

McGraw Minutes

Issue #3 September 11, 2026

A Note from Mrs. Shaw...

It has been an outstanding week with our kindergarten and first grade students! It feels so good to be all together this week!

I want to acknowledge Mrs. Nason and her thirteen years of service and dedication to the McGraw school as today is her final day with us. We are so happy for her as she begins a new and exciting adventure. She has been a wonderfully welcoming and helpful resource for staff, families, and students during her time here at McGraw. We will all miss her tremendously.



Please help me in welcoming Mrs. Fran Tracy-Dunn who will be taking her place as McGraw's new Administrative Assistant. Ms. Fran is currently employed at McGraw and has extensive clerical experience. We are happy to welcome her to this new position and know she will kindly and effectively serve the staff, families, and students of McGraw.

All communication to the McGraw office will continue to be at mcgrawoffice@rsu22.us.

Please continue to notify us of any dismissal changes *PRIOR TO 2:00p* each day. This allows the office to accurately communicate with your child's teacher about the change of plans.

Thank you for using the bright yellow pedestrian pathway in the mornings to keep all of our foot traffic in one area of our parking lot. Please refer to the map provided below for traffic and pedestrian directionality.

McGraw School Office

School Hours

8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

If you need to contact the office...

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

call: 207.862.3830

email: mcgrawoffice@rsu22.us (all dismissal/absence communication)

fax: 207.862.5649

visit: 20 Main Rd. N. Hampden, ME 04444

Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Tracy-Dunn, ftracydunn@rsu22.us

Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Paradis, dparadis@rsu22.us

Principal: Mrs. Shaw, shannonshaw@rsu22.us

School Nurse: Mrs. Adams, nadams@rsu22.us

School Counselor: Mrs. Erickson, merickson@rsu22.us

McGraw School Website

McGraw Facebook Page

McGraw Family Handbook 2026-2027

Upcoming Dates:

- 9/14 PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. McGraw Library
- 9/15 Volunteer Training 12:00p (Virtual)
- 9/15 Volunteer Training 2:45p (In Person)
- 9/17 Volunteer Training 9:00a (In Person)
- 9/17 Volunteer Training 12:00p (Virtual)
- 9/21 School Picture Day
- 10/9 Early Release Day
- 10/12 No School - Indigenous People's Day
- 11/11 No School - Veterans' Day



Plan Ahead 2026-2027



RSU 22 greatly values instructional time, and our students benefit from consistent attendance. When looking ahead to the 26-27 school year, please consider these dates when planning holidays, appointments, and vacations.

HOLIDAYS & IN-SERVICE DAYS	VACATIONS
LABOR DAY	THANKSGIVING
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 9/7/26	EARLY DISMISSAL TUESDAY, 11/24/26
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY	NO SCHOOL 11/25 - 11/27/26
EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 10/9/26	WINTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 10/12/26	NO SCHOOL 12/23/26 - 1/1/27
VETERANS' DAY	FEBRUARY BREAK
NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, 11/11/26	EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 2/12/27
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	NO SCHOOL 2/15-2/19/27
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 1/18/27	APRIL BREAK
IN-SERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, 3/12/26	EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 4/16/27
MEMORIAL DAY	NO SCHOOL 4/19-4/23/27
EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, 5/28/27	EARLY DISMISSAL & TENTATIVE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FRIDAY, 6/11/27
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 5/31/27	

RSU 22 School Calendar 2026-2027

RSU 22 - 2026-2027 School Calendar

August						September						October					
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May						June						School Year Summary					
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 August 25
 August 26
 August 27, 28
 August 31
 September 1
 September 8
 September 25
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 8/26, 8/27, 8/28, 3/12, 6/14
 June 6
 June 11
 June 14

Fall Sports
 Teacher Orientation (8:00 Sped only)
 Educational Technicians start date
 Teacher Prep
 Management Day
 Staff Inservice day
 Partial Attendance (Gr 1-8 students)
 Partial Attendance (Gr 1-12 students)
 UTC First Day
 Full Attendance (Pre-K - K First Day)
 Teacher Comp Time (no school)
 Early Dismissal
 Inservice - No school
 Hampden Academy Graduation
 Last Student and Educational Technicians Day
 Last Teacher Day

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 11/30/26-3/11/27 60 days
 3/15/27-6/11/27 58 days
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H-Holiday, V-Vacation Day
 ED-Early Dismissal
 I-Teacher Inservice Day, No School
 NT-New Teacher Training, No School
 TP-Teacher Prep Day, No School
 M-Management Day, No School, C-Teacher Comp Day, No School

APPROVED 4.15.26 - Amended 7.8.26



SEPTEMBER		EARL MCGRAW - GEO. WEATHERBEE			2026
BREAKFAST					
Includes Juice, Milk, Fruit, Grains, & More. Each day of the week has a feature that rotates monthly.					
Banana Bread	Fresh Baked Muffins	Breakfast Sandwich	French Toast Sticks	Cinnamon Rolls	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
LUNCH					
Includes Milk, Fruit, and Salad Bar each day. Check the cafeteria menu board for Chef's Specials and Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal.					
8/31	1	2	3	4	
Chicken Nuggets with Dipping Sauces Goldfish Crackers	Pancakes Fluffy whole grain pancakes served with syrup, Maine Blueberries, and Sausage	Cheesy Breadstick Dippers Savory baked whole grain sticks with Tomato Marinara Dipping Sauce	Chicken Burger Crispy chicken on a whole grain bun with toppings Smiley Fries	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
7	8	9	10	11	
LABOR DAY  NO SCHOOL	Chicken Tenders with Dipping Sauces Goldfish Crackers	Hot Dog Steamed frankfurter in a toasted bun Baked Beans	Hamburger USDA Beef Patty on a whole grain bun with choice of American Cheese and toppings Roasted Red Potatoes	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
14	15	16	17	18	
Popcorn Chicken with Dipping Sauces Italian Veggie Pasta Salad Goldfish Crackers	Vanilla Yogurt Parfait with Maine Blueberries, Strawberries, & Granola Cereal	Chicken Caesar Salad Romaine lettuce tossed with chicken, parmesan cheese, homemade croutons, and Caesar Dressing Cheesy Flatbread	Nachos Crispy tortilla chips topped with seasoned beef, cheese, and choice of south border toppings	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
21	22	23	24	25	
Marinara Meatballs Italian meatballs in tomato marinara sauce Parmesan Cheese Garlic Breadstick	Crispy Chicken Drumstick Seasoned and roasted Emoji Waffles Maple Syrup	Hamburger USDA Beef Patty on a whole grain bun with choice of American Cheese and toppings Roasted Potatoes	Build A Sandwich with Turkey & Cheese on a whole grain bun Chicken BLT Pasta Salad Gluten Free Bread Available	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
28	29	30			
Cheesy Pasta Bake with ground beef, cheese tomato marinara sauce, herbs, and spices Garlic Knot	French Toast Sticks Baked whole grain french toast served with syrup, Maine Blueberries, and Sausage	Walking Tacos Served with seasoned beef, cheese, salsa, and toppings		SALAD & FRUIT BAR Offered at Lunch Every Day 	
Menu Subject to Change. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					

Arrival and Dismissal

McGraw and Weatherbee Arrival/Dismissal Video

Please watch this video outlining drop-off and pick-up procedures for McGraw and Weatherbee schools.

https://youtu.be/F_D02rrbfnE



Arrival

The doors are open to students beginning at 8:30 a.m. All students will say their goodbyes and then enter the school's front entrance and report to their classrooms on the first day.

Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten will arrive and enter the school through the front entrance every day. There will be many staff members available to help students to their classrooms.

First graders will begin their day either at breakfast or on the playground beginning on the second day of school.

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed from their classroom's exterior or designated door. Your child's teacher will help you locate the appropriate door during your Open House visit. Dismissal will begin at 3:00. Bus dismissal will begin shortly after.

Please email the school office at mcgrawoffice@rsu22.us with any changes to after school destination and travel plans BEFORE 2:00 p.m. to ensure we receive the information and can communicate to your child's teacher. Afternoons are very busy in the office, so advanced notice of changes from parents is most helpful.

Bus Information

If your child will be riding the bus, please ensure you have completed the appropriate bus paperwork. Cyr bus company can provide families with a more specific time frame that you can expect your student to be picked up and/or dropped off at home. It's always best to be outside a few minutes early. Please also keep in mind that our youngest learners are just beginning their journey on the bus, therefore buses may be slightly delayed the first few days until we all become more efficient with the procedures at dismissal.

Parent Volunteer Training

We are so fortunate here at McGraw to have parent volunteers to support many parts of our day and programming. We welcome helpers for our recess and lunches, field trips, and special days (WinterFest and Field Day). We will advertise these and additional opportunities throughout the year. If you think you may be interested in volunteering at McGraw this year, please plan to attend one of the volunteer training sessions in September.

The process for volunteer approval is a (1)completed application, (2)in-person or virtual training with Mrs. Shaw, and (3)a criminal background check. Once you have completed this process, you do not have to reapply during your child's time at McGraw.

Tuesday, Sept 15 at noon (virtual)

Tuesday, Sept 15 at 2:45p (in person)

Thursday, Sept 17 at 9a (in person)

Thursday, Sept 17 at noon (virtual)

I encourage families to connect with our PTO (mcgrawpto@gmail.com) to learn about additional ways to connect to the school community. In person PTO meetings are held the first Tuesday evening each month at 6:00p in the McGraw library. There is childcare provided. All are welcome!

RSU 22 Safety Message

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our top priority. As we begin a new school year, RSU 22 wants to inform the school community about the safety protocols that are initiated during a potential emergency. For 10 years, RSU 22 has utilized the I LOVE YOU GUYS Foundation's *Standard Response Protocol* (SRP). Below you will find the link to the *Standard Response Protocol* parent information handout.

If you have questions regarding the *Standard Response Protocol* and how your child's school responds to an emergency please contact your child's building principal.

[Standard Response Protocol](#)

Health Tips and Information from Nurse Adams

Dear McGraw Families,



It has been so nice having all of your children back at school! As we move further into September (and cold/flu season), I wanted to remind you of our district health/wellness policies. Also, if you have not yet returned your child's health update form, please do so as soon as possible.

Dental Health

-Please return all dental health forms by Friday, September 11. These forms only need to be completed

And returned if you wish for your child to participate

Medications

- All medications must be administered through the health office and have signed consent by a parent/guardian
- Long-term (greater than 3 weeks) medications must have a signed permit by a parent/guardian and a healthcare provider.
- Medications must be hand delivered to the office by a parent/guardian. Please do not send them in your child's backpack.
- Cough drops and cough lollipops are not allowed at McGraw.

Illnesses

- If your child is ill with a fever or has gastrointestinal symptoms (vomiting and/or diarrhea), they must be symptom free for 24 hours without the use of symptom-reducing medication for 24 hours- this also includes if your child is sent home with these symptoms. They must remain home from school the next day.
- If your child tests positive for covid, influenza, RSV, etc, they must remain fever free from 24 hours with improving symptoms for 24 hours without the use of symptom-reducing medications
- If your child is ill with a contagious bacterial illness, such as strep throat or conjunctivitis, they must be on antibiotics for 12 hours prior to returning to school. For other bacterial illnesses, such as hand, foot, and mouth, please contact me via phone or email for guidance.

If you have any questions please email me at nadams@rsu22.us or call at (207) 862-3830.

Fall is here but the weather is still nice! Here are a few tips to help keep your children safe and comfortable at school:

Sunscreen and Insect Repellent

- We are not able to apply sunscreen or insect repellent to students during the school day. If you wish for your student to wear these items, please apply them in the morning prior to sending them to school.

Dressing for the Weather

- This time of year the mornings tend to be cool and the afternoons warmer. It is best to dress your child in clothing appropriate for warmer weather and add layers. You may also send a change of clothes in your child's backpack. We all know how unpredictable Maine weather can be.
- Please send your child to school in proper footwear for running and playing outside. Sneakers are preferred for safety reasons.
- An extra set of clothes in their backpacks is always a good idea too! Accidents and spills happen!

Ticks

- Ticks are most active during the warmer months (April- September), and it's important to take precautions to protect yourself and your family from potential tick bites and the diseases they can transmit.



SAVE THE DATE: School Picture Day is September 21!

McGraw's Picture Day is
Monday, September 21st.

Picture day envelopes will be sent home soon,
 But you can also order online at
mylifetouch.com
 Picture Day ID: **EVTV96XFQ**

Orders after picture day can
 Only be placed Online.

Spirit Wear

We wear PURPLE and McGraw Gear on our All-School Share days!
 If you're looking for McGraw Gear, go to our local vendor, Goodwin
 Glass & Graphics!

<https://www.goodwinglassandgraphics.com/product-category/mcgraw/>



McGraw PTO Happenings

GET INVOLVED WITH THE
McGRAW PTO!
Together, we make our school even better.

Parents, grandparents, caregivers & friends — we need YOU!
Join us for a great year of supporting McGraw students, staff, and families.

PTO MEETINGS
We meet the 2nd Monday of every month
FIRST MEETING: SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 • 6:00 PM

WHAT YOUR PTO ACCOMPLISHED LAST YEAR


700+
BOOKS DONATED
to McGraw students and staff


23
EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS
bringing our school community together


\$8,000+
RAISED FOR McGRAW
to support our school and students

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE McGRAW PTO!
Whether you have an hour to give or want to help all year long, every hand makes a difference.


JOIN OUR PTO FACEBOOK PAGE
Scan to connect, stay informed,
and see what's happening!


SIGN UP TO BE A LUNCH-TIME VOLUNTEER!
Scan the code to get involved!

WE ARE McGRAW • WE ARE COMMUNITY • WE ARE PTO
THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

McGraw PTO invites you to a

PLAYGROUND playdate

Join us for a fun filled time to play on
the playground!

Date: **SEPTEMBER 19TH**

Time: **10:00 - 11:00**

Place: **MCGRAW SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND**



DATE:
OCTOBER 3, 2026



TIME:
10:30 AM

REGISTRATION:



\$15 PER PERSON

OR

\$50 PER FAMILY OF 4

\$10 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON

SCAN TO SIGN UP!



SIGN UP INCLUDES A T-SHIRT!

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: SEPTEMBER 15, 2026



LET'S RUN, HAVE FUN, AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!



Community Folder



Principal Shaw

Principal Shaw is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters