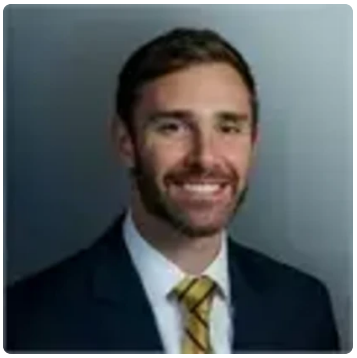


OCTOBER 2026



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Rogers Families,

We are grateful for you sharing your students with us for a wonderful school year ahead! As a building, our goal this year is to see every single student 95% of the days or more. We want to partner with you to help this happen.

Consistent school attendance has been shown to impact not only academic growth, but also a child's social and health-related outcomes throughout their entire lives. Seeing your child at school every day helps us to grow a community of connection and belonging here in our school building that they can benefit from for years to come.

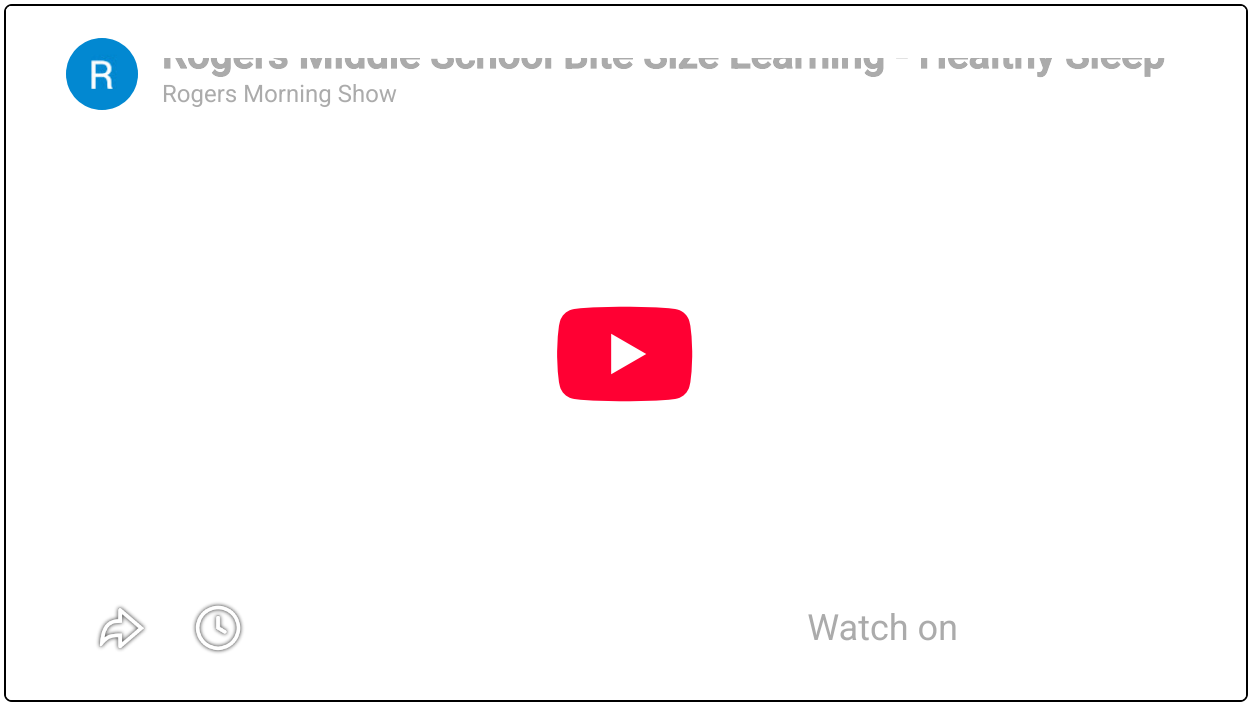
All attendance records are available in the **Parent Portal in Infinite Campus** throughout the school year. Please contact our building guidance secretary Diane Killigrew at 585-336-4716 if you need help establishing your login credentials.

This school year we will continue using a universal attendance policy in our building. That means that all absences, both excused and unexcused, will be monitored closely by our team. If your child reaches an absence rate of 5% or more, you may receive a call home to partner with your family proactively before their absences become chronic.

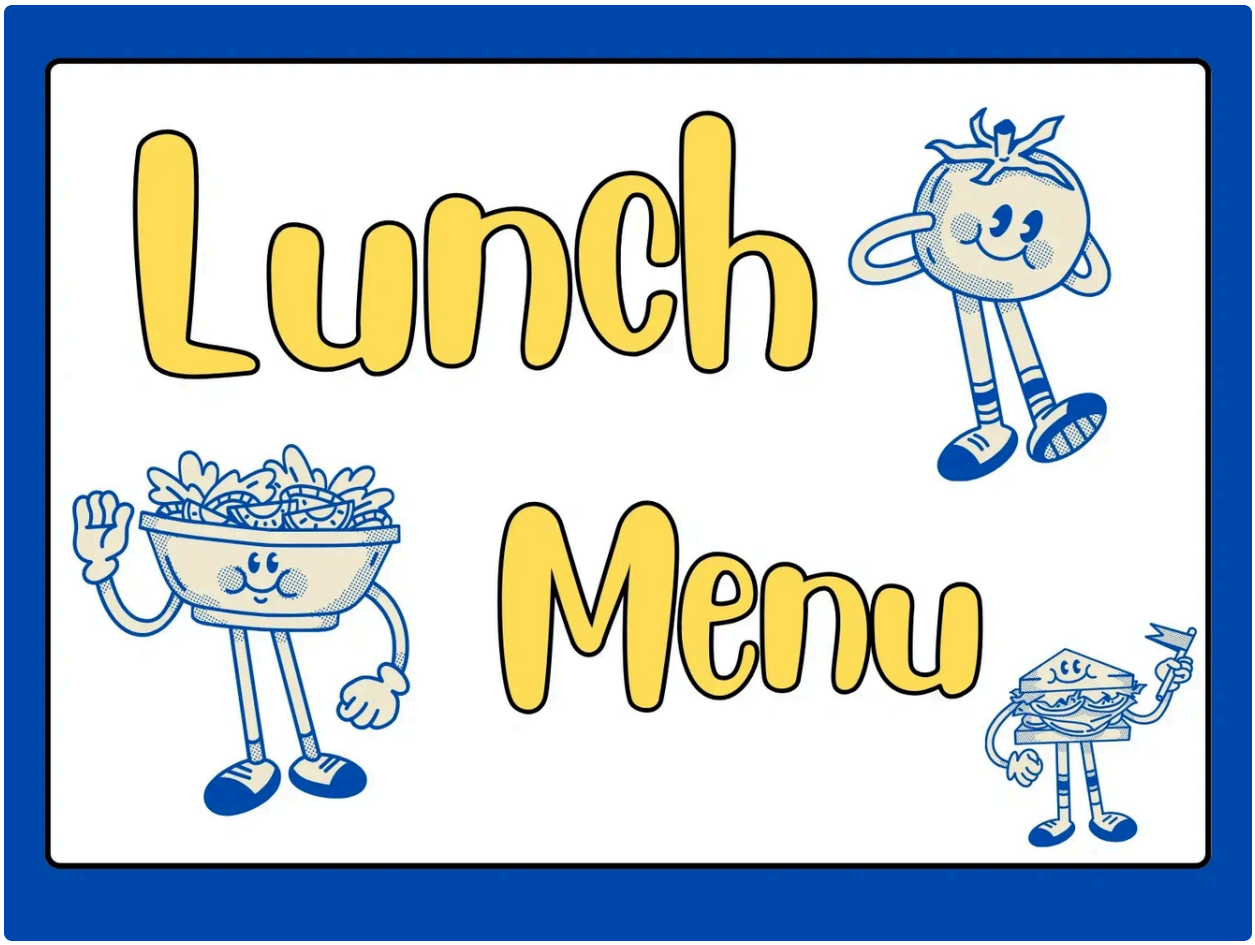
If your child reaches 10% or more, it is considered chronic absenteeism according to New York State and Federal regulations, even if they have a documented reason. Your child will receive a letter notifying you of their attendance record. This letter will include a form for feedback on how we can best support your child and family considering their time out of the building.

We value your communication and want to know how to help your child succeed. If you are experiencing barriers to your child attending school, let us know how we can help. We are committed to supporting their growth and learning, always.

Sincerely,
Nicholas DiMartino, *Principal*
Cody Rogers*, Assistant Principal*
Cheryl Wicks, *School Social Worker*



Click Watch on above to watch Mr. DiMartino's video



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Transportation: 585-336-2992; **link**
District Office: 585-342-5500 and **District website: westirondequoit.org**
Social Media: Follow Mr. DiMartino on X/Twitter **@N_Dimartino** and our the school's Instagram account **at this link.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



OCTOBER

- Oct. 1 - Rogers School Pictures
- Oct. 3 - Fall Harvest Festival at Helmer Nature Ctr.
- Oct. 8 - Go Home Early Drill @ 2:55 PM
- Oct. 8 - Curriculum Night 6-7 PM
- Oct. 9 - Superintendent's Conference Day - No School Pre-K - 12
- Oct. 12 - Indigenous Peoples' Day – No School Pre-K – 12
- Oct. 26-29 - Spirit Week

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 5 - RG/SL School Picture Make-up Day
- Nov. 6 - Rogers Family Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 10 AM
- Nov. 6 - Parent/Teacher Conference Day – No School Pre-K - 6
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day – No School Pre-K-12
- Nov. 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break – No School Pre-K- 12

DECEMBER

- Dec. 17 - 5th and 6th Grade Band Concert - 7 PM @ IHS
- Dec 23 - Jan 1 - Holiday Recess – No School Pre-K-12

6 DAY LETTER CALENDAR: **click here**
ROGERS CALENDAR: **click here**
CLUB/ACTIVITIES PAGE: **click here**
2026-27 DISTRICT CALENDAR: **click here**

Need an Interpreter?
We want everyone to feel welcome and included at all of our events. If you or someone you know requires an interpreter, please let us know in advance (48 hours or more). We are happy to arrange support to ensure full participation and access for all.



Childcare available for Curriculum Night

If you would like to sign up for childcare, please e-mail Erica Kane.
Erica_Kane@westiron.monroe.edu

Seeking Parent Input

We are continuing to seek input from our Rogers families for the WICSD Title 1 Compact. Here are the ways you can help:

- Join us in person at our Rogers MS SBPT/Shared Decision-Making Meeting on **Monday, October 5th @ 8AM**. Message Nicholas_DiMartino@westiron.monroe.edu to RSVP.
- You can also participate digitally. Provide feedback online via a survey link. **Click here to read the compact and submit your survey.**

WELLNESS SPIRIT WEEK

All K-6 buildings

OCT 19

Team Day!

Wear something that increases our sense of belonging - your favorite team! Teams can include sports teams, clubs, collective hobbies and interests!



OCT 20

Grow your Mindset!

Get ready to work out your brain! Wear workout or athletic clothes and get ready to build your brain muscles.



OCT 21

Cozy Day!

Practice self-regulation by wearing clothes that help your feel calm and cozy. Pajamas welcome!



OCT 22

Dream Big!

Dress up as what you want to be when you grow up!



OCT 23

School Spirit Day!

Building positive relationships helps us feel connected, supported and valued. **Rogers: Wear your CARE House colors to show your school community spirit!**





Green Team

Mrs. Arcarisi will be presenting the Green Team's work at an upcoming Color Irondequoit Green Meeting. All are welcome to attend if interested.



Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in K-6 Classrooms

Constitution Day is celebrated across on Sept. 17 because it commemorates the day in 1787 when 39 delegates signed the United States Constitution at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Officially known as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, the observance not only marks the signing of the Constitution but also recognizes all Americans who have become citizens, either by birth or naturalization.

Here in West Irondequoit, we observed the day through educational experiences that promote civic knowledge. Across the district, in grades 4-12, students engaged in a range of experiences designed to develop understanding of essential principles, such as the rule of law, civic responsibilities, individual freedoms, and the value of diversity in a democratic society.

While Constitution Day and Citizenship Day serve as important reminders to celebrate these values, civic learning is not a one-day event in our district. Across our K-12 Humanities program, students regularly examine their roles and responsibilities within their school, community, and the broader society, helping students develop all they need to contribute thoughtfully and responsibly to civic life.



GO HOME EARLY DRILL IS OCT. 8

The state-mandated Go Home Early safety drill is Thursday, Oct. 8 - the start of a four-day weekend. All students will be released 10 minutes earlier than usual. If you pick up your children at school, please arrive 10 minutes early. Expect students who ride buses to arrive 10 minutes early. The K-6 Extension Childcare Program will open early and remain open until 6 PM. Crossing guard schedules also will accommodate.

Note: There is also no school on Friday, Oct. 9 (Superintendent's Conference Day) and Monday, Oct. 12th (Indigenous People's Day).



Health Information Update

Physical Exam Reminder: As a reminder, New York State requires students to have a current physical examination on file with the school for grades UPK, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 11th, dated on or after 9/8/2025. Families are encouraged to ensure that their child's physical has been completed and that the required documentation has been submitted to the school health office. If your child has recently had a physical with their healthcare provider, please provide the school with a copy of the examination form. Thank you for helping us maintain accurate health records and support the health and well-being of all our students. Questions? Find names and numbers to nurse **via this link**.

Extra Clothing Donations Sought: We are asking families to consider donating gently used, clean clothing to our school for students who may need a change of clothes during the school day. Accidents, spills, and unexpected situations can happen, and having a supply of clothing available helps ensure that students can remain comfortable and ready to learn. We are especially looking for items such as pants, shirts, socks, and underwear in a variety of sizes. Donations can be sent to the schools nursing office. Thank you for helping us support all of our students!

ICC supports students

Irondequoit Community Cupboard supports students

The Irondequoit Community Cupboard's Backpack Program supports students in all schools in grades Pre-K through 6. It supplies the child with a bag of food to carry home each Friday that includes items to eat over the weekend. These might be healthy snacks, peanut butter, cereal, soup, canned pasta meals, oatmeal, fruit and vegetables.

This program is not intended to supply food for the entire family but merely help with food for that child. The ICC provides this service for students who qualify through our application process. To be eligible, families must fill out the CEP Application at **this link**. All families that are approved will be mailed a consent form that must be filled out and returned.

Questions program or process? Email or call Sarah Herbert at **sarah_herbert@westiron.monroe.edu** / (585) 336-3063.
Note: Program participation is confidential.

Safety Update on motorized vehicles

We want to remind families of important safety expectations regarding vehicles on school property. All motor vehicles must be licensed and registered and operated only on designated roadways and parking areas. Driving on pedestrian pathways poses serious safety risks and is strictly prohibited.

We've seen an increase in golf cart traffic at some schools. By law, golf carts must be licensed, driven by licensed drivers and follow all traffic laws. They should not be on sidewalks or near building entrances. Students who ride e-bikes to school must walk them once on campus. The speed and motorized function of e-bikes can endanger both riders and pedestrians. E-bikes should be parked in designated bike areas and not used on walkways.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all. If you have questions, please contact your school's main office or the district office.



Fall Harvest Festival is Oct. 3!

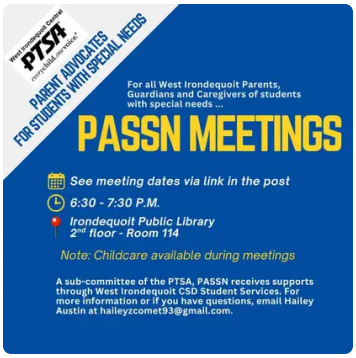
The annual Fall Harvest Festival at Helmer Nature Center is this Saturday, Oct. 3 from 1-4 p.m. Come enjoy the season! Admission prices are:

- $20 pass includes access to EVERYTHING – all games, crafts, prizes and of course, one PONY RIDE
- $15 activity pass is good for all games, crafts and prizes.
- $2 Adult Walkaround pass – enjoy music and demos!

Note: Additional pony rides are $10 each. The Frios Gourmet Pops truck will be on-site. Festival games/activities include:

- Fall Crafts
- Pony Rides
- Live Music by Allen Hopkins
- Cider-Making
- Tractor Rides
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Gaga Ball
- PRIZE BAG for the Kids

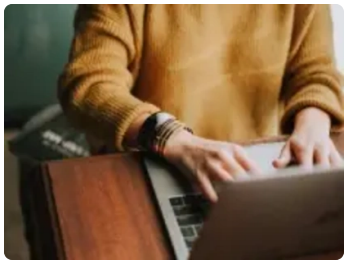
PASSN SCHEDULE 2026-27



On behalf of the WICPTSA and PASSN, please read below to learn more about the Parent Advocates for Student Services Network and see its monthly meeting schedule. PASSN is comprised of district parent/guardian advocates of students who receive support through West Irondequoit Student Services. Meetings are a safe space for families.

Oct. 19 - Workshop with district Speech Pathologist and Caseworker, Maureen Keller.
Nov. 9 - Workshop with district Occupational Therapist, Andy Casini.
December (no meeting)
Jan. 11 – Trauma Informed Workshop with district counselors and psychologists.
Feb. 8 – Workshop on Bullying with Phil Ortolani, district Director of Health and Wellness.
March 8 - CSE Workshop with Directors of Student Services, Joanna Rowe and Amy Donk.
April 12 – Mindfulness Workshop with E-RYT 200 & RCYT, Lisa Chidsey.
May 10 – Booth Night with community resources to support your children and family
June 14 – POTENTIAL MEETING - School year recap, summer service plans & how will we stay structured this summer?

Please email **haileyzcomet93@gmail.com** with any questions or for more information.



Families - Please Update/Confirm Contact Information

Families, do you:

- Have a new cell phone number or new carrier?
- Have a new email address or work phone number?
- Need to update your emergency contacts?

Be sure to keep your child's school informed of any changes to your phone numbers or emergency contact information. Update info directly on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal via **this link**, or send in a note with your child. Questions about Portal Access? Contact Mrs. Diane Killigrew via this email: Diane_Killigrew@westiron.monroe.edu

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Free girls basketball clinic

Irondequoit Girls Basketball will host a FREE Open Gym/Skills Clinic for girls in grades 3-8 from 6-7:15 p.m. and in Grades 7-8 from 7:15-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Denny Fries Gymnasium at IHS. Sign up using this link: **forms.gle/iq1nuNSvpUqpVngU8**. Please share this with anyone who may want to attend.

Email **greg_geesler@westiron.monroe.edu** with any questions. We need parent/guardian volunteers to help coach at the 3-4 , 5-6 and 7-8 grade levels.

Rogers MS Handbook

Rogers SBPT Meeting Minutes

Internet-Enabled Device Policy

WICSD Code of Conduct