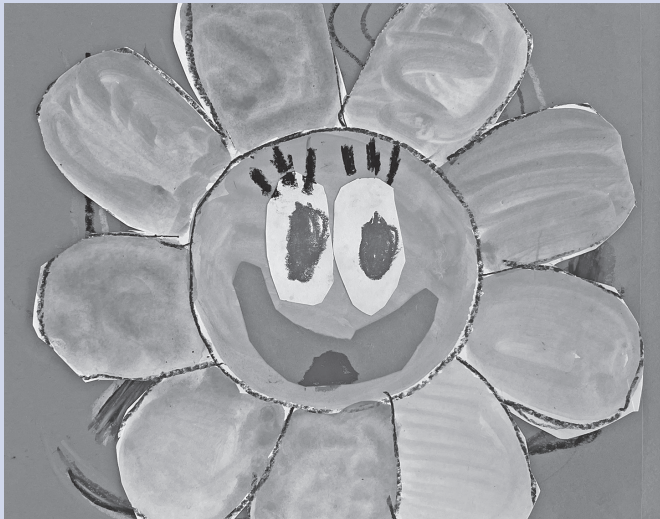
Charlotte Sidway Elementary School

Early Childhood Center
Grades K-1
2451 Baseline Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Stephanie Anderson, Principal
Main Office, 716-773-8870
Nurse's Office, 716-404-1504

Points of Pride

- Recipient of National PTA School of Excellence designation.
- PBIS Program focuses on the Viking Values, "Be responsible, be respectful, be safe and compassionate."
- School mascot, "Sid Kid Viking," encourages our students to do things the "Sid-Way."
- New school-wide murals featuring Sid the Kid showing off the Viking Values.
- Yearly Fine Arts Show and Ice Cream Social.
- Annual kindergarten and first-grade musical performances.
- New multi-age playground.
- Book vending machine purchased through PTA fundraising to be used as part of PBIS rewards.



Alexandra Edwards, Grade 1



Zane Hunt, Grade 4

Parent Portal

Parent Portal is a web-based tool that provides parents/guardians access to timely and secure information about their child's academic progress and school records. The Parent Portal is open for parents of middle school and high school students. For instructions visit the district website.

Student Registration

We welcome all new students to the district. Our district uses a central registration system that starts with completing the Registration Enrollment Packet, available in print at the District Office, 1100 Ransom Road, or online at www.grandislandschools.org.

Please call 716-773-8800 (ext. 0) to set up an appointment to register your child. You must bring all of the required documents listed in the enrollment packet. Registration is by appointment only. After registration is completed at District Office, please call the building your child will attend to schedule an appointment for enrollment.

GICSD Food Service Breakfast & Lunch Program

The Food Service Department remains committed to supporting student health, wellness, and academic success by offering nutritious, balanced meals that meet federal nutrition standards and help students stay fueled and ready to learn throughout the school day.

Meal Prices:

Grand Island Central School District is pleased to announce that all schools will continue participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and Provision2 (P2) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2026–2027 school year. This means that every student enrolled at Sidway, Kaegelbein, Huth Road, Veronica E. Connor Middle School, and Grand Island High School will receive one breakfast and one lunch each school day at no cost to families.

In addition to the standard meal program, students may still purchase à la carte items, snacks, beverages, and second meals. Students must pay for a la carte items at the time of purchase. Charging for a la carte items is not allowed.

Income Worksheets/Applications:

Even though breakfast and lunch are automatically free for all students, it is extremely important for families to submit/fill out their income worksheets/online application to ensure continued funding to support all students in our district. If help is needed to complete the application, please call 716-773-8885 for assistance. Only one worksheet per household is needed.

Pre-Payments (can be made for snacks and ala carte items):

You may send cash or a check in with your child to school to be applied to their account. Please make checks payable to Grand Island Food Service. All payments are applied automatically to each account. Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com to make an online payment. When at this site, choose the "make online payment" option. Here, you can register your child/children. Upon completing the registration process, you will be able to make payments and view transactions on each account you have registered. A convenience fee of \$3.50 is applied for each payment made online.

**SENIORS EARN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS
THROUGH THE GIHS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, WHICH ENCOMPASSES
SCHOOL CLUBS, COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND MEMORIAL FUNDS.**





September 2026

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Please check online at www.grandislandschools.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 2026 August 3 - BOE Meeting & Workshop August 24 - BOE Meeting & Workshop August 26 - GIHS Freshman and New Student Orientation August 28 - VCMS 6th Grade Orientation 8 AM-12 PM VCMS 6th Grade Parent Meeting 11:30-12:30 PM VCMS 6th Grade PTA Lunch/Lockers and Schedules 12:30-3 PM VCMS New Student Orientation 11:30 AM-12:30 PM New Students Lockers and Schedules 12:30-3 PM		1 Superintendent Conference Day No School Sidway Elementary Open House, Kindergarten 5-6 PM First Grade 6-7 PM	2 Superintendent Conference Day No School Sidway Elementary Meet the Teacher, First Grade 1-2 PM, Kindergarten 2-3 PM Huth Road Elementary 2nd Grade supply drop off 2 PM Kaegebein Open House and Supply Drop off 5pm-7pm	3 First Day of School for Students Fall Athlete/Parent Mandatory Meeting 6 PM	4	5
6	7 Labor Day No School	8 GIHS School Photos Huth Road Elementary Open House 5-7 PM BOE Meeting & Workshop at ECO Island, Staley Road GIHS PTSA Meeting 5:30 PM HS Library	9 GIHS School Photos	10 GIHS Open House 5-7 PM VCMS Open House 5-7 PM	11	12 SAT Exam 7:45-1 PM
13	14	15	16 Sidway PTA Meeting 3:30 PM Sidway Conference Room	17	18 VCMS Picture Day VCMS Back to School BBQ 2:15-4 PM	19 Frontier Volleyball Stadium Game Boys 12:00 PM Girls approx. 1:30 PM Frontier High School Football Field
20	21 VCMS Picture Day BOE Meeting & Workshop	22	23	24	25 GIHS Senior Luncheon Sidway Picture Day	26
27	28	29 GIHS Financial Aid Night 5:30-8 PM	30			



Liam Smith, Grade 9



Ainsley McGranahan, Pre-K



Aria Lee, Grade 5

Student Busing Information

The Grand Island Central School District Transportation Department is utilizing a digital solution to distribute student busing information. We will be maintaining Versatrans e-Link® for parents/guardians to gain access to their child's busing information. Versatrans e-Link is an online student transportation parent portal, which enables parents to access their student's transportation information and bus schedules at any time.

More information can be found on the district website under the Transportation Department section.

The Grand Island Central School District's Transportation Department provides excellent service throughout your child's educational journey. Our school bus safety program, mandatory safety drills, and exceptional transportation staff work hard at ensuring student safety. Working together with parents, we strive to maintain a high level of safety.

In order to assure safe transportation to and from school, proper behavior must occur while riding the bus. Misbehavior that distracts the driver is a very serious hazard to the safe operation of the bus, and as such, jeopardizes the health, safety and welfare of all the passengers.

Acceptable items to carry on the bus include books, small back packs, small book bags, lunch boxes. Students are not allowed to take photos or videos on the bus with an electronic device. High school and middle school students may walk up to five-tenths (.5) of a mile to a bus stop. Students in grades 2-5 may walk up to three-tenths (.3) of a mile to a bus stop; kindergarten and first-grade students may walk up to two-tenths (.2) of a mile to a bus stop.

Parents/guardians of K-1 students are requested to meet their children at the bus stop to help ensure their child's safety.

After-school/late run buses

Please have your child notify you in advance that they plan to stay after school, the reason or event, and the expected time home. Each after-school late run bus has a large area of the Island to cover with an abbreviated service. Drop-offs may not be the same as the regular A.M.-P.M. bus stop. Additionally, drop-off times may vary each night, depending on how many students are on the bus and where they live.

Work for a Great District!

We continuously recruit substitute teachers, bus drivers, cleaners, and food service staff. Interested applicants should visit the HR Personnel page under the Departments and Services tab on the district website.

APPLY NOW AT THE BUS GARAGE!

The Grand Island Central School District Transportation Department is currently hiring school bus drivers and substitute drivers. If you do not have your CDL license, we will train you. In fact, the district will pay \$16 an hour up to 30 hours maximum for the CDLClass B license with a PS endorsement training. Starting pay as a substitute driver is \$20.00 an hour. After 20 days of consecutive work, your hourly rate will go up to \$26.33 The hours are part-time with a split daily schedule, (approximately 25-30 hours per week) and include other great benefits. Stop by the Jack Burns Transportation Center at 2451 Baseline Road behind Sidway and pick up an application or call 716-773-8890.





October 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Passing the Torch - GI Seniors to Kindergarteners GIHS Night at the Vikings Powderpuff Game 6:30-9 PM	2 Homecoming Football Game vs Hamburg 7 PM	3 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction 11 AM GIHS Homecoming Dance, 7-10 PM
4	5 BOE Meeting & Workshop	6 VCMS PTA Meeting 3:15 PM	7	8	9 Kaegebein School Pictures	10 Yom Kippur
11 Yom Kippur	12 Columbus Day No School	13 Kaegebein PTA Meeting 6 PM	14	15 GIHS Spotlighters Tales for Tots 5 PM	16	17 PSAT Exam 745-1 PM
18	19	20 GIHS Choir and Orchestra Concert 8-9:30 PM	21 Sidway PTA Meeting 3:30 PM Sidway Conference Room	22 VCMS Musical for Elementary Students 9:30 AM	23 VCMS Musical 7 PM	24 VCMS Musical 5 PM Annual Varsity Boys Volleyball Tournament
25	26 BOE Trustee Bus Tour of Schools - 6:30 PM at GIHS	27	28 GIHS Band Concert 8-9:30 PM	29 Sidway Trunk or Treat Volunteers needed (Rain Date)	30 Sidway Trunk or Treat Volunteers needed	31 WNY Scholastic Chess Halloween Tournament Halloween



Victoria Brau, Grade 8



Kennedy Bergman, Grade 8

Public Access to School Records

School district records are open for public inspection and copying. Access is limited to the extent that it would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Requests to inspect and/or copy district records can be made through any administrator. If you need assistance locating information, the district office staff will assist you. Copies of documents are 25 cents per page.

Kindergarten

The full-day kindergarten curriculum emphasizes the Learning Center approach. It helps individualize learning experiences while capitalizing on student curiosity and interests. Youngsters are involved in directed and free-choice activities encompassing reading, mathematics, social living, science, art, music and motor activities.

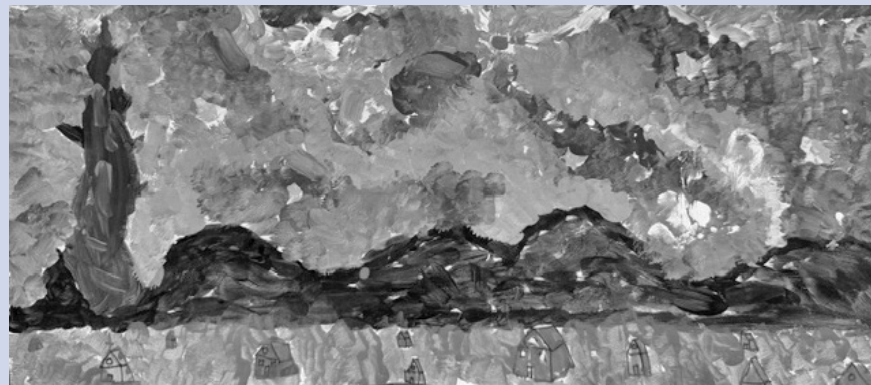
Partnering with Our Community

Staff and students at all buildings are involved actively supporting our community throughout the school year. Especially active during holiday times, district-wide food collections through the Grand Island Neighbors Foundation assist families in need. Our local veterans partner with the district on several projects. Our district and its community partners raised substantial funds for the new John R. Oishei Children's Hospital and had a Grand Island Community Room dedicated on the hospital's 10th floor. We are proud of the strong ties we have built with the business community through the Grand Island School & Business Alliance (GISBA).

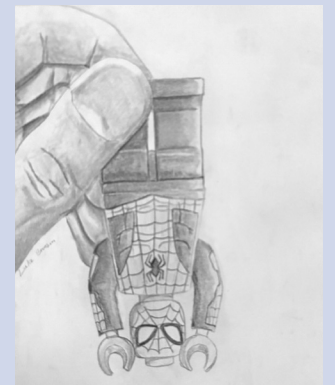
Staying Connected

To stay connected with community, the district uses several media avenues:

- On social media, follow the district's accounts: @GrandIslandCSD on X (the social media formerly known as Twitter), @grandislandschooldistrict on Instagram and Grand Island NY Central School District or <https://www.facebook.com/grandislandnycsd> on Facebook.
- The Bridge newsletter is published and mailed to all district homes.
- Bookmark the district website, www.grandislandschools.org, to stay abreast of events and news from the buildings.
- The Board of Education meetings are recorded and available for viewing on the BOE web page.



Sophia Sobczynski, Grade 3



Luke Bronson, Grade 9



November 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 GIHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-7 PM BOE Meeting & Workshop GIHS PTSA Meeting 5:30 PM HS Library	3 Superintendent Conference Day No School	4	5 Huth Band and Orchestra Concert 7 PM	6 Junior High Area-All State Honor Music Festival	7 Turkey Trot
8	9 GIHS/VCMS Veteran's Day Parade	10 GIHS End Quarter 1 GIHS Picture Retake Day Kaegebein PTA Meeting Kaegebein Band and Orchestra Concert 7 PM	11 Veterans Day No School	12 VCMS Picture Retakes Sidway Picture Retake Fall Athletic Signing Ceremony 2:45 PM	13 Kaegebein Picture Retakes	14
15	16 Start of Winter Sports	17 VCMS Grade 7 and 8 Fall Concert 7 PM	18 VCMS Grade 6 Fall Concert 7 PM Sidway PTA Meeting 3:30 PM Sidway Conference Room	19 Elementary Half Day Parent/Teacher Conferences National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7 PM	20 Senior High Area-All State Honor Music Festival	21 Elementary Full Day Parent/Teacher Conferences VCMS Fall Fest 2:15-4:00 PM
22	23 Winter Athlete/Parent Mandatory Meeting 6 PM	24 Sidway Food Drive Shopper - Neighbor's Foundation Donation Drive	25 Thanksgiving Recess - No School	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30 Sidway Book Fair <i>Volunteers needed</i> VCMS Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-7 PM					



Elsie Lesh, Grade 4



Reagan Pankow, Grade 9

Emergency Weather Closings

As a matter of policy, schools will remain open whenever possible. However, when school must be closed because of weather conditions or other situations endangering the health or safety of children, announcements will be made over local media stations. We always strive to make this decision in a timely manner so that all families can make alternate arrangements, if needed.

The district will send out a recorded message on the Rapid Response System. **If you have not received a call from this system during a school closing, it may be that we do not have current contact information.** Please review the information provided to the school on a regular basis and send in a signed note with any changes, corrections, or additions. If no announcement is made between 6 and 9 a.m., you can assume that school will be open as usual. The following is a list of the local media stations contacted by the school district. Please consult your local stations for information regarding school closing.

- AM radio stations: WGR 550, WBEN 930, WNED 970, WUFO 1080, WECK 1230, WHLD 1270, WLVL 1340
- FM radio stations: WBUF 92.9, WBLK 93.7, WJYE 96.1, KISS 98.5, WHTT 104, WYRK 106.5, WNSA 107.7
- Television stations: WGRZ Channel 2, WIVB Channel 4, WKBW Channel 7, Spectrum Channel 9

Administering Medications

These procedures must be followed for all prescription and over the counter medications. This includes cough drops, lozenges, lip balms, skin creams and analgesics, etc.

1. All medications must be brought to school by the parent. Students are not permitted to transport prescription or over the counter medication on the bus.
2. Written orders signed by a healthcare provider and instructions by the pharmacist must accompany the medication. These instructions must include the student's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, the route (the way it is given), time interval, the duration, possible side effects, etc. (A pharmacy label does not constitute a written order from a physician.)
3. The medication must be kept in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacy, doctor or manufacturer. Parents may wish to ask the pharmacist to split the prescription into two labeled containers, one for home and one for school.
4. Written permission must be submitted by the parent and kept on record in the health office, requesting that the school district comply with physician's orders. A copy of the prescription and over-the-counter medication request form is available in the health office and on the district website.
5. Students assessed by their licensed healthcare provider as being self-directed may carry and self-administer an inhaler or epi-pen once written permission is on file.

STUDENT ARTWORK FOR THE DISTRICT CALENDAR WAS PROVIDED BY THE GICSD ART DEPARTMENT:

Keri Schlageter, Jackie Carpenter, Andrew Dulak,
Dana Allen, Cynthia Wynne, Matthew Doherty,
Megan Gaiek, and Paul Thompson.





December 2026

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Please check online at www.grandislandschools.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Jon Roth Girls Basketball Tournament				
		Sidway Book Fair - <i>Volunteers needed</i>		Huth Choir Concert 7 PM Conference All State Honor Music Festival	Conference All State Honor Music Festival	
			Sidway Book Fair - Evening Sale 5-7 PM Kaegebein Choir Concert 7 PM		VCMS Quarter 1 High Honor Roll Assembly 9:30-10:30 AM HS Aud	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Conference All State Honor Music Festival	BOE Meeting & Workshop	Huth Road Chorus Concert at 7 PM	GIHS Winter Concert 7:30 PM	Beginner Band Concert 7 PM		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		VCMS PTA 3:15 PM	Grade 6-12 Winterfest Concert 7 PM	Kaegebein Holiday Shop	Kaegebein Holiday Shop	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Winter Recess - No School		
				Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	
27	28	29	30	31		
	Winter Recess - No School					
				New Year's Eve		



Doriahna Gibson, Grade 8



Elise Digmann, Grade 2

Communication Between Home and School

Good communications are the basis of understanding that unites home and school efforts in support of youth. We will do our best to keep you informed of your child's progress, instructional offerings, proposed program changes and general levels of student achievement through report cards, parent conferences, notes and phone calls, open house programs, board meetings, news releases and advisory councils.

If you have a concern with your child's education, or with any aspect of the school system, we invite you to call the individual most closely associated with your concern. Initially your concern should begin with your child's teacher. When a problem relates to a building, call the principal; if it is a bus problem, call the transportation supervisor; if you are concerned with the appropriateness of your child's educational placement, call the director for curriculum and instruction. If you have not been able to resolve your concern at those levels, then call the superintendent of schools. If you still feel your communications are unsatisfactory, contact the board of education.

Remember, there are two sides to every story. To bypass the classroom teacher, the building principal or the superintendent of schools, it discredits them and is not fair to school personnel, yourself and your child.

Child Abuse Hotline Notification (NYSOCFS)

School districts are required to provide this information to the community. If you suspect abuse or maltreatment, report it now! Call the NYS Office of Children and Family Services statewide toll free telephone number 1-800-342-3720 or access the website here: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/> If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TDD/TTY at 1-800-638-5163 or have your Video Relay System provider call 1-800-342-3720. If you believe that a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department.

Pesticides

If you would like a 48-hour prior notification of the application of pesticides that are scheduled to occur in your school, please contact the facilities office at 773-8823 or e-mail philipmarino@gicsd.org to receive the request for the pesticide application notification form.

AHERA Annual Notification

Under EPA regulations, the school district is required to notify all employees and occupants that asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) are present in each of the schools. The location of asbestos in each building can be found in the asbestos management plan located in the main office of each school. In order to protect the health and safety of every person who comes into the schools, the District has conducted periodic surveillances to detect any problems. Trained personnel continue to maintain the asbestos in a condition that will provide a safe environment for everyone. If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact the business office at 773-8805.

Use of School Facilities

The Board of Education encourages community groups to use school facilities that are not in use for school programs. Groups desiring to use school facilities should make their requests well in advance by filling out appropriate application forms. To obtain these forms please visit our website, www.grandislandschools.org. An up-to-date insurance form must accompany the completed application before consideration can be made for scheduling of the facility.

Section 504

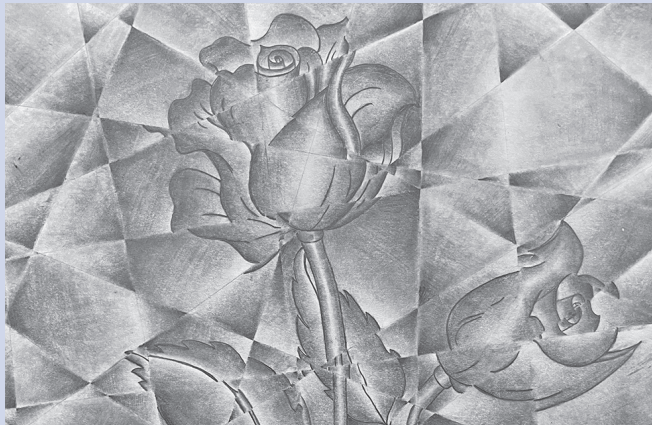
504 plans aren't part of special education. So, they're different from IEPs. 504 plans and IEPs are covered by different laws and work in different ways. But the end goal is the same: to help students thrive in school. 504 plans are formal plans that schools develop to give kids with disabilities the support they need. That covers any condition that limits daily activities in a major way. These plans prevent discrimination. And they protect the rights of kids with disabilities in school. They're covered under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. This is a civil rights law.



January 2027

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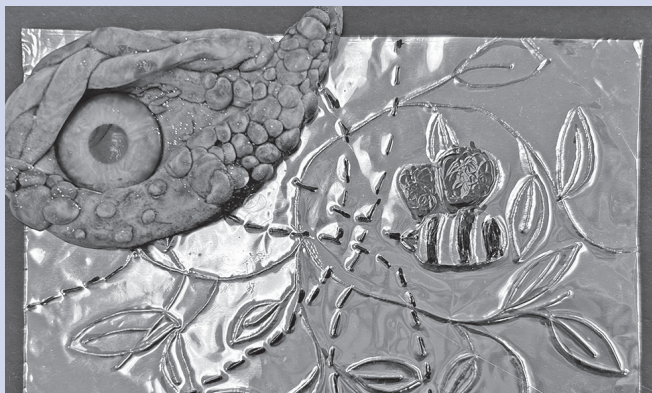
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					1 New Year's Holiday No School New Year's Day	2
3	4 BOE Meeting & Workshop GIHS PTSA Meeting 5:30 PM HS Library	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Kaegebein PTA Meeting 6 PM	13 Introduction to GIHS Night for 8th Graders 5:30-6:30 PM	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School	19	20 Sidway PTA Meeting 3:30 PM Sidway Conference Room	21 Sidway Taste the Rainbow - Volunteers needed	22 VCMS Minute to Win It Winter Edition 2:15-4 PM	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31					GIHS End Quarter 2	



Emma Flaherty, Grade 8



Nora Frandina, Grade 2



Victoria Swiantek Rains, Grade 5

Children with Disabilities

A child with a disability means a student under the age of 21 who is entitled to attend public schools and who, because of mental, physical, or emotional reasons can only receive appropriate educational opportunities from a program of special education. A child is not considered as having a disability if his/her educational needs are due primarily to unfamiliarity with the English language; environmental, cultural, or economic factors; or lack of appropriate instruction in reading or mathematics.

If the State Education Department finds the district has inappropriate policies, procedures or practices resulting in a significant disproportionality by race/ethnicity in the suspension, identification, classification and/or placement of students with disabilities, the district will ensure that it publicly reports on the subsequent revisions to those policies, procedures, or practices.

The Board of Education recognizes the existence of individual differences in the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of children attending school in the district. In recognizing these differences, the board supports a system of services offered in the least restrictive environment for children with disabilities.

Patriotism, Citizenship Education

The Board of Education recognizes and affirms the importance to students of learning to appreciate the sanctity of life and the dignity of the individual. In order to promote a spirit of patriotic and civil service and obligation, as well as to foster in students of the District moral and intellectual qualities which are essential in preparing them to meet the obligations of citizenship, the Board requires students over the age of 8 who are attending District schools to attend instructional courses in patriotism, citizenship, and human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery and the Holocaust. The Board also directs that all students attending District schools in grades 8-12 receive instruction in the history, meaning, significance of the United States Constitution, the New York State Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

Title IX

The Grand Island Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap. Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the Title IX coordinator, Section 504 coordinator, or special education director: Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services Cheryl Cardone, 1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, NY 14072 (716-773-8815, cherylcardone@gicsd.org). Complaint procedure: A parent, student or employee who wishes to complain about a violation of rights may do so by written complaint mailed, or delivered, to the official designated above.

VIKING TIP LINE

The Grand Island Central School District is partnering with AnonymousTips.com in an effort to provide a completely anonymous email system for students, parents or community members to utilize when student safety is at risk. The Viking Tip Line link is in the Quick Links area on the website homepages for the district and all school buildings.

Individuals using AnonymousTips.com will be able to send information to schools related to bullying, cyberbullying, sexting, suicide threats, drug activity, internet harassment, discrimination, illegal activity and other school-related safety concerns. When reporting, it is imperative that names, dates, times and any other details are included in the report.

The district believes that students should not be subjected to harassment on school property or at a school function; nor shall any student be subjected to discrimination based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), or sex by school employees or students on school property or at a school function.

The report is completely anonymous and cannot be traced unless you provide information to the selected educational institution to contact you.





February 2027

Events are subject to change.
Please check online at www.grandislandschools.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				GIHS Musical 6:30 PM		
	BOE Meeting/First Budget Input Session					WNY Scholastic Chess Valentine's Tournament
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Kaegebein PTA Meeting 3:30 PM VCMS PTA Meeting 3:30 PM	String Kaleidoscope Concert 7 PM Ash Wednesday	Kaegebein Heart Healthy Night 6-8 PM		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day	Mid-Winter Recess – No School					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					VCMS Quarter 2 High Honor Roll Assembly 9:30-10:30 AM HS Aud	ECMEA Elementary All-County Rehearsal
28						



Family Support Services

The Grand Island Central School District Family Support Services (FSS) program is proud to offer a range of mental health and support services for students and families. The FSS program is designed to increase access to essential supports within our school community.

Through partnerships with local providers, students can access individual counseling sessions during the school day at their school building or at the District Office. Services are available through multiple clinicians every day of the week.

FSS also connects families with additional community agencies and resources to support a wide range of needs, including behavioral concerns, parenting challenges, relationship concerns, and substance use. In addition, FSS can assist families in accessing temporary support for basic needs such as food, housing, and clothing when available.

Referrals to the FSS program may be made by students, families, faculty, or staff. School counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers coordinate services within each building, along with the district social worker. Please contact Jessica Hutchings, Family Support Services Coordinator, at (716) 773-8881 or at jessicahutchings@gicsd.org.

Family Support Services is committed to expanding access to care and supporting the well-being of students and families to promote healthy development, strong families, and academic success.

FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. Educational records subject to this protection include all academic, attendance, health, guidance and special service reports. FERPA requires schools to inform parents and students annually of these rights. For the entire FERPA policy, please see the Annual Notifications webpage under the Community tab of www.grandislandschools.org

Under FERPA, parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) have the rights

to inspect and review the student’s educational records within 45 days from the date in which the school receives a request for access; to request the amendment of the student’s educational records that the parent or eligible student believes to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA; to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without their consent.

Generally, schools must have written permission/consent from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student’s education records. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions to a school official with a legitimate educational interest (i.e., the official needs the record to fulfill his or her professional responsibility); to another school district to which the student seeks or intends to enroll; to specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes; to appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student; to organizations conducting certain studies on behalf of the school; to accrediting organizations; to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena; to appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and to state and local authorities, within the juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

In addition, schools are also permitted to release information, without prior written consent of the parents or eligible student, which has been appropriately designated as “directory information” by the district. Grand Island Central School District has designed the following information as “directory information” used in honor roll, merit roll, annual yearbook, playbills and graduation programs: student’s name, address, telephone listing, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, date and place of birth, grade level, enrollment status, the school most recently previously attended if not Grand Island.

If you do not want Grand Island Central School District to disclose “directory information” from your child’s education records, you must notify the building principal in writing that you do not want “directory information” disclosed. The written notice to the principal about photo/directory information must be received no later than 14 days after the date of publication of the notice (or within 15 days of newly enrolling in the district).

Youth Mental Health First Aid



Youth Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based training program that teaches adults how to recognize, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges in adolescents ages 12–18. Similar to CPR or physical first aid, Youth Mental Health First Aid equips participants with practical skills to provide initial support to a young person experiencing a mental health concern or crisis and connect them to appropriate professional help.



Grand Island Central School District chooses to train all faculty and staff in Youth Mental Health First Aid because student mental health and well-being are essential to academic success, school safety, and a positive school climate. By ensuring that every adult in the school community can recognize warning signs, respond with empathy, reduce stigma, and support students in accessing help early, the district strengthens its commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where all students can learn, grow, and thrive.



March 2027

Events are subject to change.
Please check online at www.grandislandschools.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 District Choral Concert 7 PM	3 ECMEA Elementary All-County Rehearsal	4	5 Superintendent Conference Day No School ECMEA Elementary All-County Jazz Festival 5th annual YAM Fest K-12 Art Show 6 PM	6 ECMEA Elementary All-County Jazz Festival 5th annual YAM Fest K-12 Art Show 9 AM
7 5th annual YAM Fest K-12 Art Show 9 AM	8 Start of Spring Sports BOE Meeting/Second Budget Input Session GIHS PTSA Meeting 5:30 PM HS Library	9 Kaegebein PTA Meeting 3:30 All Island Band Concert #1 7 PM	10 All Island Band Concert #2 7 PM	11	12 Elementary Half Day Parent/Teacher Conferences Sidway Teacher Luncheon 11:30 AM-12:30 PM ECMEA Jr. High All-County Festival GIHS Clash Night & Salsa Night	13 ECMEA Jr. High All-County Festival
14	15	16 Sidway Kindergarten Shows 1:45PM	17 Sidway PTA Meeting 3:30 PM Sidway Conference Room Saint Patrick's Day	18 Kaegebein Chamber Concert and Art Show 7 PM	19 ECMEA Sr. High All-County Festival	20 ECMEA Sr. High All-County Festival
21	22 BOE Meeting/Third Budget Input Session	23 All Island Jazz Concert 7 PM	24	25	26 Spring Recess No School Good Friday	27
28 Easter	29 Spring Recess - No School	30	31			

Grand Island Central School District and Building Dignity Act Coordinators

District

Cheryl Cardone 716-773-8815

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Sidway

Stephanie Anderson 716-773-8870



Lyla Myles, Grade 5

Student Rights and Responsibilities

All students are entitled to exercise their constitutional rights as long as they do not interfere with the rights of others, or the orderly process of the school. The school has the right to adopt reasonable regulations in order to provide an orderly school environment. We demonstrate that we value our rights by behaving in a responsible manner. For the entire Code of Conduct, consult the district website.

A. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RIGHT TO:	B. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO:
Attend school in this district when residence requirements are met.	Attend school daily, except when ill, and to be on time to all classes.
Dress in such a way as to express his or her personality.	Dress so as to not endanger others' health and safety, or to distract others.
Expect that the school will be an orderly place for all students to gain an education.	Be aware of all rules and expectations regulating student behavior and to conduct himself/herself in an orderly manner.
Be given due process in cases of disciplinary action, including suspensions and/or expulsion.	Supply information of importance in disciplinary cases.
Be represented by an active student government selected by free school elections (Grades 6-12).	Take an active part in student government by running for office, conscientiously voting for the best candidates and/or making his/her problems known to the representatives.
Be granted equal educational opportunities.	Take advantage of all programs in order to develop abilities to the fullest.
Be afforded the opportunity to participate in athletic teams and extra-curricular activities regardless of gender.	Be physically fit and have an aptitude for the athletic event(s), and be aware of all rules and expectations governing participation and to conduct him/her in accordance with these guidelines.
Have access to information concerning drug and alcohol abuse, and to individuals or agencies capable of providing direct assistance.	Be aware of the information and services available in order to seek assistance in dealing with personal problems.
Have his/her student records available for inspection upon request.	Be aware of the right to inspect student records and the process to be followed.
Retain a reasonable degree of privacy.	Be aware of actions, which constitute serious and dangerous wrongdoing and not commit such acts.
Be given a formal grievance process.	Try to resolve grievances informally before moving to the formal stage.
Be free from discriminatory practices.	Refuse to join in any discriminatory practices against others.
Be respected as an individual who is entitled to his/her personal dignity and integrity.	Demonstrate appreciation for the dignity and integrity of all.
To be protected from intimidation, harassment, or discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, or religious practice, sex, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability, by employees or students on school property or at school-sponsored event, function or activity.	To respect one another and treat others fairly in accordance with the District Code of Conduct and the provisions of the Dignity Act. To conduct themselves in a manner that fosters an environment that is free from intimidation, harassment or discrimination. To report, and encourage others to report, any incidents of intimidation, harassment or discrimination.



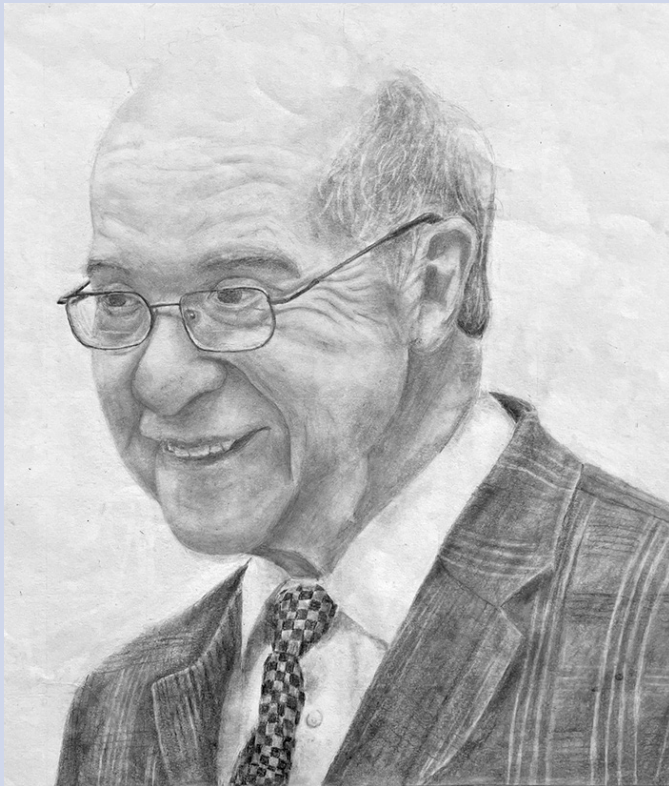
April 2027

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Spring Recess - No School		
				April Fool's Day		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Kaegebein PTA Meeting 3:30 PM	14 GIHS End Quarter 3	15	16 VCMS Spring Dance 6-8 PM	17 WNY Scholastic Chess Spring Tournament
18	19	20 Huth 3rd Grade Choir Concert 7 PM BOE Meeting/Budget Adoption/EIB Budget Vote and Election	21 Passover	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26 Class of 2027 Senior Portraits	27 Class of 2027 Senior Portraits	28 Class of 2027 Senior Portraits	29 Class of 2027 Senior Portraits Huth Band Spring Concert 7 PM	30 VCMS Quarter 3 High Honor Roll Assembly 9:30-10:30 AM HS Aud	



Mackenzie Ash, Grade 8



Ruth Dalbo, Grade 8

Student Dress Code

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up and nails shall:

- Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing.
- Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is deemed inappropriate and/or a safety hazard as determined by the Administrator will not be allowed.
- Not including the wearing of hats in the classroom and/or building except for a medical, religious or relevant instructional purpose.
- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
- Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
- Jewelry shall not be worn during the participation of athletic events and physical education including, but not limited to, any body piercing.

A listing of what is considered acceptable as well as unacceptable clothing is disseminated to students and their parents periodically throughout the year and in the Middle School and High School Student-Parent Handbooks.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors (eligible students) certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (protected information survey) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above;
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum



May 2027

Events are subject to change.
Please check online at www.grandislandschools.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SAT Exam 7:45 AM-1 PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Teacher Appreciation Week					
			Kaegebein Choral Spring Concert 7 PM	Huth Choral Spring Concert 7 PM		
9	10 BOE Meeting/Budget Hearing at 7 PM GIHS PTSA Meeting 5:30 PM HS Library	11 VCMS PTA Meeting 3:15 PM	12 Kaegebein Band Spring Concert 7 PM	13 Elementary and VCMS Orchestra Spring Concert 7 PM	14	15 Junior Prom Class of 2028
16	17 Beginning Instrumental Parent Night 5:30 PM K-12 District Art Show opening at the High School 6-8 PM	18 Annual School Budget Vote and Board of Education Election 8 AM-9 PM High School Gym GIHS On-Broadway Cabaret 7 PM PTSA Celebration of Inspiration 6 PM	19 Sidway PTA Meeting 3:30 PM Sidway Conference Room GIHS Spring Orchestra Concert 7:30 PM	20 Sidway Spring Book Fair Sidway Ice Cream Social/Fine Arts Show - With Photo Booth VCMS Spring Band Concert 7 PM	21 Business Marketing Honor Society Induction	22 Senior Prom Class of 2027
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Sidway Patriotic Assembly, 1:45 PM			Memorial Day No School	
30	31 Memorial Day No School GIHS Wind Ensemble Memorial Day Performance 10 AM	VCMS Spring Choral Concert 7 PM	GIHS Choral Spring Concert 7:30 PM	VCMS 8th Grade Emerging Leaders		

Code of Conduct Summary

The goal of DASA is to create a safe supportive school climate where students can learn and focus, rather than fear being discriminated against and/or verbally and/or physically harassed. All public elementary and secondary school students have the right to attend school in a safe, welcoming, considerate and caring environment.

The Board of Education of the Grand Island Central School District has adopted and implemented a written policy on school conduct and discipline designed to promote responsible student behavior.

In accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act, School District policy and practice must ensure that no student is subject to discrimination or harassment, based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity, or sex by school employees or students on school property, on a school bus, or at a school function. The Dignity Act emphasizes the creation and maintenance of a positive learning environment for all students. In addition, the amended Dignity Act requires the development of measured, balanced, progressive and age-appropriate responses to discrimination, harassment, and bullying of students by students and/or employees. Remedial responses should place the focus of discipline on discerning and correcting the reasons why discrimination, harassment and bullying occurred. They should also be designed to correct the problem behavior, prevent another occurrence of the behavior, and protect the target of the act.

For the entire code of conduct, consult the district website.

Student Personal Electronic Device Policy

Effective August 1, 2025. In compliance with New York State Education Law §2803, the Grand Island Central School District has adopted a uniform policy governing student use of personal electronic devices during the school day. This policy promotes a focused academic environment and safeguards student safety and well-being.

Definition of Personal Electronic Devices

"Personal Electronic Devices" include, but are not limited to:

- Smartphones and cell phones
- Smartwatches and wearable devices
- Tablets and e-readers
- Wired or wireless headphones and earbuds
- Fitness trackers
- Music players
- Cameras
- Voice recorders
- Personal calculators (not district-issued)

Devices issued by the district for instructional purposes are not restricted under this policy.

General Policy Statement

Students are prohibited from using personal electronic devices during the school day, defined as the entire instructional day — from the first bell to dismissal. This includes:

- Homeroom
- Classroom instruction
- Lunch and recess
- Study halls
- Hallway transitions

The district is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

Authorized Exceptions

Student use of personal electronic devices is allowed only when one or more of the following conditions are met:

1. **Educational Use** – Approved by a teacher or administrator.
 2. **Healthcare Management** – For managing a documented medical condition.
 3. **Emergency Situations** – As determined by school authorities.
 4. **Translation Support** – Used to assist with language translation.
 5. **Caregiving** – Case-by-case basis for verified primary caregivers.
- Parents may submit written requests for exceptions to the building principal. Medical-related exceptions must be accompanied by healthcare documentation.

Students with IEPs or Section 504 Plans

This policy **does not** restrict device use if it is specifically documented in a student's:

- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Section 504 Plan

Parent Communication Procedures

To preserve the learning environment, parent-student communication during the school day should occur through the school's main office:

- **Middle & High School:** Contact the school office. A Clerk Typist will deliver messages to students.
- **Elementary School:** Main office staff will ensure timely delivery of important messages.

This communication protocol will be shared with families annually and at the time of student enrollment.

Device Storage Procedures

Elementary Schools

- Students are discouraged from bringing personal devices.
- If brought, devices must be powered off and stored in a classroom-designated location.

Middle & High Schools

- Each classroom will have a lockable storage cabinet with assigned compartments.
- Devices must be turned off and stored upon arrival during homeroom.

Daily Procedures for Secondary Students

- **Morning Arrival:** Devices stored in assigned slot during homeroom.
- **Early Dismissal:** Students retrieve devices with staff assistance.
- **Late Arrival / Return from BOCES or Off-Site Programs:** Students check in at the main office, where a dedicated Clerk Typist will manage secure storage.
- **End of Day:** Devices retrieved from homeroom or main office before dismissal.

Students are discouraged from bringing additional personal devices. If they do, such items must remain **powered off and stored** during the school day.

Translation Services

Upon request, this policy will be translated into any of the **twelve most commonly spoken non-English languages in New York State**, based on U.S. Census data.

For more information and to view the full policy, visit:

www.grandislandschools.org → Departments → Pupil/Personnel Services



June 2027

Events are subject to change.
Please check online at www.grandislandschools.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 GIHS Seal & Academy Senior Recognition Night 5-6:30 PM	3 GIHS Spring Band Concert 7:30 PM	4	5
6	7 GIHS Senior Class Day Tenure & Retiree Reception / BOE Meeting & Workshop	8	9 Sidway PTA Meeting 3:30 PM Virtual meet voting	10	11	12
13	14 Spring College Athlete Signing Ceremony 5 PM Vike Night 6 PM GIHS End Quarter 4 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 Juneteenth Observance No School	19 Juneteenth
20	21	Regents Exams			25	26
		VCMS PTA Meeting 3:15 PM	Sidway Field Day (Rain Date)	Sidway Field Day Kaegebein Field Day		
	21 Kaegebein 5th Grade Moving Up Day	Regents Exams			25 Rating Day Last Teacher Day	
			GIHS Class of 2027 Graduation 5PM at Kleinhans Music Hall	Last Student Day		
27	28	29	30			

ENL Extended School Year Program

The Grand Island ENL Extended School Year program is a 4 week, half-day program which provides students with a unique opportunity for language learning throughout the summer. Students are able to continue building their English language proficiency through structured activities and experiences which focus on the four language modalities- listening, speaking, reading and writing. This program helps to bridge the gap of language difference which often increases throughout the summer. Certified ENL teachers create curriculum and activities which target specific content and language standards in order to continue language progression into the following school year. Students are given authentic language building experiences through local field trips to places such as the Buffalo Zoo, Beaver Island State Park, the Lion's Club Picnic, and more.



Evelyn Olrogge, Grade 3



Maria Garcia, Grade 2



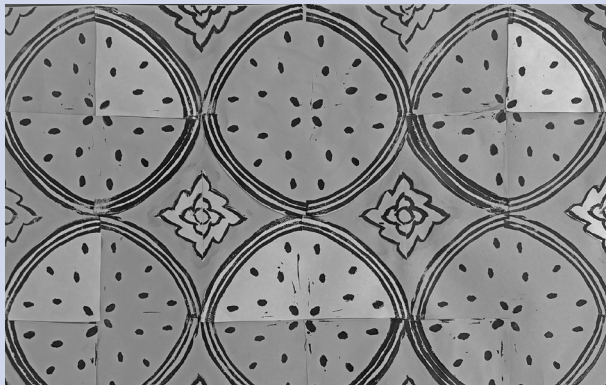
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Independence Day	Independence Day Observance	Reorganization Meeting 7 PM / BOE Meeting Immediately following				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Kathryn Sheehan, Grade 8



Lydia Barr, Grade 9

Water Safety

The Grand Island Central School District is sharing important information about drowning prevention, water safety, and safe and healthy swimming with all families.

This information is being provided in accordance with New York State law that took effect on July 1, 2026, requiring all school districts to provide parents and guardians with water safety resources at the beginning of each school year and to make those resources available on the district's website.

While this information fulfills a state requirement, its purpose extends far beyond compliance. Water safety is an important life skill, and the simple precautions we take can help prevent tragedies. Whether your family spends time at backyard pools, beaches, lakes, rivers, water parks, or while boating, understanding safe practices around water can significantly reduce the risk of drowning and other water-related injuries.

The district wants to highlight three areas:

- Drowning Prevention
- Water Safety
- Safe and Healthy Swimming

We encourage you to discuss how to stay safe around water with your children. These conversations, combined with swimming instruction, responsible supervision, and safe habits, can make a meaningful difference.

For your convenience, this information is available throughout the year on the Grand Island Central School District website.



Finja Gaertner, Grade 5



August 2027

Events are subject to change.
Please check online at www.grandislandschools.org.

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	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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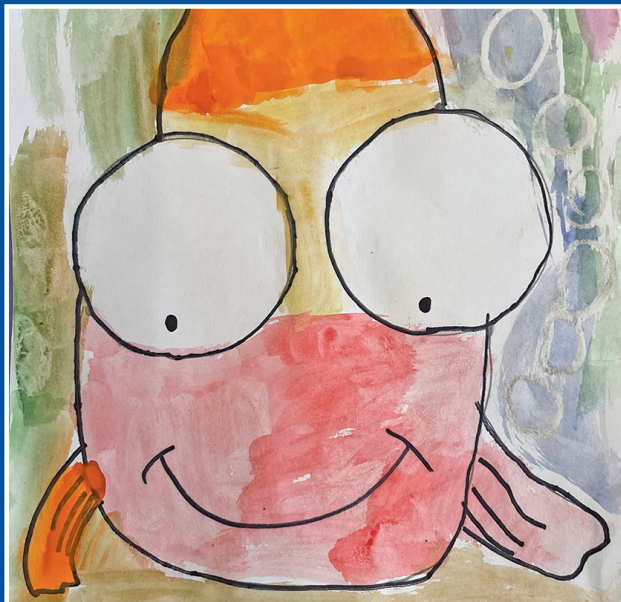
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