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NYACK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Be Real. Be Bold. **BELONG.**

REDHAWKS RISE
TOGETHER
WITH **COURAGE** &
COMPASSION,
IN **COMMUNITY**



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

AUGUST 2026

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year in Nyack Public Schools (NPS). I am filled with excitement for all the possibilities that will unfold this year to learn, grow, and explore. Let's be curious and determined. There will be great opportunities and challenges to face, but know this: we are on this journey together. And our work continues through a vision that inspires who we are becoming and a mission that drives all we do in NPS.

Our theme for this year is a progression as we move forward to **"Be Real. Be Bold. BELONG."**

When we support one another, celebrate each other's successes, and advocate for what is right, we stand together **with courage and compassion**. At its heart, Nyack Public Schools is about community. **In community**, we are proof that people from different backgrounds, cultures, languages, identities, and life circumstances can come together to build something greater than ourselves. We see that belonging is not simply a feeling; it is something we create through our actions, our relationships, and the way we care for one another in real time.

So, let's stay connected throughout the year. Whether you are a student, an NPS family member, a staff member, or a community member, please use this calendar to mark important dates. Stay informed with the Superintendent's Uplifting News (RedHawk SUN) monthly eNewsletter. Follow our social media channels for a window into our classrooms. Be sure to visit our new district website, www.nyackschools.org, as a communication hub for all our schools. Lastly, be on the lookout for how **YOU** can be involved in this year's District Strategic Planning as we shape our future together!

Always remember—RedHawks rise together, and together... **WE BELONG.**

Yours in Education,

Dr. Lizzette Ruiz-Giovinazzi
Superintendent of Schools

UN MENSAJE DE LA SUPERINTENDENTE

AGOSTO DE 2026

Bienvenidos al ciclo escolar 2026–2027 en las Escuelas Públicas de Nyack (NPS). Estoy llena de emoción por todas las posibilidades que se abrirán este año para aprender, crecer y explorar. Seamos curiosos y decididos. Habrá grandes oportunidades y desafíos que enfrentar, pero sepan esto: estamos juntos en este camino. Y nuestro trabajo continúa a través de una visión que inspira en quiénes nos estamos convirtiendo y una misión que impulsa todo lo que hacemos en el NPS.

Nuestro tema para este año es una progresión mientras avanzamos hacia **"Sé Real. Sé valiente. PERTENECE."**

Cuando nos apoyamos unos a otros, celebramos los éxitos de los demás y defendemos lo correcto, nos unimos **con valentía y compasión**. En esencia, Nyack Public Schools trata sobre la comunidad. **En la comunidad**, somos prueba de que personas de diferentes orígenes, culturas, idiomas, identidades y circunstancias de vida pueden unirse para construir algo más grande que nosotros mismos. Vemos que pertenecer no es simplemente un sentimiento; Es algo que creamos a través de nuestras acciones, nuestras relaciones y la forma en que nos cuidamos unos a otros en tiempo real.

Así que, mantengámonos conectados durante todo el año. Ya seas estudiante, familiar del NPS, miembro del personal o miembro de la comunidad, por favor usa este calendario para marcar fechas importantes. Mantente informado con el boletín electrónico mensual Uplifting News del Superintendente (RedHawk SUN). Sigue nuestros canales de redes sociales para tener una ventana a nuestras aulas. Asegúrate de visitar nuestro nuevo sitio web del distrito, www.nyackschools.org, como un centro de comunicación para todas nuestras escuelas. Por último, estén atentos a cómo **USTEDES** pueden participar en la Planeación Estratégica del Distrito de este año mientras moldeamos nuestro futuro juntos.

Recuerda siempre—los RedHawks se levantan juntos, y juntos... **PERTENECEMOS.**

Tuyo en educación,

Dr. Lizzette Ruiz-Giovinazzi
Superintendente de Escuelas

YON MESAJ DE SIPÈENTANDAN

OUT 2026

Byenveni nan ane lekòl 2026-2027 la nan Nyack Public Schools (NPS). Mwen kontan anpil poutè tout posiblite aprantisaj, devlopman ak dekouven ane sa a pral ofri nou. Annou gen kiryoze ak detèminasyon Nou pral gen pou nou fè fas avèk gran opòtinite ak gran defi, men nou dwe konnen nou tout nan menm bato a. Epi travay nou an ap kontinye pandan l ap suiv yon vizyon ki enspire moun n ap devni an epi yon misyon ki oryante tout aksyon nou yo nan NPS.

Tèm nou pou ane sa a se yon pwogresyon nan direksyon **"Annou Otantik. Annou Oze. ANNOU GEN APATENANS."**

Lè nou soutni youn lòt, nou selebre siksè youn lòt, epi nou pran defans sa ki dwat, nou kanpe ansanm **avèk kouraj ak konpasyon**. Nan kè Nyack Public Schools, nou jwenn kominote a. **Nan kominote a**, nou se prè ke moun ki soti nan diferan orijin, kilti, lang, idantite, ak sikonstans lavi kapab reyini ansanm pou konstwi yon bagay ki pi gran pase pwòp tèt nou. Nou wè ke apatenans sa a se pa sèlman yon santiman li ye; se yon bagay nou kreye atravè aksyon nou yo, relasyon nou yo, epi fason nou pran swen youn lòt nan chak moman.

Poutèt sa, annou rete konekte pandan tout ane a. Kit ou se yon elèv, yon manm fanmi NPS la, yon manm pèsònèl la, oswa yon manm kominote a, tanpri itilize kalandriye sa a pou make dat enpòtan yo. Rete enfòmè gras a Nouvel Motivan Sipèentandan an (RedHawk Sun) ki se yon lèt enfòmasyon elektwonik chak mwa. Suiv nou sou rezo sosyal yo pou w dekouvi lavi nan salklas nou yo. Asire w ou vizite nouvo sit wèb distri nou an, www.nyackschools.org, ki se yon sant kominikasyon pou tout lekòl nou yo. Finalman, siveye san rete fason ke **OU MENM** ou kapab patisipe nan Planifikasyon Estratejik Distri a ane sa a pandan n ap konstwi avni nou ansanm!

Toujou sonje—RedHawks leve ansanm, epi ansanm... **NOU GEN YON APATENANS.**

Ak tout kè mwen nan Edikasyon,

Doktè Lizzette Ruiz-Giovinazzi
Sipèentendant Lekòl yo

“In NPS, **BELONGING** is about creating the conditions where each student, family, and staff member feels seen, valued, respected, and empowered to contribute. Belonging is not simply about feeling included - it's the outcome of how we lead and how we treat one another.”

- Dr. Lizzette Ruiz-Giovinazzi

NYACK PUBLIC SCHOOLS



■ BE CONNECTED ALL YEAR

- Check out our new district website and Parent Zone
- Stay Up-To-Date with Parent Portal Accounts for 24/7 Access
- Receive Infinite Campus Alerts/calls/text messages for important school-to-home communications

■ OUR MISSION

We, the students, parents, community and staff of the Nyack School District VALUE:

- *the pursuit of scholastic excellence*
- *the richness of our diverse community*
- *harmonious relationships among individuals and groups*
- *partnerships among students, staff, parents and community*
- *respect for self, and others*
- *responsible ethical behavior that engenders trust*
- *individuals who think critically and creatively*
- *ongoing involvement in local and global issues*
- *development of essential skills and attitudes for a productive life*
- *a safe and nurturing environment*

To embody these values, we ENVISION:

a community, proud of its traditions, that uses the richness of its diversity to meet the needs of all students and prepare them for a rapidly changing world. In a spirit of collaboration, we provide an environment that fosters scholastic excellence, cultural appreciation, and ethical behavior. Nyack is a community of lifelong learners, encouraging new ideas to shape a positive future.

■ OUR VISION

We are building bridges for today's students to cross into tomorrow's world with equity, innovation and optimism.

Embedded into the Profile of a Graduate of Nyack Public Schools are seven core competencies: Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Compassion, Content Mastery and Cultural Awareness & Responsiveness.

Nurturing these competencies in each student begins at birth, extends into each classroom, and prepares students for success and wellness beyond graduation onto a global platform.

■ MILESTONE Measures of Success

EACH STUDENT will enter Kindergarten ready to learn and First Grade ready to read.

EACH STUDENT will be reading on grade level at the end of Third Grade.

EACH STUDENT will complete Grade 8 ready for high school.

EACH STUDENT will enter Grade 10 on track to graduate high school.

EACH STUDENT will complete Grade 12 on time and be ready for college, vocational school and/or the workforce.

EACH STUDENT will have access to explore, create and be active participants in their learning.

■ REDHAWK SUN MONTHLY ENEWS for NPS:

is designed for promoting Superintendent's Uplifting News, focused on what defines and distinguishes Nyack Public Schools' educational culture, vision, mission, learning and teaching environment, staff and students of our community. Posted on our website and social media. Shared to all district families via email.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

This policy states that the Nyack School District must offer employment and educational opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or handicap. Inquiries regarding this policy should be directed to the Superintendent. El Reglamento de Nyack Contra la Discriminación declara que el distrito escolar de Nyack tiene que ofrecer oportunidades de empleo y de educación sin mirar al sexo, la raza, el color, el origen nacional o la desventaja. Cualquiera pregunta sobre este reglamento se debe dirigir a: Superintendente.

Règleman Nyack la kont Diskriminasyon deklare distri skolè Nyack la genyen pou li ofri opòtinite travay, edikasyon jeneral, avèk edikasyon vokasyonèl san gade si se fi ou gason, ras, koulè, peyi kote moun lan sòti ou enfimite moun lan. Si ou gen kesyon sou règleman sa a rele: Chef Distri Nyack la.



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		SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY <i>(for all staff)</i> 1	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL <i>Schools Open</i> 2 • Kindergarten Orientation Half Day (10AM)	3	4	5
6	LABOR DAY 7	8	9 • UN PTA Meeting • MS Back to School Night for Grade 6 (6PM)	10 • MS Back to School Night for Grades 7-8 (6PM)	PATRIOT DAY 11 <i>Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</i>	ROSH HASHANAH 12
ROSH HASHANAH 13	14 • Capital Projects Advisory (6PM) • HS PTSA Meeting (7PM)	NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 15 <i>(9/15 - 10/15)</i> • BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	16	17 • MS School Photos • HS Back to School Night (6PM)	18 • L PTA Staff Appreciation • MS School Photos • UN Back to School Bash (5:30PM)	19
<i>Yom Kippur begins at sundown</i> 20	YOM KIPPUR <i>(Schools Closed)</i> 21	<i>Autumnal Equinox</i> 22 • LBE Book Fair	23 • Senior College Fair (6PM) • HS Senior Parent Night (7PM)	24 • VC PTA Teacher Appreciation • L, UN, VC Elementary Back to School Night (6:30PM)	25	26 • L Back to School BBQ
27 • L Back to School BBQ <i>(Rain Date)</i>	28 • L PTA Meeting (6:30PM) • MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	29 • NTC 1st Year Teacher Workshop	30 • HS Underclass Photos			



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NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH				1 SECONDARY Q1 PROGRESS REPORTS	2 • National Honor Society Applications Due • RedHawk Health Fair (6PM)	3 • SAT at HS • VC PTA Fun Fair
NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK	4 BLUE SHIRT DAY: STOMP OUT BULLYING • HS PTSA Meeting (7PM)	5 • BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	6 • L Fall Picture Day • AVID Excel Family Night (6PM) • Capital Projects Advisory Committee (6PM)	7 • UN Fall Picture Day	8 • HS Underclass Photos	9
11 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY (FEDERALLY KNOWN AS COLUMBUS DAY) <i>(Schools Closed)</i> NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK	12	13 • VC Fall Picture Day	14 • UN PTA Meeting	15 • HS Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly • HS ENL Parent Night (6PM)	16 • Homecoming Football Game	17 • ACT at HS • HS Homecoming Dance • L Fall Festival <i>(Rain Date)</i>
18 NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK • MS PTA Meeting	19	20 • BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	21 • NTC Policy Board (3:45PM) • District's Parent University Evening	22 • Annual Halloween Window Painting in Nyack	23 • MS Halloween Dance (6PM)	24
25 • HS PSAT Testing - Grade 10 • L PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	26 • HS PSAT Testing - Grade 11 • NTC 1st & 2nd New Teacher Workshops (3:45PM)	27	28	29 • District World Cafe (6:30 PM)	30 • L Trunk or Treat • UN Trunk or Treat	HALLOWEEN 31 • VC Trunk or Treat



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1 NYSFBC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY MONTH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS <i>(Set clocks back 1 hour)</i>	2 • HS PTSA Meeting (7PM) • MS PTA Book Fair.....	3 ELECTION DAY <i>(Schools Closed)</i> SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY <i>(for all staff)</i> • RCMEA Professional Development Day	4 • HS Honor Society Induction Ceremony • Capital Projects Committee Meeting (6PM)	5 • MS HALF DAY - AM ONLY <i>(11:45AM Dismissal Time for MS ONLY)</i> • MS Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences (1PM) • L Multicultural Night • VC International Night	6 SECONDARY Q1 ENDS • Senior Class of '27 Field Photo	7 • SAT at NHS
8	9 • MS Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences (6PM)	10	11 VETERANS DAY <i>(Schools Closed)</i>	12 • VC Picture Day Make-ups • MS Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences (6PM)	13 • HS Fall Play	14 • HS Fall Play
15	16 AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK • VC Scholastic Book Fair • L PTA Meeting (6:30PM) • MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	17 • BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	18 • HS Underclass Photo Make-up Day • UN Picture Day Retakes • UN PTA Meeting • NTC Policy Board (3:45PM)	19 • HS Evening Parent Teacher Conferences	20 ELEMENTARY END OF TRIMESTER 1 • HS PTSA Staff Appreciation • NYSSMA Area All-State	21
22	23 • NTC 1st & 2nd Year Workshop 3:45PM	24	25 • HALF DAY - AM ONLY <i>(Early Dismissal for all Schools)</i>	26 THANKSGIVING <i>(Schools Closed)</i>	27	28
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		• BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	• Capital Projects Committee Meeting (6PM)	• L Picture Make-ups • HS Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences • NYSSMA All-State	• ELEMENTARY ONLY Early Dismissal (11:45AM) • Elementary Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences <i>Hanukkah begins at sundown</i>	
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	• HS PTSA Meeting (7PM) • UN Book Fair	• UN Concert - Grades 1-3 (9:30AM)	• VC Concert - Grades 1-3 (9:30AM) • UN PTA Meeting • HS Concert #1 (7PM)	• L Concert - Grades 1-3 (9:30AM) • HS Concert #2 • Elementary Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences	• SECONDARY Q2 PROGRESS REPORTS • ELEMENTARY ONLY Early Dismissal (11:45AM) • Elementary Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences	
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	• MS PTA Meeting • L Holiday Boutique	• MS Concert - Grade 6 (6PM)	• MS Concert - Grades 7 & 8 (6PM)	• VC Concert - Grades 4 & 5 (9:30AM)	• HS Drama Club Cabaret	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<i>Winter Solstice</i> • L PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	• HS Band Caroling	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR WINTER RECESS (through Jan. 1)	CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY	KWANZAA (through Jan. 1)
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				NEW YEAR'S EVE		



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					NEW YEAR'S DAY 1 • MEA Elementary Music Festival (3:00PM) SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR WINTER RECESS <i>(through Jan. 1)</i>	2
3	SCHOOLS REOPEN 4	5	6	7	8	9
		• BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	• Capital Projects Advisory Committee (6:00PM)		• RCEMA Senior All County.....→	
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	• HS PTSA Meeting (7:00PM)		• UN PTA Meeting	• UN Concert - Grades 4 & 5 (9:30AM)		
17	18 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY <i>(Schools Closed)</i>	19	20	21	22 SECONDARY Q2 ENDS	23
		• BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	• NTC Policy Board (3:45PM) • AVID Parent Orientation at HS (6:00PM) • HS Grade 8 to 9 Parent Orientation (6:30PM)	• L Concert - Grades 4 & 5 (9:30AM)	• VC Family Game Night	• Elementary Music RCMEA Intermediate All County
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	• L PTA Meeting (6:30PM) • MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	• NTC 1st & 2nd New Teacher Workshops (3:45PM) NYS Regents <i>(through Jan. 29)</i>→				



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	BLACK HISTORY MONTH NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK • HS PTSA Meeting (7:00PM)	• BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	• Elementary Math Night	• HS Junior College Fair (6:00PM) • HS Junior Parent Night (7:00PM)	• RCMEA Junior All-County→ • L Sweetheart Dance	
<i>Ramadan begins at sundown</i>	FIRST DAY OF RAMADAN • Elementary Art Show Grades K, 1, 2 • UN Picture Day		• UN PTA Meeting	• HS Black History Month Assembly • VC PTA Teacher Appreciation		
	PRESIDENT'S DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED MID WINTER BREAK <i>(through Feb. 19)</i>→					
	SCHOOLS REOPEN • MS PTA Meeting	• NTC 1st & 2nd New Teacher Workshops (3:45PM) • BOE Meeting (6:30PM)			• RCMEA Intermediate All-County→ • MS Musical→	
						



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	NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 1 • HS PTSA Meeting (7:00PM) • L Spring Book Fair	2	3 • Capital Projects Advisory Committee (6:00PM)	4 • HS Multicultural Festival	SECONDARY Q3 PROGRESS REPORTS 5	6
7	8	9 • Elementary Career Days Assemblies - K-2 • BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	10 • UN PTA Meeting	11	ELEMENTARY TRIMESTER #2 ENDS 12 • HS Pi Day • HS Spring Musical	13
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 14 <i>(Move clocks ahead 1 hour)</i>	15 • MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM) • L PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	16 • Elementary Career Day Activities - Grades 3-5	ST. PATRICK'S DAY 17 • NTC Policy Board (3:45PM)	18 • ELEMENTARY ONLY Early Dismissal (11:45AM) • Elementary Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences	SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY 19 <i>(Schools Closed for Students)</i> • HS Spring Musical	Vernal Equinox 20
PALM SUNDAY 21	22 • NTC 1st & 2nd New Teacher Workshops (3:45PM)	23 • BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	24 • MS Career Day • VC Grade 5 Class Picture • Elementary Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences	25	GOOD FRIDAY 26	27
EASTER 28	EASTER MONDAY 29 <i>(Schools closed)</i>	30	31			



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 1 WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH • Nyack Basics Community Baby Shower (6:00PM)	2	3
NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARIAN DAY 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	• MS Game of Life for 5th Graders (6:00PM) • HS PTSA Meeting (7:00PM) • MS Book Fair	• BOE Meeting (6:30PM) MS ELA NYS Exam Grades 6-8	• Capital Projects Advisory Committee (6:00PM)	NYS Science Test - Grade 5 • L Family Bingo Night (6:00PM) • 6th to 7th Grade Transition Night at MS (6:30PM)	SECONDARY Q3 ENDS HS DAY OF SILENCE	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	• Elementary Art Show Grades 3, 4, 5	NY State ELA Elementary Testing Grades 3, 4, 5	• HS Subject Area Honor Society Induction • UN PTA Meeting	• MS Grade 7-8 Transition Night (6:30PM)		
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	SCHOOLS CLOSED SPRING RECESS <i>(through Apr. 23)</i>		<i>Passover begins at sundown</i>	PASSOVER EARTH DAY		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	• L PTA Meeting (6:30PM) • MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	• NTC 1st & 2nd New Teacher Workshops (3:45PM) • BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	<i>Passover ends at sundown</i> • MS National Junior Honor Society Induction (6:30PM) • HS Spring Concert #1 MS NYS Math Exam- Grades 6-8	• HS Spring Concert #2	NATIONAL COLLEGE DECISION DAY • HS Free Comic Book Day	



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				1 ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH • SAT at HS		
2	3	4	5	6	7 SECONDARY Q4 PROGRESS REPORTS	8
	• HS PTSA Meeting (7:00PM) • L PTA Staff Appreciation AP Exams (through May 14)	• BOE Meeting (6:30PM) Elementary NYS Math Exam Grades 3, 4, 5	• Capital Projects Advisory Committee (6:00PM)		• HS PTSA Staff Appreciation	
MOTHER'S DAY 9	10	11	12 NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY	13	14	15
	AP Exams (through May 14)	MS NYS Science Test • L Spring Pictures	• UN PTA Meeting • MS Honor Assemblies (7:00PM)			• VC PTA Touch a Truck
16	17	18 BUDGET VOTE/ TRUSTEE ELECTION	19	20	21	22
	• MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	• BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	• HS Super Duper Cool Art Show • NTC Policy Board (3:45PM)	• VC Concert - Grades 4, 5 (6:00PM)	• NYSSMA Solo Festival • HS One Act Plays	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	• NTC Mentee-Mentor Celebration (4:00PM) • MS Grade 5 Orientation • HS Honors Assembly Grade 9					
30	31	• HS Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Assembly • HS Honors Assembly Grade 10	• HS Honors Assembly Grade 11 • L Concert - Grades 4, 5 (6:00PM)	• HS Honor Assembly Grade 12 • MS Concert - Grade 8		
	MEMORIAL DAY (Schools Closed)					



MAY 2027

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH 1 CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH • BOE Meeting (6:30PM)	2 • NTC Policy Board (3:45PM)	3 • HS Science Research Symposium (6:00PM) • UN Concert - Grades 4, 5 (6:00PM)	4 • UN Field Day	5 • SAT at HS
6	7 • MS Arts Show (5:00PM) • Senior Awards Night (7:00PM)	8 • Elementary Clap Out (9:00AM) • VC Concert - Grades 1, 2, 3 (9:30AM)	9 • UN Concert - Grades 1, 2, 3 (9:30AM) • MS Concert - Grade 7 (4:00PM) • UN PTA Meeting	10 • L Concert - Grades 1, 2, 3 (9:30AM) • MS Concert - Grade 6 (4:00PM) • HS Senior Prom	ELEMENTARY END OF TRIMESTER 3 11	12 • ACT at HS
13	SECONDARY Q4 ENDS 14 • HS PTSA Meeting (7:00PM)	15 • Elementary Kindergarten Moving Up (9:30AM) • BOE Meeting (6:30PM) • NYS Regents (through June 25).....→	16	17	JUNETEENTH OBSERVED 18 <i>(Schools Closed)</i>	JUNETEENTH 19
FATHER'S DAY 20	<i>Summer Solstice</i> 21 • Pre-K Moving Up • L PTA Meeting (6:30PM) • NYS Regents (through June 25)→	22 • Elementary Grade 5 Moving Up (9:30AM)	23 • MS Grade 8 Moving Up (8:30AM) • HS Graduation (7:00PM)	HALF DAY OF SCHOOL 24 • HS Graduation <i>(Rain Date)</i>	HALF DAY OF SCHOOL 25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	26
27	28	29	30			

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY			
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JULY

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• RedHawk ReadyFest						
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• RedHawk ReadyFest (Rain Date)						

■ RACIAL EQUITY VISION

The Nyack Public Schools value the richness of our diverse community. This assertion is founded in the Board of Education's Mission Statement approved in its policies. We believe that all children are born with sufficient innate ability to achieve school tasks, and that it is our ethical and moral responsibility to ensure our school district provides an optimal learning environment that meets the needs of all students regardless of race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, first language, religion, national origin, age or differently-abled.

■ **THE REDHAWK SUN**, our monthly eNewsletter, promotes district initiatives and highlights Superintendent's Uplifting News, our SUN is focused on what defines and distinguishes Nyack Public Schools' educational culture, vision, mission, learning and teaching environment, with staff and students. For a library of the RedHawk SUN, visit the district's website at www.nyackschools.org.

■ DISTRICT & SCHOOL WEBSITES

District: Nyackschools.org

Liberty Elementary School: LB.nyackschools.org

Upper Nyack Elementary School: UN.nyackschools.org

Valley Cottage Elementary School: VC.nyackschools.org

Nyack Middle School: MS.nyackschools.org

Nyack High School: HS.nyackschools.org

■ ATTENDANCE TIMES

Gr. K-5..... 8:50 AM – 3:20 PM

Gr. 6-8..... 8:05 AM – 2:50 PM

Gr. 9-12 7:30 AM – 2:15 PM

■ DISTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

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 **FACEBOOK:**
@Nyackschools

 **INSTAGRAM:**
@nyack_schools

■ PARENT PORTAL

Open to all K-12 families, Parent Portal is directly linked to the student data management system, **Infinite Campus** for access to important information regarding school records and progress. Parent Portal is accessible via our website. Look for the parent-child icon. **Look for the Parent Portal icon to quick link to your account.**

■ EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Robo calls, emails and text messages are sent through Infinite Campus Messenger regarding important school matters and urgent or emergency situations in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. Please be sure your up-to-date phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information are on file.

Contact the PR/Communications Office at 845-353-7013.

■ STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registration for new students must be done online using the quick link on our website. An in-person visit by appointment with the District Registrar is needed to provide required documents (ie: immunization records, proof of residency). If your child will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2026, your child is eligible for Kindergarten.

Contact the District Registrar at 845-353-7038.

■ TRANSPORTATION

Eligibility and schedules are posted in August each year, via Parent Portal. **Call 845-353-7041 or email transportation@nyackschools.org for information.**

■ FACILITIES USAGE

Indoor and outdoor facilities may be used by civic and community groups. Fees, when applicable, are predetermined. **Call 845-353-7033 for details.**

■ PEACHJAR

Get community flyers delivered directly to your email using this electronic flyer distribution system. Use the Peachjar quick link located on each school page on our website to access current flyers.

■ EDUCATION BENEFIT (CEP) FORMS

Although families no longer need to submit an application to qualify for free or reduced lunch, the Education Benefit Form (**located in the centerfold of this calendar**) helps the district qualify for grants that support instructional initiatives and student learning. Students may also qualify to receive waivers for college applications & admissions tests.

■ COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM (CEP) FOR SCHOOL MEALS

All students attending Nyack Public Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at NO CHARGE to your household each day of the 2026-27 school year. No further action is required of families.

■ MYPAYMENTSPLUS

All students receive FREE meals through the CEP program. However, MYPAYMENTSPLUS is still available for families who want to utilize it for a la carte menu or to submit payment for the Before School Care program at each elementary school.

■ TRANSLATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

Si le hace falta información traducida en español, llame a Yesenia Polanco 845-353-7042.

Si ou bezwen enfòmasyon tradui an kreyòl, rele Jocelyne Abraham nan 845-353-7044.

For languages other than Spanish and Haitian Creole, call 845-353-7032.

■ FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) are located in each of our schools. Our five FRC Coordinators, one in each building, are there to serve families and students as liaisons between schools and community. Advice, support and resources are provided for free and on site. **Contact numbers are included in the District Directory on the back of this calendar.**

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2026-2027 School Year at a Glance

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	AUG./SEPT. 2026
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	8/31, 9/1 Supt.'s Conf. Day
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	2 SCHOOLS OPEN
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7 Labor Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	21 Yom Kippur
27	28	29	30				(21 staff) (19 student)

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	OCTOBER 2026
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
							(21 staff) (21 student)

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	NOVEMBER 2026
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	3 Election Day/Supt's Conference Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	11 Veterans Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	25 Half Day - AM Only
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26, 27 Thanksgiving Recess
29	30						
							(18 staff) (17 student)

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	DECEMBER 2026
		1	2	3	4	5	
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	23-1 Winter Recess
27	28	29	30	31			
							(16 staff) (16 student)

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	JANUARY 2027
					1	2	1 New Year's Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	4 SCHOOLS REOPEN
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	18 MLK Jr. Day
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							(19 staff) (19 student)

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	FEBRUARY 2027
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15 Presidents' Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	15-19 Mid-Winter Recess
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	22 SCHOOLS REOPEN
28							
							(15 staff) (15 student)

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	MARCH 2027
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	19 Supt.'s Conf. Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	26 Good Friday
28	29	30	31				29 Easter Monday
							(21 staff) (20 student)

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	APRIL 2027
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	19-23 Spring Recess
25	26	27	28	29	30		26 SCHOOLS REOPEN
							(17 staff) (17 student)

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30	31						(20 staff) (20 student)

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	JUNE 2027
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	18 Juneteenth (Observed)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	24, 25 Half Day - AM Only K-8 Students
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
27	28	29	30				
							(18 staff) (18 student)

■ Supt. Conf. Day/ Staff Attendance Only	182 4	Pupil Days Supt.'s Conference Days
■ No Student or Staff Attendance	186	Teacher Days
■ Half Day AM	Adopted by the BOE: 3/3/2026	

EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION: If no Emergency Closing Days are used **May 28** and **June 1** schools will be closed. If 1 Emergency Closing Day is used **May 28** schools will be closed (schools will be in session June 1). If 2 Emergency Closing Days are used the calendar stands. If 3 Emergency Closing Days are used before March 19 schools will be in session **March 19**.

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**UPPER NYACK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 845-353-7260**
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336 N. Broadway, Upper Nyack, NY 10960
Nurse's Office:.....845-353-7270

**VALLEY COTTAGE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 845-353-7280**
Lucrisha Addison-Harris, Principal
26 Lake Rd., Valley Cottage, NY 10989
Nurse's Office:.....845-353-7290

NYACK MIDDLE SCHOOL ...845-353-7200
David Johnson, Principal
98 So. Highland Avenue, Nyack, NY 10960
Attendance Office: 845-353-7205
Guidance Office: 845-353-7220
Nurse's Office:.....845-353-7210

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Dr. Crystal Chandler, Principal
360 Christian Herald Rd.,
Upper Nyack, NY 10960
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Guidance Office: 845-353-7120
Nurse's Office: 845-353-7140
Athletics Office: 845-353-7135

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Transportation Office 845-353-7041

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Valley Cottage FRC 845-353-7291
Nyack Middle School FRC.....845-353-7214
Nyack High School FRC.....845-353-7191
Student Support Services & Prevention
Dornzella Milligan 845-353-7134
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