Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District

2026-2027

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Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!



Michael McElduff
Superintendent

It is a privilege to welcome our students, families, faculty, and staff to another year in the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District. Each new school year brings opportunities for growth, new experiences, and continued progress as we work together to support every student.

Throughout the year, our focus will remain on providing safe, supportive, and engaging learning environments where students are encouraged to think critically, explore their interests, challenge themselves, and reach their full potential. We will continue to strengthen academic opportunities, support and empower our faculty and staff, and build meaningful partnerships with our families and community.

The strength of HFFMCSD comes from the people who make up our school community. Our students, families, faculty and staff, Board of Education, West Point, Garrison, and the Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery communities each play an important role in our continued success. By working together, communicating openly, and remaining focused on the needs of our students, we can continue moving our district forward.

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Vice President

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Trish Kinney

John Nawoichyk

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Trevor Rhodes

Monique Wolf

WE ARE ALWAYS READY TO HELP!

Feel free to contact your child's school if you have questions or concerns.

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- **Kristen O'Dell** *Board Member*
- **Trevor Rhodes** *Board Member*
- **John Nawoichyk** *West Point Liaison*

SCAN QR CODE FOR BOE MEETING SCHEDULE.
hffmcsdorg.finalsite.com/board-of-education

Mission

To provide enriching, safe and meaningful educational experiences that build a strong foundation for our diverse student body

Vision

A school community focused on developing students as lifelong learners equipped with critical thinking and problem solving skills necessary to navigate and shape the future.

Core Beliefs

- Focus on the needs of each student and create opportunities to ensure equity
- Foster engagement, collaboration and a sense of belonging for all school community members
- Take collective responsibility and make thoughtful decisions based on best practices
- Supporting all students is fundamental to creating a welcoming and nurturing environment
- Promote safety, health and wellness for the developmental growth of our community
- Consistently prioritize efficiency and affordability, while also striving for excellence
- Embrace curiosity, connection and critical thinking

PRIORITY AREAS & GOALS

The Staff Experience

We will empower staff to innovate through reflection, collaboration, and instructional risk-taking, while fostering shared leadership that values teacher voice and initiative.

Together, we will create learning environments where student-centered goals drive meaningful growth.

Academic Excellence & Opportunities

We will use multiple data points to understand and support each learner's academic journey, while empowering students to set personal learning goals and hold themselves accountable for reaching, and exceeding their potential.

Community & Family Connections

We will strengthen the family experience by building meaningful partnerships through events, timely communication, and dynamic use of social media that fosters connection, belonging, and shared purpose.





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FIND OUT **HOW TO...**

REGISTER A NEW STUDENT

We are pleased to assist you in registering your child/children from Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 in our schools. The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District has ongoing registration for new students throughout the school year and summer. Registration is by appointment only by accessing a preregistration form accessed through our website: **https://www.hffmcsd.org/departmentsprograms/registration-enroll-in-our-schools** or contacting:

Lori Sheldon.
lori.sheldon@hffmcsd.org
845-446-9575 x 1600

REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

Students must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1st of the year in which they enroll. Enrolled UPK students are automatically enrolled in kindergarten.

SIGN UP FOR/LOG IN TO SCHOOLTOOL

SchoolTool is the student management system used by HFFM. Parents/Guardians may access student information, schedules, grades, and attendance through the SchoolTool Parent Portal. For assistance with setting up your parent portal account, please contact the main office at your child's school.

REPORT CHILD ABUSE

New York State Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-342-3720

If you believe a child is being abused or maltreated, you can help by making a call to the New York State Child Abuse Hotline. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. If you suspect a child is in immediate danger, you should call 911.

ADDITIONAL **KEY CONTACTS**

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SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 First Day of School for Students	3	4	5
6	7 **Labor Day** NO SCHOOL	8	9 HFIS Welcome Back Night Grades 3-5 and 6-8	10 JIO Remembrance Bowl 6:30 PM	11 Superintendent Conference Day HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS	12
13	14 PTP Meeting 6:30 PM	15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins FMES Back to School Night: Open House	16 JIO Back to School Night JIO Underclass Photos	17 SCAN CODE FOR BOE INFO.	18	19
20	21 **Yom Kippur** NO SCHOOL	22 JIO Sports Photos	23	24	25 HFIS Family Fun Movie Night	26
27	28	29 JIO Homecoming Parade	30 JIO Homecoming Parade (Rain Date)	*Scan Code for JIO Athletics Schedule.*		

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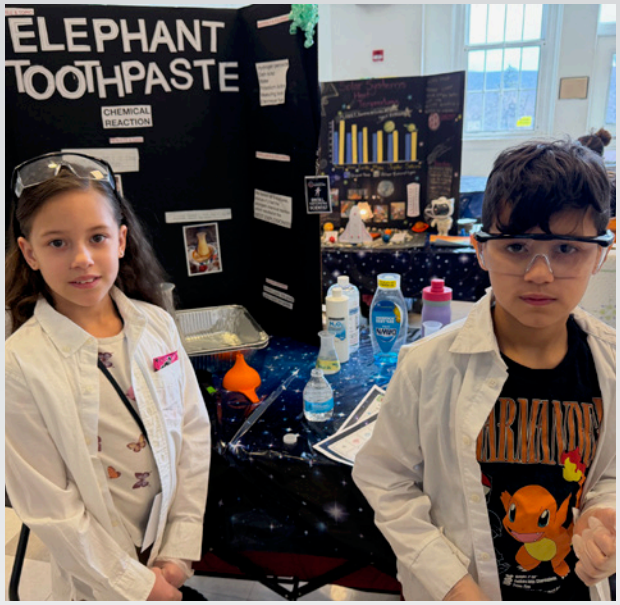
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SCHOOL **MEAL PROGRAM**

For the 2026-2027 School Year, all enrolled students of Highland Falls - Fort Montgomery Central School District are eligible to receive one healthy breakfast and one lunch at school at no cost to your household each day of the school year. Any additional items can be paid for with money that is on the student's account. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

Looking for a little extra?
Additional meals may be purchased at the prices listed below.:

- FMES Breakfast **$2.25** | FMES Lunch **$3.25**
- HFIS Breakfast **$3.00** | HFIS Lunch **$3.50**

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ATTENTION FAMILIES



Section IX has changed scheduling platforms to BOUND Athletics. The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District will no longer be using rSchool. Please capture the QR Code below and download the BOUND App. **By "adding" James I. O'Neill to "Teams" families will be able to see the Athletic Schedules for all levels** (Varsity, J.V., and Modified) of a program. This is an exciting change for our District and will allow Section IX to better serve parents and athletes.

BOUND App
AppStore

BOUND App
Google Play

TRANSPORTATION

Because the school bus is an extension of the classroom, we are an integral part of the education of all students within our school district.

Safety is high priority and a group effort. Students, parents, teachers, school administrators, and drivers are all assigned responsibility.

We value each and every student and will emphasize that by treating each student with dignity and respect.

We are committed to providing the safest, consistent, reliable transportation possible and will strive to continually upgrade our service to students and parents as it becomes possible.

Out of District transportation requests are due by April 1st of each year for the following school year.

The Transportation Request Form is available on the District's website. If you have any questions, we're here to help!

Transportation Request Form

https://hffmcsdorg.finalsite.com/departmentsprograms/transportation

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OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 *GRADES 6-12 END OF MID-QTR 1* JIO Homecoming Game	3 JIO SAT Exams JIO Homecoming Dance
4	5 PTP Meeting 6:30 PM	6	7	8	9 County Wide Early Dismissal Drill	10
11	12 **Columbus Day** NO SCHOOL	13	14 JIO Senior "Club Getaway" Trip JIO PSAT Grades 10 & 11	15	16 JIO Family ID for Winter Sports Registration	17
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25	26	27	28	29 FMES & HFIS Parent/Teacher Conference Afternoon/Evening HALF DAY FOR FMES & HFIS STUDENTS	30 **Vertical Articulation** HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS	31

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STUDENT USE OF INTERNET-ENABLED CELLULAR PHONES AND DEVICES/ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

PURPOSE AND SCOPE:

The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District ("District") is committed to providing a safe, positive, and productive learning environment free from distractions caused by electronic communication devices. This policy promotes educational excellence by reducing disruptions and reinforcing positive expectations, while providing opportunities for students to learn from their mistakes.

This policy applies to all students enrolled in grades PreK-12 during school hours on school property, including any school-sponsored activities regardless of location.

Definitions:

"School Property" means any property owned, leased, or used by the District for school- related activities, including buildings, playgrounds, and parking lots.

Internet-Enabled Device means and includes any smartphone, tablet, smartwatch (and other wearable device), or other device that currently exists or may exist in the future that can connect to the Internet and enable the user to access content online. It does not include internet-enabled devices supplied by the District that are used for an educational purpose.

"Device" means any portable electronic device capable of making telephone calls, sending text messages, accessing the Internet, or other electronic communication functions.

"Student" means any individual enrolled in the District.

"Staff Member" means an employee of the District, such as but not limited to a monitor, aide, teacher, school counselor, administrator

"School Hours" means the period during which students are required to be present at school, including all instructional and noninstructional time, and activities sponsored or approved by the District regardless of location.

PROHIBITED DEVICES:

All students are prohibited from using or displaying or using internet-enabled devices during the school day. This includes:

- Cell phones
- Smartwatches (and other wearable devices)
- iPods or MP3 players
- Smart glasses
- Any other similar technology that currently exists or may exist in the future.

Device Use Restrictions: Devices are not permitted in classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, study halls, recess/playgrounds, or other instructional/common areas during the defined school day. Specific instructional hours will be communicated by each building.

DEVICE STORAGE:

For the safety and optimal learning environment of our youngest students, personal cell phones and other internet-enabled devices are strictly prohibited from school premises for all students in Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade

For students in grades 4-12, upon entering school, students must turn off all internet-enabled devices and store them securely in their assigned lockers with locks or bookbags/backpacks stored in lockers with locks. Devices may not be carried in pockets, hoodies, or hands during the day.

Emergency Communication: Parents/Guardians who need to contact their child during the school day may do so by contacting the School's main office by telephone or email to relay an urgent message to a student during the school day. If a student has an urgent need to contact their family, they may request access to a school telephone. Supervised locations within each school will be provided. Confidential spaces will also be available upon request.

Exceptions:

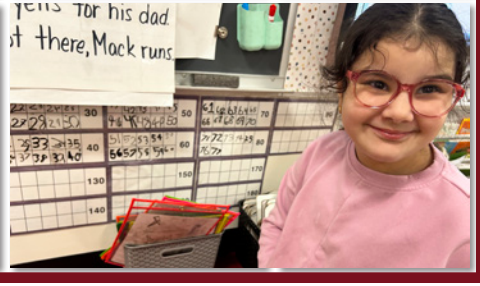
Medical exceptions may be granted upon submission of a doctor's note, reviewed by the district physician, and subject to approval by the district physician, on a case-by-case basis.

- In the event of an emergency as determined by an administrator.
- For translation services that are necessary for a student's instructional program.
- On a case-by-case basis, upon review and determination by a school psychologist, school social worker, or school counselor for a student caregiver who is routinely responsible for the care and well-being of a family member.
- When otherwise required by law, such as when such use is required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.
- If an exception has been granted, personal devices may only be used by the student granted the exception and only for the purposes outline in the exception, and the device must be silenced and stored when not in use.

Scan Code for Code of Conduct



NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 PTP Meeting 6:30 PM	3 **Superintendent Conference Day** NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	4 FMES Fall Picture Day FMES & HFIS Parent/Teacher Conference Afternoon HALF DAY FOR FMES & HFIS STUDENTS	5	6 HFIS Picture Day *GRADES 6-12 QTR 1 ENDS*	7
8	9 *GRADES 6-12 QTR 2 BEGINS*	10 HFIS NJHS Induction Ceremony	11 **Veterans Day** NO SCHOOL	12	13	14
15	16 JIO Winter Sports Start	17	18 JIO Parent/Teacher Conferences Afternoon and Evening HALF DAY FOR JIO STUDENTS	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 **Thanksgiving Day**	27 THANKSGIVING RECESS, NO SCHOOL	28
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HOW DO I FIND OUT IF SCHOOLS **ARE CLOSED, DELAYED OR DISMISSING EARLY?**

The The Highland Falls-Fort Montogmery CSD uses several different measures to disseminate information to the community in relation to school closings, delays and early dismissals.

School Closings, Delays, and Early Dismissals

DISTRICT WEBSITE — hffmcsd.org

Information about school closings, delayed openings, and early dismissals will be posted in the Special Alert section of the district website.

RADIO STATIONS

School closings and delayed openings will also be announced on:

- WHUD — 100.7 FM
- WPDH — 101.5 FM

Stay Connected

Announcements will also be sent through Finalsite via text message and email. Pre-K–8th grade families will also receive closing, delay, and early dismissal information through ClassDojo. You can also follow the district on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates.



ATTENTION PARENTS: MAKE PLANS FOR EARLY DISMISSALS

Parents should make arrangements for child care if schools are dismissed when they are not at home.

Instructions for young children should be clearly explained on the emergency card filed with your child's school. Remember to tell your child's school if any of your information has changed.

Children should be aware of these alternative plans, no matter what grade level. Make sure your children know what

DO SNOW DAYS **HAVE TO BE MADE UP?**

The first four snow days do not have to be made up. In the event the District does not utilize remote learning days, the fifth through seventh days are banked in the school calendar as part of school recess. During this school year:

- If a fifth snow day is used, school will be in session on April 2nd.
- If a sixth day is used, school will be in session on April 1st.
- If a seventh day is used, school will be in session March 31st.

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DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 HFIS Winter Concert Grade 7/8	3	4 *END OF TRIMESTER 1 (GRADES PRE-K-5)* HFIS Winter Concert Grades 7-8 (snow date)	5
6	7 *GRADES PRE-K-5 TRIMESTER 2 BEGINS* PTP Meeting 6:30 PM	8 HFIS Winter Concert Grades 5-6	9 HFIS Winter Concert Grades 5-6 (snow date)	10	11 *GRADES 6-12 END MID-QTR 2*	12
13	14	15 JIO Winter Concert 7:00 - 9:00 pm	16 JIO Winter Concert (snow date) 7:00 - 9:00 pm	17	18	19
20	21 JIO Alumni College Panel	22	23 Winter Recess HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS	24 **Christmas Eve** WINTER RECESS, NO SCHOOL	25 **Christmas Day**	26
27	28 WINTER RECESS, NO SCHOOL	29	30	31 **New Year's Eve**		

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CONNECT PROGRAM

CONNECT is a free, engaging after-school program serving students in grades 3–8 at Highland Falls Intermediate School, Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. Created through a partnership between the West Point Association of Graduates and the school district, CONNECT combines academic support with hands-on enrichment, mentorship, and fun.

Students can explore art, science, technology, world languages, music, culinary arts, gardening, sports, and more—all while receiving healthy snacks, and in a safe, welcoming place to learn and grow. With dedicated educators, community volunteers, and more than 1,000 hours of West Point cadet mentorship each year, CONNECT provides students with meaningful opportunities beyond the school day—100% free to families.



HEALTHY KIDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Extended Day Programs provide a safe, supportive space where children can thrive beyond school hours. Kids receive homework help, get moving, learn new skills, make friends, and most importantly—have fun!

- healthykidsprograms.com
- registration@healthykidsprograms.com!
- 845-330-0200



Ages K-12 years old:

- Affordable & Accessible
- Childcare For All
- Hours: Dismissal - 6:00 PM



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JANUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 **New Year's Day** NO SCHOOL, WINTER RECESS	2
3	4 Students Return to School PTP Meeting 6:30 PM	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 FMES Retake Picture Day	12	13	14	15 HFIS Picture Retake Day	16
17	18 **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day** NO SCHOOL	19	20	21	22	23
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31		REGENTS EXAMS				

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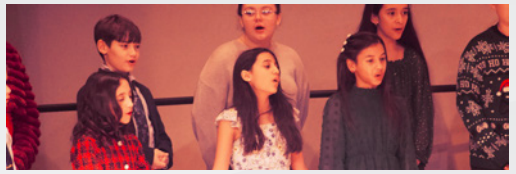
The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District is located in the heart of the scenic Hudson River Valley and draws students from Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery, West Point, and Garrison. Adjacent to the United States Military Academy at West Point and 40 miles from New York City, the district offers a tremendous opportunity for cultural enrichment, athletics, leadership and highly competitive academics. Diversity broadens the educational experience at James I. O'Neill High School as local populations are interspersed with the children of military personnel from around the world who are stationed at the United States Military Academy.

- Fort Montgomery Elementary School Pre-K-2
- Highland Falls Intermediate School 3-8
- James I. O'Neill High School 9-12

HEALTH SERVICES

the Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery Health Services Offices. It is the goal of school nurses to promote and protect the health and wellness of our school community. This site will provide you with school guidelines, New York State mandated requirements, and health and safety information.

hffmcsd.org/departmentsprograms/health-services



To help keep every HFFMCSD school building safe and welcoming, we use a visitor management system in all of our schools. This system lets us know exactly who is in our buildings and ensures visitors go only where they are expected.

Here is what to expect when you visit:

Check-in: Bring a photo ID, such as a driver's license or non-driver ID, to be scanned at the main entrance. If you do not have a U.S. government ID, our staff can manually enter another approved form of identification.

Visitor badge: Once you are cleared, you will receive a badge that shows your name, the date, and your destination.





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FEBRUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 *2ND SEMESTER GRADES 6-12 QTR 3 BEGINS* PTP Meeting 6:30 PM	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** JIO Mr. OHS	**6**
		HFIS NYS SIMULATION TESTING				
7	**8** JIO Family ID for Spring Sports Registration	**9** JIO National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	**10** JIO National Honor Society Induction Ceremony (Snow Date)	**11**	**12**	**13**
14	**15** **Presidents Day**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**
	MIDWINTER RECESS, NO SCHOOL					
21	**22**	**23**	**24** FMES & HFIS Parent/Teacher Conference Afternoon/Evening HALF DAY FOR FMES & HFIS STUDENTS	**25**	**26** FMES & HFIS Parent/Teacher Conference Afternoon HALF DAY FOR FMES & HFIS STUDENTS	**27**
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NOTIFICATION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Students with disabilities residing in the District are provided the opportunity to participate in school district programs to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the student including extracurricular activities and programs which are available to all other students enrolled in public schools in the District.

If a parent/guardian, student, or employee feels that he or she is the victim of harassment based upon their disability, they should contact the Compliance Officer, Beth Hordines, Director of PPS 845-446-9575 ext. 3611.

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

The Director of Pupil Personnel Services oversees student assistance counselors, speech and language services, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. Beth Hordines, Director of PPS 845-446-9575 ext. 3611.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

School counselors help students achieve a better understanding of their abilities, goals, opportunities and social responsibilities. Secondary school counselor services include class scheduling, career exploration, and assisting with academic and personal issues.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

School psychologists work with students, parents, teachers and administrators to meet a student's needs. Services include diagnosis of learning difficulties as well as counseling. They help students when social and personal problems hinder learning. They are a liaison between the school and community working on programs that assist students with personal obstacles and programs that prevent at-risk behaviors and reinforce positive choices.

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES (AIS)

The goals of AIS is to assess and remediate deficiencies in math, English language arts, social studies, and science. Students are selected for this program based on test scores, classroom work and teacher recommendations. Students who utilize AIS receive individualized attention through small group instruction. They receive additional instruction on lessons they learn in their core classes and review basic skills that are key to comprehension and learning.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Children with learning, physical, emotional or motor disabilities require special assistance and encouragement. These children are referred to the District's Committee on Special Education in order to evaluate the child, determine if a disability exists, and plan an individualized approach to educate the child. Beth Hordines, Director of PPS 845-446-9575 ext. 3611.

SECTION 504

While all students identified as disabled under IDEA are considered disabled under Section 504, students not identified under IDEA may be considered to be disabled under Section 504 if they meet the definition of a "qualified handicapped person." This is a person who has or has had a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits major life activity or is regarded as handicapped by others.









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MARCH 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 UPK Registration opens for 27/28 School Year PTP Meeting 6:30 PM	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** JIO Student Council Blood Drive	**6**
7	**8** JIO Spring Sports Start	**9** **First Day of Eid al-Fitr** Superintendent Conference Day HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS	**10**	**11**	**12** *GRADES 6-12 END MID QTR 3* HFIS Musical	**13**
14	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18** JIO Spring Musical	**19** *END OF TRIMESTER 2 GRADES PRE-K-5* JIO Musical	**20** JIO Musical
21	**22** *GRADES PRE-K-5 TRIMESTER 3 BEGINS*	**23** JIO Parent/Teacher Conferences Afternoon & Evening HALF DAY FOR JIO STUDENTS	**24**	**25**	**26** **Good Friday** SPRING RECESS, NO SCHOOL	**27**
28	**29** SPRING RECESS, NO SCHOOL	**30**	**31**			

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DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT

New York State's Dignity For All Students Act took effect on July 1, 2012. Just as with the District's Code of Conduct, the law seeks to provide public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, bullying, including cyberbullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function. The Dignity Act includes but is not limited to, acts of discrimination and harassment based on a student's race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression) or sex.

Our Dignity Act Coordinators are based at each building and are trained to address issues regarding bullying prevention and the implementation of consequences for violations of the Dignity For All Students Act.



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Any student or parent can go directly to the Dignity Act Coordinators should there be concerns. Children may also speak to any staff member if they feel that they are the victim of bullying. DASA forms are also available on every school's webpage.

STUDENT SUCCESS COORDINATOR

The Coordinator collaborates with building and district leadership to use data, observations, and stakeholder input to identify student needs, address achievement and equity gaps, and strengthen positive, equitable discipline and support systems. The role also facilitates SSC meetings, elevates student voice, supports community engagement, and coordinates equity-focused data collection and reporting.

Through this work, the Coordinator helps create meaningful opportunities for students to feel supported, heard, valued, and connected to their school community. By helping remove barriers to learning and promoting equitable access to academic and social-emotional supports, the Coordinator plays an important role in helping students build confidence, develop a sense of belonging, and achieve their full potential.

THE PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment provides parents/guardians with certain rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes and certain physical exams. In particular, if a survey is funded in whole or part by the US Department of Education, parents/guardians have the right to consent before students are required to complete a survey that asks about any of the following protected areas: political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parents/guardians; mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family; sexual behavior or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged relationships, such as lawyers, doctors and ministers; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent; or income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.





APRIL 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Last Day to Request Transportation to non-public school SPRING RECESS, NO SCHOOL	2	3
4	5 PTP Meeting 6:30 PM	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 JIO Spring Arts Festival and Concert	15	16 *GRADES 6-12 END OF QTR 3*	17
18	19 *GRADES 6-12 QTR 4 BEGINS*	20 Purple Up Day	21 HFIS Science Fair	22	23	24
25	26 HFIS 8th Grade Placement Test	27 JIO Senior Awards Ceremony HFIS Spring Picture Day	28	29	30	

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ABOUT THE SCHOOL BUDGET

BUDGET VOTE IS MAY 18, 2027

The annual school board election and budget vote for the following school year is held on the third Tuesday of May. This year's vote will be held on May 18, 2027, at the Valley Central High School gymnasium.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

In order to qualify to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, resident of the district for 30 days immediately preceding the election and a registered voter. If you are not registered, prospective voters can still register to vote with the local county board of elections by completing an online application with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles or online through the Orange Board of Elections. Voter Registration will also be held at the Highland Falls Library on May 8, 2027. The library is located at 298 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY 10928.

MORE INFORMATION

The District mails annual budget documents to all district residents and posts information on its website. Visit www.hffmcsd.org for more information or contact the district office at (845) 446-9575.

FOR BOE INFORMATION, SCAN CODE OR VISIT:
www.hffmcsd.org/board-of-education

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MAY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 JIO SAT Exams
2	3 PTP Meeting 6:30 PM	4	5	6	7 FMES Spring Picture Day	8
	JIO AP EXAMS					
9	10 HFIS 2nd Grade Parent Tour	11	12	13	14 HFIS Family Fun Night	15
	JIO AP EXAMS					
16	17	18 HFIS Spring Concert Grade 5-6 HFFMCSD Annual Budget Vote & Election, 6:00 am-9:00 pm	19 HFIS Spring Concert Grade 5-6 (rain date)	20	21 *GRADES 6-12 END DATE MID QTR*	22
23	24 PREK Registration Closes	25 JIO Spring Social (Field Day) HFIS Spring Concert Grade 7-8	26 JIO Spring Social (Field Day) Rain Date JIO POPs Concert HFIS Spring Concert grade 7-8 (rain date)	27 FMES Field Day JIO Prom	28 Half Day/Early Dismissal	29
30	31 **Memorial Day** NO SCHOOL				HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS	

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PARENT **ORGANIZATIONS**

HFFM PTP

The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Parent-Teacher Partnership is dedicated to enriching the educational experience of every student from Pre-K- Grade 8 by fostering strong collaboration between families and schools. We champion volunteerism, organize impactful fundraising initiatives & support academic, social & emotional growth. Through equitable access to meaningful program & enrichment opportunities, we aim to strengthen our community and empower every child to thrive. Together we are building a brighter future, one student at a time.

Primary Contact: Narmin Shahid
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PTP Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM:

(Meetings alternate between the HFIS Cafeteria and FMES Library) check the PTP webiste for the most up to date information on meetings and events.

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JAMES I O'NEILL PARENT TEACHER STUDENT COMMUNITY

One Team. One Voice. One Community

About the PTCS. We are an association of parents, teachers, administrators and students who want to help make the O'Neill student experience a great one. We do the following:

- Support curriculum projects including field trips
- Support staff and faculty
- Provide Scholarships
- Supply concession/gate sales at t athletic events
- Support the arts
- Provide parent support when needed
- Help provide opportunities for students
- Connect the community to the school and school to community

Contact: jioptsc@gmail.com

Check the PTSC webiste for the most up to date information
Website: jioptsc.org

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JUNE 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7 PTP Meeting 6:30 PM	8	9 Pre-K Graduation	10	11 FMES 2nd Grade Moving Up	12
13	14 Last Full Day of Classes for JIO HFIS Field Day	15 HFIS 5th Grade Moving Along HFIS Field Day (rain date)	16	17	18 **Juneteenth** (Observed) **NO SCHOOL**	19 **Juneteenth**
		REGENTS EXAMS				
20	21 JIO High School Grad.Rehersal HFIS Checkpoint A exams HFIS 8th Grade Moving Up **Vertical Articulation**	22 JIO High School Graduation HFIS 8th Grade Picnic	23 8th Grade Picnic (rain date)	24	25 **Last Day of School for Students Pre-K -8** *GRADES 6-12 END OF QTR 4* *GRADES PRE-K-5 END OF TRIMESTER 3*	26
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Trevor Rhodes
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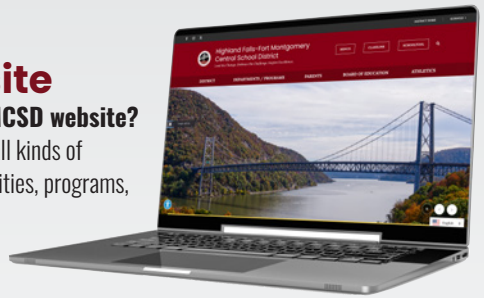
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STAY CONNECTED to your district!

The education of the students in our community is a responsibility we don't take lightly, and something we know doesn't stop when students leave school. Working together has always been a huge part of our process, so please stay connected!

District Website

Have you visited the HFFMCSD website?
Visit **hffmcsd.org** to access all kinds of information about district activities, programs, and announcements.



School Calendar for Events

Would you like to know the up-to-date event information about your school's and district events? Or would you like to print your own customized calendar for your family's needs? Find all you need to know about our calendar at **hffmcsd.org/calendar**

Finding Faculty

If you need to contact any administrator or faculty member, visit our website contact page, **hffmcsd.org/district/contact-us**. You can look up email addresses and voicemail extensions with our staff directory.

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