**August 2026 Welcome Back**

Dear Haldane Community,

It is with a great sense of enthusiasm that I welcome you back to Haldane. While we all enjoyed the fun and relaxation of the summer months, we miss our students and teachers. It will be great to have everyone back again! I'd like to share a few updates as we enter the school year:

**Capital Project Progress**
The work for the high school addition is well underway and construction will continue through this school year. Student and staff safety remain our top priority. Beyond OSHA and NYS safety requirements, we are taking the following precautions:

- Fencing is in place to separate work areas from pedestrians and vehicles.
- High school classrooms will have fresh air filters and will receive extra cleaning as needed.
- Alternate classroom space may be used for certain high school classes. This will only affect a small number of rooms and will be communicated on an as-needed basis.
- All contractors and construction workers will wear vests and ID badges.

**Traffic Flow Around Campus**
We will continue the student drop-off and pick-up procedures that began last spring (see below). At this time, the only adjustment is that buses will remain in the traffic circle and high school students will walk to and from the high school building. High school students who require a more accessible route may enter via Cedar Street and continue to the high school staff lot for drop-off/pick-up.

**Note!** The Village of Cold Spring has an immediate need for crossing guards during the morning and afternoon shifts. Please help spread the word or consider applying for this important role to keep our students safe.

**Visitor Parking**
If you are scheduled to come on campus during the school day, we encourage you to park on a side street and walk over. There are only three visitor parking spaces on campus - they are now located in the small lot next to the playground. To access these spaces, enter via Mountain Avenue to Upper Craigside Drive.

**Bus Transportation**
Please refer to the emails you received from our transportation department regarding community bus stops. These changes will help us optimize routes, decrease student ride times, and improve overall safety and reliability. Thank you for your flexibility as we make these shifts.

**Supporting Organizations**
Our supporting organizations offer many opportunities to connect in fun ways and enhance our students' experiences throughout the year. Please consider joining our PTA, Arts Alliance, Blue Devil Booster Club, and attending a future Haldane School Foundation event.

As I enter my second year as your superintendent, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Haldane community. I look forward to seeing you and your children on campus over the next few weeks.

Sincerely,
Gail Duffy, EdD
Superintendent of Schools

# August 2026 Campus Traffic

## Car Route - Follow Spring Procedures




**During Student Arrival & Dismissal:**

- Families will only be permitted to enter the back of campus via Cedar Street*
- Families will drop off/pick up students at the sidewalk along the playground backtop
- Families will exit campus via upper Craigside Drive, continuing on Mountain Ave. to Locust Ridge or Fishkill Ave.

**Cars will not be permitted to enter campus via Route 9D during student arrival/dismissal. This will be strictly enforced.*

## Bus Route - No Traffic in Front of High School




**During Student Arrival & Dismissal:**

- Only buses will enter campus via Morris Avenue/Route 9D
- Buses will drop off/pick up ALL students at the flagpole in front of the Main Building
- Buses will exit campus via Morris Avenue/Route 9D

Students who have the ability to walk to school are encouraged to do so.