Middle Country

Calendar & Directory 2026-2027

















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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Middle Country Central School District is to empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skill and attitudes necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success, and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and dynamic world.

Welcome!

As the 2026-2027 school year opens, we welcome all Middle Country students and staff to a new year of learning and growth. We also invite you, as parents, guardians and community members, to join us in the collaborative efforts needed to realize our goal of improving the future of all our students through teaching and learning.

Middle Country is a school district of fine accomplishments and even greater promise for the future. We believe it is our responsibility to foster a learning environment where expectations are high for all students and staff, and where we accept the obligation to "empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skill and attitudes necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and dynamic world."

The coming school year is filled with challenging academic pursuits, many curricular and co-curricular activities, and community service opportunities that supplement the strong instructional program we offer. We urge all community members to participate in district wide committees, our wonderful theatrical productions and concerts, our exciting sporting events, PTA events, and thoughtful fundraisers.

This calendar provides you, our school community, with important dates and information about your school. It is also a map to the wide variety of District functions we offer. We look forward to and welcome your participation and involvement in Middle Country.

If you have any questions about the events or information in this calendar, please call your school principal at the phone numbers on page 31.

The Middle Country Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, handicap, natural origin or sex in the educational programs or activities, which it operates. This Non-Discrimination policy includes access by students to educational programs, course offerings, counseling services for students and student activities.

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September 2026

Hispanic Heritage Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 -Parent/Child Playground Visit @ Unity	2 -Freshman Orientation @ CHS -Grade 1 Meet & Greet @ NCR -1st & 2nd Gr. Play Date @ NCR	3 **Superintendent Conference Day Staff Only** **No Students**	4	5
6	7 **Labor Day No School** -Chalk the Walk @ Auer	8 **-First Day for Students** -UPK Meet & Greet @ BPS & NCR	9 **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.** **-First Day Pre-K Students** -Plant Sale @ Unity	10 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ CHS -Picture Day @ CHS -Back to School Picnic @ Auer -Back to School Picnic @ BPS	11 -9/11 Memorial Ceremonies @ Centereach & Selden FD -Picture Day @ CHS	12
13	14 -PTSA @ NHS -Back to School Night @ BPS & Unity -5th Gr Group Picture @ New Lane	15 -PTSA @ CHS -Back to School Night @ New Lane - Grades 1 & 5	16 -PTA @Jericho & NCR -Senior Driver's Workshop @ CHS -Back to School Night @ Jericho, NCR & New Lane - Grades 2,3 & 4 -MC Teacher Center Policy Meeting @ Oxhead	17 -PTA @ SMS & Auer -Back to School Night @ NHS, Auer, Holbrook & Oxhead -Popsicles on Playground @ Stage	18 -Back to School Social @ NCR -Picture Day @ Hawkins -Welcome Back Picnic @ Unity	19
20	21 **Yom Kippur No School**	22 -PTA @ DMS, BPS, New Lane & Unity - Spirit Week @ CHS	23 -PTA @ Hawkins -Senior Driver's Workshop @ NHS -Back to School Night @ Hawkins, Stage & DMS - Spirit Week @ CHS	24 -Back to School Night @ SMS -Homecoming Dance @ CHS - Spirit Week @ CHS	25 -Welcome Back BBQ/Picnic @ Hawkins & Holbrook -Welcome Back Family Fun Night @ New Lane	26
27	28 -College Application @ NHS -Welcome Back Celebration @ Oxhead	29 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -Picture Day @ New Lane -Welcome Back Bash @ Jericho	30 **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.** -Picture Day @ NCR			

Hispanic Heritage Month

Respect – to show regard for something or someone

Important Dates

Dates to know:

September 7, 2026	Labor Day
September 3, 2026	Superintendent Conference Day for Staff
September 8, 2026	First Day of School for Students
September 9, 2026	First Day of School for Pre-K Students
June 25, 2027	Last Day of School

On the following days, school is not in session:

September 7, 2026	Labor Day
September 3, 2026	Conference Day for Staff (No Students)
September 21, 2026	Yom Kippur
October 12, 2026	Columbus Day
November 3, 2026	Conference Day for Staff (No Students)
November 11, 2026	Veterans Day
November 26-27, 2026	Thanksgiving Recess
December 24-31, 2026	Winter Recess
January 1, 2027	Winter Recess
January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Day
February 15-19, 2027	Mid-Winter Recess
March 9, 2027	Eid al-Fitr
April 19-23, 2027	Spring Recess
May 31, 2027	Memorial Day

Calendar adjustments may be made due to inclement weather. If school is closed because of inclement weather, the calendar adjustment days will convert to student attendance days as follows: closed one day –school will be in session on 3/29/27, closed two days –school will be in session on 3/29/27 and 5/17/27. Additional inclement weather days will be made up during the Spring Recess, beginning with April 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23.





October 2026

Bullying Prevention/Down Syndrome Awareness/Family History/
German Heritage/Italian-American Heritage/Polish-American Heritage Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 -Back to School Night @ CHS -Picture Day @ Jericho & SMS	2 -Pep Rally & Senior Big Picture @ CHS -Picture Day @ Jericho & SMS	3 **SAT Test @ CHS** **-CHS Carinval**
4	5 -College Application @ CHS -Picture Day @ NHS -Senior Picture Make-Up @ CHS -Book Fair @ Holbrook	6 -PTA @ Holbrook, Oxhead & Stage -Mini College Fair @ CHS & NHS -Senior Picture Make-Up @ CHS -Picture Day @ NHS -Book Fair @ Hawkins & Holbrook -Boosterthon Kickoff @ Holbrook	7 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS -Book Fair @ Auer, Hawkins & Jericho -Picture Day @ Oxhead	8 -SEPTA @ MCPL Selden & Virtual -PTA Hawkins-Virtual -Book Fair @ Auer, Hawkins & Jericho -Picture Day @ BPS & Holbrook	9	10
11	12 **Columbus Day** **No School**	13 -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ NCR -Senior Picture Day @ NHS	14 -Senior Picture Day @ NHS -Financial Aid Night -Virtual -Book Fair @ New Lane -Picture Day @ Auer	15 -Student Progress Conference @ DMS & SMS -Book Fair @ New Lane, NCR & Oxhead -Music Faculty Recital @ NHS -Picture Day @ Unity	16 -Book Fair @ New Lane, NCR & Oxhead -Picture Day @ Unity -Trunk & Treat @ Oxhead	17 **ACT Test @ NHS** **PSAT @ CHS & NHS (10th & 11th grade)**
18	19	20 -PTA @ Unity -6th Grade Dance @ SMS	21 -Blood Drive @ CHS	22 -Hispanic Heritage Celebration @ CHS	23 -Homecoming Dance @ NHS -Fall Harvest @ Jericho -Picture Day @ Stage -Trick-or-Treat Street @ BPS -Trunk-or-Treat @ Holbrook & NCR	24 **NHS Homecoming**
25	26 -Book Fair @ Stage -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	27 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -Book Fair @ Stage -Pumpkin Patch @ Unity -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	28 **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.** -Stage Fair @ Stage -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	29 -Book Fair @ Stage -Pumpkin Patch @ Hawkins -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	30 -Trick-or-Treat Street @ NHS & Hawkins -Book Fair @ Stage -Halloween/Costume Parade/Trunk & Treat @ Auer, BPS, Hawkins, Jericho, New Lane, NCR, Oxhead, Stage & Unity -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	31

Family History Month

Responsibility – to carry out a duty or task carefully and thoroughly


Veterans
DAY
PARADE








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BOSS

November 2026

American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 -PTSA @ NHS -Food Drive Begins @ CHS -Picture Make-Up @ CHS	3 **Election Day** **No School for Students** **-Conference Day for Staff**	4 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ CHS -NYSCAME All-County Rehearsal @ Connetquot -Book Fair @ Unity -Fun Run Kickoff @ Auer -Picture Make-Up @ Hawkins	5 -PTA @ SMS - Student Progress Conferences @ NHS -Book Fair @ Unity -Picture Make-Up @ NCR	6 -Drama Production @ CHS -PTSA Psychic Night @ NHS -Book Fair @ Unity -Fall Ball @ Jericho -Hawingo @ Hawkins **Elementary Trimester Ends**	7 **SAT Test @ CHS** **-Drama Production @ CHS**
8	9 -Picture Make-Up @ Oxhead	10 -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ NCR & New Lane -Senior Picture Day @ NHS -Veterans Day Parade @ New Lane & Oxhead	11 **Veterans Day** **No School**	12 -PTA @ Auer & Hawkins -Student Progress Conferences @ CHS -NYSCAME All-County Rehearsal @ HHH East -Senior Picture Day @ NHS -Title 1 Community Event @ Hawkins -Turkey Bingo @ Jericho	13 -Senior Picture Day @ NHS -NYSCAME All-County Rehearsal @ HHH East -Fun Run @ Auer **End of First Quarter**	14
15	16 -Junior Planning Night @ CHS	17 -PTA @ Jericho, Oxhead & Unity	18 **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.** -MC Teacher Center Policy Meeting @ Oxhead	19 -SEPTA Meeting @ DMS -Picture Make-Up @ NHS & Holbrook **Secondary Report Cards Released**	20 -Drama Production @ NHS	21 **-Drama Production @ NHS**
22 **-Drama Production @ NHS**	23 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -Fall Athletic Awards Night @ NHS	24 -PTA @ DMS -Fall Athletic Awards Night @ CHS -Coffee House @ NHS	25 **Half Day** **Early Dismissal** **High Schools 10:35 A.M.** **Middle Schools 11:10 A.M.** **Early Elementary 12:00 P.M.** **Late Elementary 12:40 P.M.** **UPK 11:45 A.M.** **(NO Afternoon UPK)**	26 **Thanksgiving Recess-No School**	27	28
29	30 -Adopt-a-Child Program Begins @ CHS -Holiday Boutique @ Hawkins					

National American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month

Citizenship – to have respectful devotion to one's community

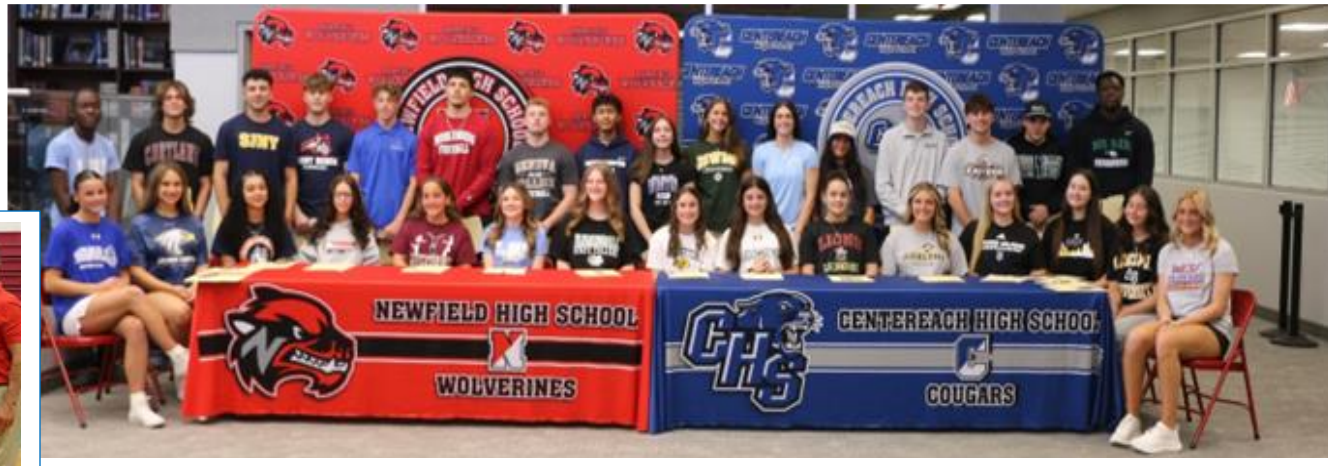




Delayed Openings and School Closings Due to Weather Conditions

If it is necessary to delay opening or close school due to weather conditions that make travel difficult or roads impassable. Newsday and News 12 will be notified and the information will be on their website. Please do not call the schools or transportation department. It is imperative that telephone lines be available for communication between the schools and bus operators. The District utilizes an automated messaging system to reach out to parents/guardians. The system relies on the contact numbers that each parent provides for their child's official student file. In addition, you may view the District's web page. Some District PTA/PTSA units also have telephone chains to notify parents of school closures; ask your PTA/PTSA president if this applies at your school.

District website - www.mccsd.net
Parent-Staff Communication Portal:
https://mccsd.bbcportal.com
Community Communication Portal:
https://mccsdcommunity.bbcportal.com





December 2026

Universal Human Rights Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 -PTA @ Holbrook -Holiday Boutique @ BPS & Hawkins -Picture Make-Up @ Stage **Elementary Report Cards Released**	**2** -DMS 8th Grade Concert @ CHS -SMS 8th Grade Concert @ NHS -Holiday Boutique @ Auer, BPS, Hawkins & Unity	**3** **Elementary Report Card Evening Conferences** -NYSSMA All-State Conference-Rochester -Holiday Boutique @ Auer, BPS, Unity	**4** **Half Day Elementary Students – Elementary Report Card Conferences** -NYSSMA All-State Conference-Rochester -Family Fun Night @ Oxhead -Holiday Boutique @ Unity	**5** **-SAT @ CHS** **-NYSSMA All-State Conference-Rochester**
6 **-NYSSMA All-State Conference-Rochester**	**7** -DMS 7th Grade Concert @ CHS -SMS 7th Grade Concert @ NHS -Holiday Fair @ Stage	**8** -PTA @ NCR -Auer Concert @ CHS -Hawkins Concert @ NHS -Holiday Fair @ Stage	**9** **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.** -Jericho Concert @ CHS -New Lane 5th Grade Concert @ NHS -Holiday Boutique/Fair @ Jericho, New Lane & Stage	**10** -Oxhead Concert @ CHS -Stage Concert @ NHS -Holiday Boutique/Fair @ Holbrook, Jericho, NCR, New Lane & Oxhead -Winter Event @ Auer	**11** -Holiday Boutique/Fair @ Holbrook, NCR, New Lane & Oxhead -Holiday Spectacular @ Unity	**12** **ACT Test @ NHS**
13	**14** -Deck the Halls @ CHS -Holbrook Concert @ CHS -NCR Concert @ NHS	**15** -CHS Concert Part I -NHS Concert Part I	**16** -SEPTA @ Selden Public Library & Virtual -SMS 6th Grade Concert @ CHS	**17** -DMS 6th Grade Concert @ CHS -NHS Concert Part II -Spirit Week @ Oxhead -Winter Wonderland & Sing Along @ NCR	**18** -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	**19** **-Winter Craft Fair @ NHS**
20 **-Winter Craft Fair @ NHS**	**21** -CHS Concert Part II -NHS Concert Part III -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	**22** -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	**23** -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	**24** **Winter Recess - No School -**	**25**	**26**
27	**28** **Winter Recess - No School**	**29**	**30**	**31**		

Universal Human Rights Month

Cooperation – to work together in a positive way for a common purpose













January 2027

Poverty in America Awareness Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regents Exams **January 26th – 29th**					**1** **Winter Recess – No School**	**2**
3	**4** -PTSA @ NHS -Boosterthon Begins @ Hawkins	**5** -PTA @ New Lane	**6** **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.**	**7** -PTA @ SMS, Auer & Hawkins	**8** -Thespian Broadway Night @ NHS -LISFA Secondary Rehearsals/Concert-Away -Night of Song/Trivia @ Oxhead	**9** **-LISFA Secondary Rehearsals/Concert-Away**
10 **-LISFA Secondary Rehearsals/Concert-Away**	**11** -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS	**12** -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ Jericho & NCR	**13** -MC Teacher Center Policy Meeting @ Oxhead	**14** -Winter Bingo @ Unity	**15**	**16**
17	**18** **Martin Luther King Day** **No School**	**19** -PTA @ Unity	**20** **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.** -Book Fair @ Auer	**21** -Tri-M Recital @ NHS -Book Fair @ Auer -Heritage Night @ NCR	**22** -LISFA Intermediate Rehearsals/Concert-Away -Boosterthon Ends @ Hawkins -5th Gr. Picture Day @ Holbrook	**23** **-LISFA Intermediate Rehearsals/Concert-Away**
24 **-LISFA Intermediate Rehearsals/Concert-Away** **31**	**25**	**26** -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -PTA @ DMS **Regents Exams**	**27**	**28**	**29** -Spelling Bee @ SMS -Family Fun Night @ Oxhead **End of Second Quarter**	**30**

Poverty in America Awareness Month

Caring – to show concern or sympathy for others

Parents' Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security

The Middle Country Central School District, in recognition of the risk of identity theft and unwarranted invasion of privacy, affirms its commitment to safeguarding student personally identifiable information (PII) in educational records from unauthorized access or disclosure in accordance with state and federal law. The Middle Country Central School District establishes the following parental bill of rights:

- Student PII will be collected and disclosed only as necessary to achieve educational purposes in accordance with state and federal law.
- The District and its schools, and third-party contractors and subcontractors, will not sell student PII or use or disclose it for any marketing or commercial purposes or facilitate its use or disclosure by any other party for any marketing or commercial purpose or permit another party to do so.
- Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record (for more information about how to exercise this right, see Policy 5500-R).
- State and federal laws, such as NYS Education Law §2-d and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, protect the confidentiality of students' personally identifiable information. Safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
- A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State Education Department is available for public review at Student Data Inventory or by writing to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
- Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches and unauthorized disclosures of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to Jonathan Singer, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, at 8 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720 or jsinger@mccsd.net or by telephone at 631-285-8010. Complaints can also be directed to the New York State Education Department by email: privacy@nysed.gov or telephone at 518-474-0937 or by mail to the Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
- Parents have the right to be notified in accordance with applicable laws and regulations if a breach or unauthorized release of their student's PII occurs.
- All district and school employees and officers with access to PII will receive annual training on applicable federal and state laws, regulations, district and school policies and safeguards which will be in alignment with industry standards and best practices to protect PII.
- In the event that the District engages a third-party provider to deliver student educational services, the contractor or subcontractors will be obligated to adhere to state and federal laws to safeguard student PII. Parents can request information about third party contractors by contacting Dr. Vincent Raicovi, Director of Technology, Business & Information Systems, at 8 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720 or vraicovi@mccsd.net or by telephone at 631-285-8080.





February 2027

Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	**2** -PTA @ Holbrook & Oxhead	**3**	**4** -SEPTA @ Virtual -NCR Founder's Day @ NHS **Secondary Report Cards Released**	**5** -Special Someone Dance @ Hawkins -Valentine Date Night @ Unity -V.I.P. Dance @ Jericho & Oxhead	**6**
7	**8** -MC PRIDE PTSA @ CHS -Kindness Week @ CHS & NHS	**9** -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ NCR & Stage -POPS Concert @ NHS -Kindness Week @ CHS & NHS -Cap & Gown Photo @ Unity	**10** **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.** -Kindness Week @ CHS & NHS	**11** -PTA Hawkins-Virtual -Black History Month Celebration @ NHS -POPS Concert @ CHS -Kindness Week @ CHS & NHS -Sweetheart Night/Dance @ BPS, Holbrook & NCR	**12** -P.S. I Love You Day @ CHS, NHS, Auer, Oxhead & NCR -MVP/VIP Dance @ Auer & New Lane **Elementary Trimester Ends**	**13**
14	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**
	Mid-Winter Recess – No School					
21	**22**	**23** -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -Piano POPS Concert & POPS Snow Day @ CHS & NHS	**24** -Black History Month Celebration @ CHS	**25** -Class Competition @ CHS -Title 1 Night @ NCR	**26**	**27** **ACT Test @ NHS**
28						

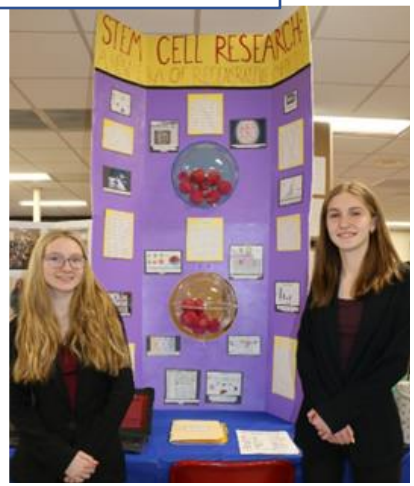
Black History Month

Honesty – to be truthful and trustworthy with sincerity


Holbrook Road




New Lane


STEM CELL RESEARCH


Oxhead Road


A LIFELINE IN CRISIS:
Reforming
Emergency Response
WITH 911




TEAM WORK MAKES
THE DREAM WORK!
BETTER BECAUSE
CELEBRATE
LEARN

March 2027

Developmental Disabilities Awareness/Ethnic Equality/Gender Equality/
Greek American Heritage/Irish American Heritage/Women's History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 -PTSA @ NHS -Winter Athletic Awards @ CHS -PARP Kickoff @ New Lane & Oxhead	**2** -PTA @ NCR, New Lane & Oxhead -Winter Athletic Awards @ NHS	**3** **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.**	**4** -PTA @ SMS -Fashion Show @ CHS	**5** -Newfield HS Senior Banquet	**6** **SAT Test @ CHS** **-SCMEA Division 1, 2, 3 Rehearsal (Gr. 5-10)**
7	**8** -Picture Day @ Holbrook	**9** **Eid al-Fitr** **No School**	**10** -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS -Spring Craft Fair @ NHS -Book Fair @ Holbrook & Jericho -Picture Day @ Oxhead	**11** -PTA @ Auer & Hawkins -Student Progress Conference @ DMS & SMS -Women's History Celebration @ NHS -Book Fair @ Holbrook & Jericho -Title 1 Community Event @ Hawkins	**12** -Class Competition @ NHS -SCMEA Division 1, 2, 3 Rehearsal (Gr. 5-10) -Gift Basket Blitz @ Oxhead -Lucky Charm Dance @ Unity	**13** **-SCMEA Division 1,2,3 Rehearsals (Gr. 5 & 6)** **-SCMEA Division 3 Concert (Gr. 9 & 10)**
14 **-SCMEA Division 1 Concert (Gr. 5 & 6)** **-SCMEA Division 2 Concert (Gr. 7 & 8)**	**15** -PARP Begins @ Hawkins, Jericho & NCR	**16** -PTA @ Jericho & Unity -Blood Drive @ CHS -Book Fair @ Hawkins & New Lane -Picture Day @ Auer **Elementary Report Cards Released**	**17** -Book Fair @ Hawkins & New Lane -Picture Day @ Auer	**18** -National Tech Honor Society Induction @ NHS -Senior Citizens' Tea & Show @ CHS -Musical Production @ SMS -Book Fair @ Hawkins & New Lane -5th Grade Cap & Gown Pictures @ Auer	**19** -Musical Production @ CHS & SMS -Hawingo @ Hawkins -Family Fun Night @ New Lane -PARP Ends @ Jericho & NCR	**20** **Musical Production @ CHS & SMS**
21 **Musical Production @ CHS**	**22**	**23** -Picture Day @ Stage & Unity	**24** **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.** -Mini College Fair @ CHS & NHS -MC Teacher Center Policy Meeting @ Oxhead	**25** -PARP Ends @ Hawkins & New Lane	**26** **Good Friday** **No School**	**27**
28	**29** **No School** **Possible Calendar Adjustment Day #1**	**30** -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -PTA @ DMS	**31**			

Gender Equality Month

Perseverance – to continue in some effort with patience

















April 2027

Arab-American/Autism Awareness/Celebrate Diversity/
Community Service/Earth/Tartan (Scottish-American) Heritage Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NYS Assessments **ELA** **Grades 3-8** **April 6th & 7th**	**NYS Assessments** **Science** **Grades 5** **April 27th**			1 **-4th Annual District Humanities Expo @ NHS**	2 -International Night @ NHS -Fun Run @ Oxhead	3
4	5	6 -PTA @ Holbrook & Stage -National Honor Society Induction @ CHS	7 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ CHS -Paint Night @ Auer	8 -SEPTA @ MCPL Selden & Virtual -PTA Hawkins-Virtual -National Technical Honor Society Induction @ CHS -Musical & Senior Citizen Show @ NHS -Spring Bingo @ Unity	9 -Musical Production @ NHS & DMS -Wingo @ Jericho **End of Third Quarter**	10 **-Musical Production @ NHS & DMS**
11 **-Musical Production @ NHS**	12 -WLA Honor Society Induction @ CHS	13 -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ NCR -National Art Honor Society Induction @ NHS -Picture Day @ Hawkins	14 **Board of Education Meeting – Budget Adoption @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.** -Picture Day @ Jericho	15 -National Art Honor Society Induction @ CHS -Book Fair @ Oxhead -Picture Day @ Jericho -Wingo @ NCR **Secondary Report Cards Released**	16 -Book Fair @ Oxhead	17
18	19 **Spring Recess – No School**	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS	27 **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.**	28 -Jericho Concert @ CHS -Book Fair @ Unity	29 -Oxhead Concert @ CHS -Stage Concert @ NHS -Build Your Reading Partner/Book Fair @ Unity	30 -Book Fair @ Unity	

Celebrate Diversity Month

Fairness – equal treatment of the behavior and viewpoints of others

















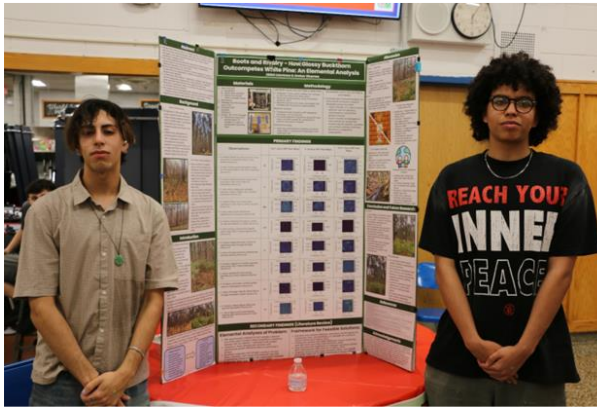
May 2027

Asian-American & Pacific Islander Heritage/Haitian Heritage/Jewish-American Heritage/ Personal History Awareness/ Speech & Hearing Awareness Month

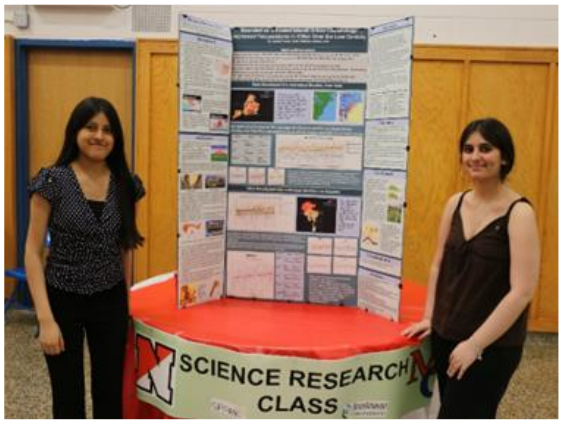
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 **SAT Test @ CHS** **- District-Wide Annual Art Exhibit & Kindergarten Folk Dance Festival @ CHS**
2 **NYS Assessments** **Mathematics** **Grades 3-7** **May 4th & 5th** **-AP Exams 5/3-5/14**	**3** -PTSA @ NHS -5th to 6th Grade Parent Orientation @ DMS & SMS	**4** -PTA @ DMS, NCR & Oxhead -8th to 9th Grade Parent Orientation @ CHS -7th Grade Dance @ SMS	**5** **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 6:30 p.m.** -New Lane Gr. 5 Concert @ NHS	**6** -PTA @ Hawkins & SMS -Auer Concert @ CHS -Hawkins Concert @ NHS -Plant Sale @ Auer	**7** -Plant Sale @ Auer & Oxhead -Multicultural Night @ Oxhead	**8** **-Chorus Invitational @ CHS**
9	**10** -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS -DMS 6th Grade Concert @ CHS -New Lane Gr. 4 Concert @ NHS -Book Fair @ Stage	**11** -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ Jericho -SMS 6th Grade Concert @ CHS -Book Fair @ Stage	**12** -Red and White Night @ SMS -Holbrook Concert @ CHS -NCR Concert @ NHS -Book Fair @ New Lane & Stage -MC Teacher Center Policy Meeting @ Oxhead	**13** **13th Annual STEM Celebration @ CHS** -Book Fair @ New Lane	**14** -NYSSMA Solo & All-State Festival @ CHS -Book Fair @ New Lane -Field Day @ Unity	**15** **-NYSSMA Solo & All-State Festival @ CHS**
16	**17** **No School** Possible Calendar Adjustment Day #2	**18** **Budget Vote** **Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 9:00 p.m.**	**19** **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 5:00 p.m.** -DMS Grade 7th Concert @ CHS -SMS Grade 7th Concert @ NHS -Book Fair @ Auer	**20** -PTA @ Auer -Academic Awards Night @ CHS -NHS Concert Part I -Book Fair @ Auer -Field Day @ Jericho	**21** -CHS Junior Prom -Hawkins Talent Show @ NHS -Field Day @ NCR	**22**
23	**24** -CHS Concert Part I -NHS Concert Part II	**25** -PTA/PTSA Council/Awards Night @ NHS -PTA @ Unity -DMS Grade 8th Concert @ CHS -SMS Grade 8th Concert @ NHS	**26** -National Honor Society Induction @ NHS -NYSSMA Major Org. (Chorus) @ CHS -Field Day @ New Lane Gr. 1 & 3	**27** -SEPTA @ MCPL Selden & Virtual -Asian Heritage Celebration @ CHS -NYSSMA Major Org. (Band/Orchestra) @ NHS -Field Day @ Oxhead & New Lane Gr. 2 & 4	**28** -NHS Junior Prom - Field Day @ New Lane 5th Gr. -Talent Show @ Hawkins	**29**
30 **-CHS/NHS Memorial Day Parade**	**31** **Memorial Day** **No School**					

Personal History Awareness Month

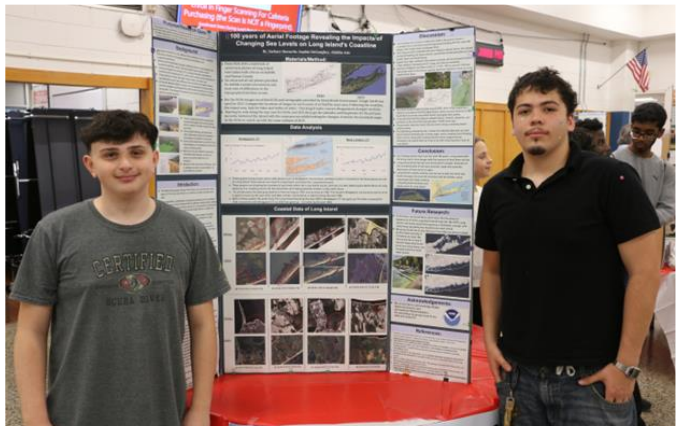
Self-discipline – to control one's desires, actions or habits






SCIENCE RESEARCH
CLASS













June 2027

Caribbean-American Heritage/Pride Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regents Exams **June 15th-25th**		1 -PTA @ Holbrook -CHS Concert Part II -SMS Academic Awards Night @ NHS	2 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ CHS -DMS National Jr. Honor Society Induction @ CHS -SMS National Jr. Honor Society Induction -Book Fair @ NCR	3 -PTA @ SMS -Academic Awards Night @ NHS -DMS Academic Awards Night @ CHS -Book Fair @ NCR	4 -Independent Social @ CHS -Senior BBQ @ NHS -CHS Senior Day **Elementary Trimester Ends**	5 **SAT Test @ CHS**
6	7 -PTSA Special Person Night @ NHS -Spring Athletic Awards @ NHS	8 -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ Jericho, NCR, Oxhead, Stage & Unity -CHS Tri-M/Thespian Honor Society Induction -Spring Athletic Awards @ CHS -NHS Concert Part III	9 -Athletic Signing Day @ NHS -Friend of Music Student of the Trimester Awards @ CHS -MC Teacher Center Policy Meeting @ Oxhead	10 -SEPTA @ MCPL Selden & Virtual -PTA @ Hawkins -Thespian Induction @ NHS -UPK Moving-Up @ BPS	11 -5th Gr. Dance @ Auer, Jericho & New Lane -UPK Moving-Up @ BPS	12
13	14 -Tri-M Induction @ NHS -Kindergarten Moving-Up @ BPS **End of Fourth Quarter**	15 -PTA @ New Lane -5th Gr. Moving-Up @ Auer -Summer Send-Off @ Jericho -Kindergarten Moving-Up @ BPS	16 **Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 7:00 p.m.** -NHS Senior Prom -Kindergarten Moving-Up @ BPS	17 -CHS Senior Prom -5th Gr. Moving-Up @ Hawkins & New Lane -Kindergarten Moving-Up @ BPS	18 -5th Gr. Moving-Up @ Holbrook & Jer. -Kindergarten Summer Sendoff @ Unity -Summer Bash @ Auer & Oxhead -5th Gr. Dance @ NCR -5th Gr. Picnic/Summer Picnic @ New Lane	19
		Regents Exams				
20	21 -CHS Graduation Rehearsal -8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony @ DMS & SMS -5th Gr. Moving-Up @ NCR, Oxhead & Stage	22 -PTA @ DMS -CHS & NHS Senior Walks @ Elementary Schools -8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony @ DMS & SMS -5th Gr Bagel Breakfast @ Jericho 5th Gr. Dance @ Stage	23 **Early Dismissal Elementary Schedule** **Early Elementary 12:20 pm** **Late Elementary 1:00 pm.** **-Kindergarten Orientations @ BPS & Unity** **(NO UPK Sessions)** -8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony @ DMS & SMS -8th Grade Dance @ CHS	24 **Early Dismissal Elementary Schedule** **Early Elementary 12:20 pm** **Late Elementary 1:00 pm** **UPK Full Day Dismissal @ 12:30 pm** **UPK Morning Session Only (No PM Session)** -8th Grade Breakfast @ DMS & SMS -8th Grade Dance @ SMS	25 **Last Day of School** **Early Dismissal Elementary Schedule** **Early Elementary: 10:50 am** **Late Elementary: 11:30 am** **UPK Full Day Dismissal @ 11:00 am** **UPK Morning Session Only (No PM Session)** **Graduation Day** **NHS & CHS Ceremony @ 6:30 pm**	26 **Rain Date Graduation Day** **NHS-10:00 am** **CHS-10:00 am**
	Regents Exams				**Elementary Report Cards Released 6/25/24**	
27	28	29	30 **6/30/27 -Secondary Report Cards Released**			

Pride Month

Courage – to meet a challenge without giving into fear

PTA/PTSA PRESIDENTS

Middle Country's PTA/PTSA units have a long tradition of supporting our schools through fund-raising projects, student and teacher recognition programs and lobbying efforts. Each of our 15 PTA/PTSA units belong to the District PTA/PTSA Council. Members meet periodically to discuss issues and activities of local and community interest.

PTA/PTSA Council ordinarily meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. For information regarding individual unit meetings, please contact your school PTA/PTSA president.

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July 2027

French-American Heritage Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting @ DCC/CHS 5:00 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

French American Heritage Month

Mission Statement

The mission of the Middle Country Central School District is to empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skill and attitudes necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success, and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and dynamic world. Our commitment to this mission is embodied in our on-going strategic objectives:

- Each student will continually identify personal goals, and develop and implement plans for achieving those goals.
- Each student will choose to continually contribute to the community in a responsible manner.
- Each student will identify and implement creative solutions to increasingly challenging problems within his/her world.

Instructional Programs

Elementary Program

The academic program at the elementary level follows a carefully planned continuum. Instruction and assessments are interrelated across subject areas and defined by high standards, which describe what students should know and be able to do in order to succeed. English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies curricula are fully aligned with New York State Next Generation State Standards (NGSS).

The core subjects in the elementary program include English language arts (speaking, listening, reading and writing), mathematics, science and social studies; these are integrated across all grade levels. Children read and write across all content subject areas using a variety of materials, which focus on in-depth understanding as well as mechanics.

Computers are used as a tool to enhance the instructional program. All students beginning in pre-kindergarten are supplied with personal Chromebooks to be kept throughout the remainder of their school career in the District.

Each school has the services of literacy specialists who assist the classroom teacher in providing services to children in need of raising their skill level as well as those requiring enrichment opportunities. For more information about the elementary program, contact the principal of your child's school.

Secondary Program

The academic program at the middle school includes the core areas of English language arts, social studies, mathematics, science and world languages along with related subjects.

In the high schools, classes are organized by level. Placement is based on skill development, interest and need. Emphasizing rigorous standards and building on students' previous acquisition of knowledge, regents, honors and advanced placement courses are offered. A wide range of electives allows students to explore a variety of subjects or concentrate in one area. In order to determine academic standing, students are ranked at the end of their junior year.

Extra-help programs and Regents review classes are offered at both the middle and high school levels. For more information about the secondary program, contact your child's school counselor or the principal of your child's school.

Progress Reports

Progress reports for pupils in grades kindergarten through five are issued three times during the school year. Formal parent/teacher conferences are scheduled in the fall for kindergarten and elementary level children.

High schools and middle schools issue progress reports every ten weeks and report cards at these levels are issued four times a year.

All parents are encouraged to contact their child's school counselor or teacher to request a conference any time during the year and also to create a Parent Portal Account.

State and National Testing

All students participate in the New York State testing program. This program includes the following assessments: Grade 3 – English Language Arts and Math; Grade 4 – English Language Arts, Math; Grade 5 – English Language Arts, Math and Science; Grade 6 – English Language Arts and Math; Grade 7 – English Language Arts and Math; Grade 8 – English Language Arts, Algebra (Regents) and Biology (Regents). All high school students must complete four years of Mathematics, a Capstone Research Project and take the required New York State Regents Examinations, during their four-year high school career. Information regarding all graduation requirements is contained in the Course Offering Book which is posted on the District's website. For further information about testing programs, please contact the principal of your child's school.

August 2027

Civility Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Regents Exams** August	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Board of Education Meeting @ DCC/CHS 5:00 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31				

National Civility Month

Graduation Requirements

As New York State phases in new graduation requirements, educational demands differ from grade level to grade level.

Course Offering Handbook

The Course Offering Handbook information is available on the District's Website and can also be obtained through the guidance departments. School counselors are available to meet with students and parents to discuss graduation requirements and assist with course scheduling. Parents and students are asked to consult the high school guidance department for a list of graduation requirements.

Career Education Services

The Middle Country Central School District's secondary students have occupational education programs available to them at both Centereach and Newfield High Schools.

District offerings include: Business/Marketing, Cosmetology, Technology, General Work Experience, and Family & Consumer Sciences.

Pupil Personnel Services

Pupil Personnel

The Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Department provides support services to the students in Middle Country Central School District in the areas of special education, psychological services, social work services, related services and school counseling.

Guidance and School Counseling

Guidance and counseling services are provided to all middle and high school students. School counselors provide support services addressing the academic as well as the social and emotional needs of students who are faced with important personal and career choices. They guide students in making appropriate decisions, solving problems and accepting responsibility for educational pursuits. They serve as resources for parents and students with information about scholarships, financial aid, test scores, graduation requirements and career planning/exploration.

All Kindergarten through 5th grade students are provided guidance curriculum and support services. Elementary students are introduced to college and career readiness, and given social-emotional learning support in the classroom. Each student, grades 6 through 12, is assigned a school counselor. The rapport established between student and school counselor many times sets the stage for a student's successful transition to postsecondary education and employment.

Child Find

All children are entitled to a free and appropriate education, with special services for those with special needs. Any parent or person in parental relation who suspects that their child has a disability may refer the child for an evaluation by the District's Committee on Special Education (CSE) eligibility for special education services and programs. More detailed information on this process is available in *A Parent's Guide to Special Education,* which is published on the New York State Education Department's website in English and Spanish; A Parent's Guide to Special Education Parents/guardians should contact their child's school if they believe their child has special needs and/or contact Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 631-285-8850.

Special Education Programs for Students with Disabilities

A range of programs and services are available for students with disabilities as identified by the Committee on Special Education (CSE). The CSE makes its decisions based on the Regulations as defined by the State Commissioner on Education, Part 200. Consideration of academic, social, management and physical needs form the basis for the type and duration of services. Special education programs and services are designed to assure that children with disabilities receive free and appropriate public education. Questions and additional information may be obtained by contacting the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 631-285-8850.

Students Attending Nonpublic Schools

Pursuant to Education Law section 3602-c, the District of location will arrange to provide certain special education and related services to students who are residents of this school district, and who attend nonpublic schools and qualify for special education services.

Psychological Services

The District's staff of psychologists are members of the Committee on Special Education (CSE). They assist the CSE in determining whether the student is a student with a disability by using a variety of assessment tools to gather relevant information about the student. The District's staff of psychologists test students to determine intellectual, emotional and mental status and provide counseling services. As members of the buildings' Student Support Teams (SST), psychologists work with other professionals to review student performance and make educational recommendations. They are also members of the District Crisis Intervention Team, working with social workers, staff, students and families to assist in resolving emergency issues affecting the child. In addition, they assist teachers with classroom management techniques and implementation of behavior plans as needed. Finally, they are part of the School District's Support Program, serving students at risk for school failure.

Social Work Services

School social workers are members of the Pupil Personnel Services Team. They provide intervention services in areas such as child abuse and maltreatment, educational neglect and truancy, in-school counseling and agency referrals. The District's team of social workers complies with regulations set forth by the New York State Council on Children and Families to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Health Services

Each school is staffed with a nurse, who provides a variety of health screening services and administers first aid. School nurses maintain health histories for all children. It is important that parents keep the health office informed of any changes in their child's health. Nurses also conduct vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings throughout the year and are on constant alert for signs of health problems that might inhibit learning.

Related Services

Students who require related services are provided this support through the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and/or a 504 Plan.

Proof of Immunizations

Immunization laws were established in New York State to protect children from dangerous communicable diseases. Parents are required to provide the school with written proof of a child's immunization against chicken pox, DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), Tdap booster, Hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib), Meningococcal disease (MenACWY) and Pneumococcal (PCV).

Medication

Parents must provide a doctor's note for the school nurse in order for a child to receive any type of medication during school hours. This medication must also be provided in an original container with the instructions affixed.

Physical Examinations

New York State law requires that all students who enroll in public school at any grade level, as well as those students entering pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, and first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth and eleventh grades must supply documented proof of a current physical and dental examination to the building nurse within 30 days of entering school. Students who do not provide documented proof will be scheduled for an examination by the District physician after October 1st. Students participating on an athletic team in grades 7-12 must receive a sport physical before they try out or practice with any team.

Homeless Students

The McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistance Act ensures educational rights and protections for children and youths who are homeless. It protects children and youths by assisting them in accessing educational services.

For more information about any of the above programs, please contact the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 285-8850.

Home Schooled Students

In compliance with New York State Education Law, the Board of Education shall ensure that children instructed at home, provided that they are of compulsory school attendance age, receive full-time instruction and receive an education substantially equivalent to that provided by the School District.

Parents/Guardians who wish to educate their children at home must submit to the district an individual home instruction plan (IHIP), outlining the educational goals to be met and the course materials and syllabi to be used each year for the child's learning process. Parents/Guardians must submit quarterly reports, which will provide the district with the necessary information to make determinations of substantial equivalency and competency of instruction on an ongoing basis.
For additional information, please see Home Schooled Information.

General Information

History of Our District

The Middle Country Central School District covers approximately 16 square miles in the Township of Brookhaven. It is composed of the villages and hamlets of Centereach, Selden, parts of Lake Grove, Coram, Lake Ronkonkoma, Port Jefferson Station and Farmingville.

- The District was formed in 1957 through the consolidation of the Selden and Centereach school districts. At the time, it consisted of five kindergarten rooms and 51 elementary classrooms.

After consolidation, the area moved into a period of unprecedented growth, resulting in Middle Country becoming one of the fastest-growing school districts in the state. Today, the District is one of the largest suburban districts in New York State, comprised of two pre-kindergarten/kindergarten centers, eight elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools. A District map is located on page 34.

The K-12 student enrollment projection for the 2026-2027 school year is approximately 9,240, plus over 450 pre-kindergarten students.

Admission and Registration

Children in Middle Country must be five years of age on or before December 1 in order to apply for admission to kindergarten. A child must be four years of age by December 1 in order to apply for admission to pre-kindergarten. When applying for school admission, parents must present the following:

- Pre-K/Kindergarten: Proof of District residency, original Birth or Baptismal Certificate, Immunization Record signed by a physician and Custody papers, if applicable.
- Grades 1-12: Proof of District residency, Transfer or Withdrawal Card from previous school district, original Birth or Baptismal Certificate, Immunization Record signed by a physician and Custody papers, if applicable.
- Please go to Central Registration for more information and related files.

New students may register Monday through Friday at Central Registration, located behind the Transportation Building across from Bicycle Path Pre-K/Kindergarten Center between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 285-8890.

Parents with children ages 0 - 4 years old. If you currently have no children attending a school in the Middle Country Central School District, please contact Central Registration at 285-8890 with your family's information regarding infants/toddlers for future mailings of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten registration information. Please be sure to inform Central Registration if your child is receiving services for a special need.

Attendance

Attending school regularly and on time is important to student progress. This also has an impact on District programs, since state financial aid is provided on the basis of student attendance.

If a child is absent or late to school, parents/guardians are required to provide a written excuse upon the child's return. Written excuses must state specific dates and the reason for an absence or tardiness, and include the signature of a parent/guardian. It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to notify the school office within at least 24 hours of the absence, tardiness, early dismissal "ATED". In case of extended absences, parents/guardians are asked to make arrangements with a school counselor or teacher so their child may make up missed schoolwork.

A plain language summary as well as the complete text of the attendance policy is available in the schools and on the District website.

Access to District Records

Records available for inspection in accordance with the law may be inspected after an Application for Public Access to Records form is completed and returned to the Public Information Access Officer. Copies of records may be obtained for 25 cents per page. For more information, call Stephanie Larkin, District Clerk @ 285-8011 or email slarkin@mccsd.net. Individual school records may be inspected by appointment in the presence of authorized school personnel during the regular working day.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access.

Parents and eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education record(s) that the parent or eligible student believes inaccurate or misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students may ask the Middle Country Central School District to amend a record they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to provide written consent before the District discloses personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel), or a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist), or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Another exception permits disclosure without consent to an authorized representative. An authorized representative is any individual or entity designated by a State or local educational authority or a Federal agency headed by the Secretary, the Comptroller General or the Attorney General to carry out audits, evaluations, or enforcement or compliance activities relating to educational programs.

The Board directs that "directory information" such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major course of study, participation in school activities or sports, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent school attended.

A directory of names, addresses and telephone numbers of 11th and 12th grade students will also be released to the Armed Services unless a written parental request is made preventing disclosure of this information.

Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

(4) The right to file complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5920

Project SAVE/Safe School Zones

New York State has enacted Schools Against Violence in Education Act legislation. This legislation requires components such as, but not limited to, a comprehensive school safety plan, building safety plans, a code of conduct, violence prevention training and citizenship and character education. For more information, please contact the principal of your child's school. The Middle Country Central School District has entered into an agreement with the County of Suffolk in accordance with Local Law No. 7-1999, enacted by the Suffolk County Legislature, to establish "Safe School Zones." Any student or non-student found to be in possession of nuisance material, paraphernalia or contraband as defined by Local Law No. 7-1999, within 1,000 feet of school property, may be subject to an administrative hearing conducted by the Suffolk County Department of Probation. If it is determined that the individual committed an act prohibited by Local Law 7-1999, the individual and the parent or legal guardian of the individual may be liable for a fine up to $500.00. The individual may also be required to perform up to 100 hours of community service. Additionally, civil penalties may be imposed of up to $2,500.00.

Code of Conduct

The Middle Country Central School District has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and at school functions. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, personal responsibility, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty, courtesy, integrity and observance of laws and rules. As such, and in light of Schools Against Violence in Education legislation, the Board of Education recognizes the need to define clearly these expectations for observance of laws, and acceptable conduct on school property, to identify the consequences of unacceptable conduct, and to ensure that discipline when necessary is administered promptly and fairly. To this end, and as required by the State Education Department, the Board has adopted a Districtwide Code of Conduct. Further information can be obtained on the District website or by contacting your child's school. **A plain language summary of the Code of Conduct can be found at the end of this calendar, and is available on the District website: Code of Conduct**

Personal Electronic Devices

Per NYS Education Law Section 2803, Board policy 5695 prohibits student use of personal electronic devices during the school day. Parents/Guardians who need to contact their child(ren) during the school day should contact the main office. Comprehensive information about this law and policy are available on the district website at MCCSD.

The Internet and District Public Relations

The Middle Country Central School District makes the Internet available to our students. Students' pictures and schoolwork may be displayed on the District's website: www.mccsd.net.

Our District's Public Relations Department and your child's school may photograph/video students at school for use in various news media and/or school websites. Unless we receive written notification to the contrary from the students' parent/guardian, we will allow them to participate in these activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school.

Visitors

All visitors to our buildings must report to the welcome desk immediately to obtain information, to sign-in and obtain a visitor's badge before going anywhere in the building. We take our obligation to safeguard students and staff very seriously. Please be aware that, as required by New York State law, there are specific and appropriate guidelines for visitors to our schools.

Security

The District assigns security personnel to all school buildings. A number of patrol cars monitor school grounds and report regularly to a base station. These patrols work closely with the Suffolk County Police and the custodial staff at each of the schools. All our schools are equipped with door security systems, cameras and use hall monitors.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REPORT ANY UNUSUAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY BY CALLING THE DISTRICT'S SECURITY LINE AT:

631-285-8830 School in Session
866-818-6200 School Not in Session

Communication

Ongoing communication between parents and the schools often helps solve small problems before they become major issues. Middle Country helps keep the community informed in a variety of ways, including through Blackboard Connect calls, emails and text alerts. District newsletters are available on the District website and hardcopies will be made available by request. PTA/PTSA information is available on each school's website.

The Board of Education welcomes attendance of District residents, students and staff members at Board meetings. For more information, please call the District Clerk at 285-8011.

Sex Offender Notifications

The Middle Country Central School District uses an automated system for sex offender notifications. Postcards will not be mailed. To be placed on the automated e-mail list for notifications, please go to Megan's Law & Sex Offender Notification and follow the links titled Megan's Law and NY Sex Offender Registry. Follow the directions to register for the Sex Offender E-mail Alert Program or call the Megan's Law Hotline at 631-689-2672.

For those in the Middle Country Central School District with a computer at home but no Internet or e-mail access, Parents for Megan's Law will provide material on how to get free Internet access via the Suffolk County Public Library system and a free Yahoo e-mail account. For those without a computer, Parents for Megan's Law will show residents how to set up the same accounts using a library computer if you call their hotline.

Transportation

Middle Country provides transportation for students well in excess of that required by New York State law. Bus information will be available on the Parent Portal in the summer. Please have students arrive at the bus stop 15 minutes prior to scheduled time. Please allow 15-minute of leeway after scheduled time especially during the month of September.

Regular drills are conducted to ensure children are aware of what to do in case of an emergency on the school bus. Parents are urged to discuss rules of the road with their children. Bus regulations and safety procedures will be strictly enforced.

School bus transportation is provided for students as follows:	
K-5	More than ½ mile from residence to school
6-12	More than 1 mile from residence to school
Non-Public Schools K-8	Less than 15 miles from residence to school
Non-Public Schools 9-12	Less than 25 miles from residence to school

Child Care Transportation Application

Child Care Transportation applications must be filled out and handed in to the transportation department. Both the parent and childcare provider signature sections are to be notarized or the application will be denied. Application forms can be picked up at the transportation office or accessed using this link:
Child Care Transportation Application

Requests for Private and Parochial School Transportation 2027-2028

In accordance with the New York State Education Law, residents' requests for transportation to private and parochial schools must be submitted in writing by the parent or legal guardian to the Transportation Office no later than April 1, 2027. Requests submitted after the cut-off date may be approved providing no additional expenses are incurred by the District and providing there are available seats (based upon the April 1, 2027, cut-off date). The purpose of the cut-off date is to enable school districts to implement their contractual obligations and make the necessary arrangements to provide transportation in a reasonable and economical manner.

Student Wellness Policy

The Student Wellness Policy was adopted by the Board of Education to provide students with a school environment which promotes student wellness and educational success, through proper nutrition and adequate physical activity. The policy addresses several areas which include foods and beverages available in school, physical activity and nutrition education. The District will ensure that all school meals meet or exceed the program requirements and nutrition standards found in federal regulations with increased offerings of whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, lean meats and healthy snacks. If you have a child with a food allergy that is eating from the cafeteria, please contact the nurse at your child's school. Communication is key and it's crucial that we work closely to meet the needs of our students with food allergies.

School Nutrition Services

The District participates in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs which makes it possible for all school children to receive nutritious meals**.** A hot breakfast is available at all sites. Research shows that when a child's nutritional needs are met, the child is more attentive in class and has better attendance and fewer disciplinary problems. This program offers parents an affordable, convenient way to provide nutritious meals for their children. Additionally, a la carte and second meals are available for purchase for an additional cost. Parents/Guardians can add money to their student's school lunch account online through, https://www.myschoolbucks.com.
MySchoolBucks (MSB) does charge a small service fee. Payment by cash or check is always accepted in the cafeteria. School menus including the nutritional and allergen information can be found on the District website, https://www.mccsd.net, under the Food Service Department page. Questions about the program should be directed to the School Lunch Coordinator at 631-285-8190.

Community Eligible Provision (CEP) Student Meals, School Year 2026-2027

All students are eligible to receive a free breakfast and lunch meal daily while school is in session. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to complete the household income form before the first day of school or as soon thereafter to apply for additional benefits and help schools maintain free meal eligibility in future years. Household Income Forms are available on the District's website, at the main office in all schools, and at the Food Service Office. For more information, please contact the Food Services Department at 631-285-8190.

The Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994, P.L. 103-448, has amended Section 9(b)(2)(c) of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) to allow limited disclosure of information about student meal eligibility without parent/guardian consent. Participant's names, eligibility status, and other information provided on the application or obtained through direct certification or verification may be disclosed to certain other federal, state, or local agencies as authorized by the NSLA.

Safety

Crossing guards assigned by Suffolk County are on duty at school crossings in the mornings and at school closing times. Elementary teachers stress the importance of observing street crossing safety rules at guarded and unguarded crossing corners. Many schools host presentations on safety sponsored by representatives of local fire and police departments. Our school bus drivers present a bus safety program to students in grades K-5. Safety rules, emergency procedures and behavior are discussed. For more information, call Transportation at 631-285-8880.

Accident Insurance

Student accident insurance is in place for students injured during school-sponsored activities. Injuries occurring during a school-sponsored activity must be promptly reported to the activity supervisor and the school nurse. The insurance program assesses coverage after a claim with the individual's primary insurance carrier has been settled and coverage is based on regional, usual and customary medical rates. Claims not filed with the District within one year from the date of injury cannot be considered for payment.

AHERA Notification Compliance

The District is required annually to notify the public of AHERA inspection information as follows:

INFORMATION ABOUT ASBESTOS-CONTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS, PURSUANT TO AHERA, SECTION 40, CFR 763.84(c), 763.93(d) AND 763.93(g)(4), IS ON FILE IN THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW WITH THE COMPLIANCE OFFICER, IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OFFICE.

The District undergoes a rigorous inspection process to ensure that all of our buildings provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff.

Pesticide Notification

The District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management Program that significantly reduces any use of pesticides. However, please be advised that as required by Section 409-h of the Education Law:

- Pesticide products may be used periodically throughout the school year.
- The District is required to maintain a list of parents, guardians and staff who wish to receive 48-hour written notice before a planned pesticide application.

If you have any questions regarding the Integrated Pest Management Program or the pesticide registry list, please contact the Business Office at 285-8020.

School Facilities Use

School buildings and grounds may be used by local organizations for meetings and sports activities during times they are not in use by the schools. Organizations must have valid Certificates of Insurance and non-profit status on file with the Business Office. The online application process can be found at https://login.schooldude.com/. A fee is charged to cover the cost of custodial, security services, heating and air-conditioning when applicable. For more information about the use of school facilities and fields, contact the Business Office at 631-285-8020.

Taxes/Assessment/School Aid

Public schools in New York State receive funding from several sources. These revenues come from local, state and federal funds. Monies received from District residents are raised by taxes levied on property. School taxes are collected along with special district taxes (fire districts, lighting districts, etc.) by the Town Receiver of Taxes and transferred to the School District. Assessment and equalization rates, which are not in the District's control, are used to determine the total tax to be paid. The Town assesses any structure of a permanent nature. Questions regarding local taxes should be referred to the Town of Brookhaven Assessor's Office at Town Hall, 631-451-6300. Federal aid to the District is allocated for specific programs. State aid provides assistance to the District for a variety of programs.

Title IX/DASA

Title IX prohibits educational institutions that receive federal funding from discriminating on the basis of sex. The law addresses both discrimination and harassment, including peer-on peer harassment as well as instances where a teacher or other school employee harasses a student. It also guarantees equal athletic participation to students regardless of sex, and may be used to target harassment based on a student's failure to conform to gender stereotypes.

Middle Country adheres to Title IX regulations mandated by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare by not discriminating on the basis of sex in its education programs or employment practices. The School District's Title IX Compliance Officer is Jonathan Singer, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

Students in New York schools are also protected by federal, state, and local laws that also provide protection against bullying and require schools to take certain affirmative steps to guarantee equal education for students with disabilities.

The New York State Dignity for all Students Act was established to provide a school environment free of discrimination and harassment for all students. The Dignity Act states that no student shall be subjected to harassment by employees or other students, nor shall any student be subjected to discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or sex. The New York State Dignity for all Students Act includes bullying and cyberbullying occurring either on or off school property where such acts would foreseeably create a risk or substantial disruption within the school. For more information, visit the District's website at MCCSD.net, and click on the "Dignity for All Students Act (DASA): NYS's Anti-Bullying Law" link under the "Students" header on the main website. Each school has a Dignity Act Coordinator to whom complaints may be forwarded, as well as two Districtwide Dignity Act Coordinators. Please visit the "Dignity for All Students Act (DASA): NYS's Anti-Bullying Law" page on the District's website for such contact information.

Automated Emergency Contact System "Connect"

The School District utilizes an automated telephone messaging system to contact parents/guardians regarding school closings, early dismissals, special events and other important information. The telephone numbers used are those that are provided by parents to Central Registration or by parents to their child's school building. If your emergency contact phone number(s) should change, please notify your child's school building promptly so this change can be updated into your child's records. Other numbers can be customized directly by you in the parent/community portal.

Additional Emergency Communication Strategies:
The following communication channels that are also used to keep emergency info accessible to students, staff, families and the Middle Country community:

- **District website, www.mccsd.net**
- **News 12 & Newsday**

Keeping in Touch

High Schools

Centereach High School
14 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720
Mr. Thomas Bell, Principal

General Office	285-8100
Assistant Principals	
Ms. Danielle Rapisarda	285-8180
Mr. Steven Mercorella	285-8160
Ms. Angelina Saladino	285-8140
Guidance Office	285-8120
Attendance Office	285-8170
Nurse	285-8133

Newfield High School
145 Marshall Drive, Selden, NY 11784
Mr. Scott Graviano, Principal

General Office	285-8300
Assistant Principals	
Mr. Brian Csorny	285-8340
Ms. Margaret Derasmo	285-8370
Ms. Lori Mazza	285-8390
Guidance Office	285-8330
Attendance Office	285-8310
Nurse	285-8320

Middle Schools

Dawnwood Middle School
10 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720
Mr. Daniel Katchihtes, Principal

General Office	285-8200
Assistant Principals	
Ms. Jessica Ragazzi	285-8230
Ms. Sara Oshrin	285-8240
Guidance Office	285-8210
Attendance Office	285-8222
Nurse	285-8220

Selden Middle School
22 Jefferson Avenue, Centereach, NY 11720
Mr. Salvatore Merenda, Principal

General Office	285-8400
Assistant Principals	
Mr. Adam Lieberman	285-8430
Ms. Kristine Pitera	285-8440
Guidance Office	285-8410
Attendance Office	285-8406
Nurse	285-8420

Elementary Schools

Bicycle Path Pre-K/Kindergarten Center
27 North Bicycle Path, Selden, NY 11784
Ms. Maria Rivera Jespersen, Principal

General Office	285-8800
Nurse	285-8808

Eugene Auer Memorial Elementary School
17 Wing Street, Lake Grove, NY 11755
Dr. Bruno Bernardino, Principal

General Office	285-8500
Nurse	285-8507

Hawkins Path Elementary School
485 Hawkins Road, Selden, NY 11784
Ms. Kristine Leonard, Principal

General Office	285-8530
Nurse	285-8537

Holbrook Road Elementary School
170 Holbrook Avenue, Centereach, NY 11720
Dr. Craig Unkenholz, Principal

General Office	285-8560
Nurse	285-8570

Jericho Elementary School
34 N. Coleman Road, Centereach, NY 11720
Ms. Elena Baldwin, Principal

General Office	285-8600
Nurse	285-8606

New Lane Memorial Elementary School
15 New Lane, Selden, NY 11784
Ms. Robin Newberg, Principal

General Office	285-8900
Ms. Erica Harold, Assistant Principal	285-8904
Nurse	285-8920

North Coleman Road Elementary School
197 N. Coleman Road, Centereach, NY 11720
Dr. Kim Pelan, Principal

General Office	285-8660
Nurse	285-8668

Oxhead Road Elementary School
144 Oxhead Road, Centereach, NY 11720
Dr. Phyllis Saltz, Principal

General Office	285-8700
Nurse	285-8710

Stagecoach Elementary School
205 Dare Road, Selden, NY 11784
Mr. Shaun Rothberg, Principal

General Office	285-8730
Nurse	285-8744

Unity Drive Pre-K/Kindergarten Center
11 Unity Drive, Centereach, NY 11720
Ms. Denise Ferrera, Principal

General Office	285-8760
Gabrielle Goldberg	
Coordinator of Pre-K	285-8786
Nurse	285-8770

District Telephone Numbers

General Information	285-8000
Superintendent of Schools	285-8005
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction	285-8010
Assistant Superintendent for Business	285-8020
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources	285-8030
Asbestos Compliance Officer	285-8830
Buildings and Grounds	285-8830
Central Registration	285-8890
Community and Continuing Education	285-8158
CPSE	285-8870
Director of ELA & Grant Funded Opportunities, PK-12	285-8397
Director of Guidance & Student Support Resources	285-8970
Director of Mathematics, Accountability & MTSS, PK-12	285-8397
Director of Music, Fine Arts and Community Media Relations	285-8685
Director of Physical Education, Health, Athletics & Facilities	285-8650
Director of Pupil Personnel Services	285-8850
Director of Science/Research, PK-12	285-8397
Director of Technology, Business and Information Systems	285-8080
Director of World Studies, PK-12	285-8397
District Clerk	285-8011
District Security: School in Session	285-8830
School not in Session-Day	866-818-6200
Free and Reduced Meals	285-8193
Lunch Program	285-8190
School Physician	285-8858
Transportation	285-8880
Universal Pre-K	285-8786

Community

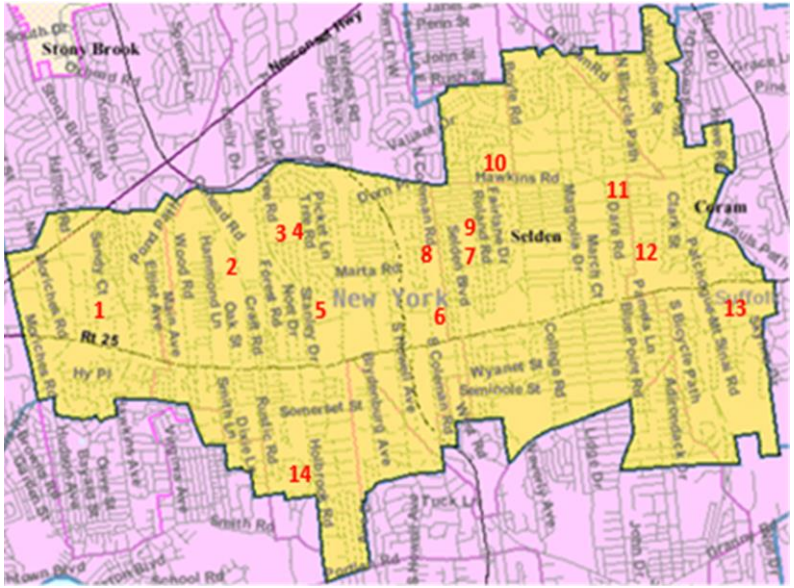
SCOPE Education Services	360-0800

- Before and After-School Program

District Map

KEY TO SCHOOLS:

1. Eugene Auer Memorial Elementary School
2. Oxhead Road Elementary School
3. Dawnwood Middle School
4. Centereach High School
5. Unity Drive Pre-K/Kindergarten Center
6. Jericho Elementary School
7. Newfield High School
8. North Coleman Road Elementary School
9. Selden Middle School
10. Hawkins Path Elementary School
11. Stagecoach Elementary School
12. Bicycle Path Pre-K/Kindergarten Center
13. New Lane Memorial Elementary School
14. Holbrook Road Elementary School



Administrative and Support Offices

Administrative Building
8 43rd Street
Centereach, NY 11720

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- Buildings and Grounds
- Central Registration
- Pupil Personnel
- Transportation

25 North Bicycle Path
Selden, NY 11784

Secondary School Schedule:

School	Starting	Ending	Grades
Centereach	7:05 a.m.	1:50 p.m.	9, 10, 11, 12
Newfield	7:05 a.m.	1:50 p.m.	9, 10, 11, 12
Dawnwood	7:40 a.m.	2:23 p.m.	6, 7, 8
Selden	7:40 a.m.	2:23 p.m.	6, 7, 8

Elementary School Schedule:

Bicycle Path	8:30 a.m.	2:25 p.m.	Pre-K
Bicycle Path	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	Kindergarten
Eugene Auer	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	1-5
Hawkins Path	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	1-5
Holbrook Road	8:35 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	1-5
Jericho	8:35 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	1-5
New Lane	8:35 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	1-5
North Coleman	8:30 a.m.	2:25 p.m.	Pre-K
North Coleman	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	1-5
Oxhead Road	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	1-5
Stagecoach	8:35 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	1-5
Unity Drive	8:30 a.m.	2:25 p.m.	Pre-K
Unity Drive	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	Kindergarten

NOTE: Please refer to your child's bus information for pick-up time and location

Administration



Dr. Roberta A. Gerold
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. James G. Donovan
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Dr. Beth Rella
Assistant Superintendent for Business
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Board of Education

The Middle Country Central School District is governed by a nine-member Board of Education. Members serve without pay for staggered, three-year terms. Candidates for the Board of Education must be qualified voters of the school district. They are nominated by a petition, signed by at least two percent of the actual voters in the last annual budget vote and school board election.

The School Board sets local District policy and is responsible to the New York State Education Department. The School Board appoints the Superintendent of Schools, who is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the schools.

Middle Country School Board meetings are also posted in all District buildings, on the District's website and in the public library. All School Board meetings are open to the public, except for executive sessions, when confidential matters are discussed in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. Minutes of the meetings are available on the District's website, at Board of Education, or you may contact the District Clerk for assistance.

Individuals seeking to address the Board of Education at a regular meeting must register with the District Clerk.

Correspondence may be sent to the Board of Education through the District Clerk.

Residents vote annually for the District budget and for open seats on the School Board. Residents who have voted on a school budget within the past four years, or who are registered for local, state, or national elections, need not register again to vote on the budget and Board elections.

Residents who need to register can do so every day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the office of the District Clerk or 15 minutes before every regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting.

District Clerk, District Administration Building, 8 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720, telephone number 631-285-8011 or at slarkin@mccsd.net.

Ex Officio Student Board Members



Sophie Chen
Newfield High School



Liam McCarthy
Centereach High School

The ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING will take place on May 5, 2027, at 6:30 p.m. at Centereach High School, Auditorium
The ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2027, from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Centereach and Newfield High Schools

Schedule of 2026 – 2027 Board Meetings

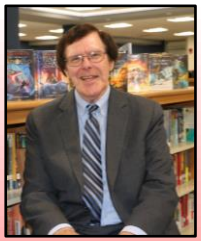
Dr. Karen J. Lessler, District Conference Center @ Centereach High School at 7:00 pm

August 26, 2026 @ 5:00 pm	March 3, 2027
September 9, 2026	March 24, 2027
September 30, 2026	April 14, 2027, Budget Adoption/Meeting CHS/Auditorium
October 28, 2026	April 27, 2027, Tuesday
November 18, 2026	May 05, 2027 @ 6:30 – Budget Public Hearing/Meeting
December 9, 2026	May 18, 2027, Tuesday - Budget Vote/Election/Meeting 9:00 pm
January 6, 2027	May 19, 2027 @ 5:00 pm
January 20, 2027	June 16, 2027
February 10, 2027	July 06, 2027 @ 5:00 pm Annual Organizational Meeting

Board Members



Dawn Sharrock
President



Roberta Feeney
Vice President



Arlene Barresi
Trustee



John DeBenedetto
Trustee



Gina Cutillo-Siegelbaum
Trustee



Denis Haggerty
Trustee



Robert Hallock
Trustee



Nicole Peterson
Trustee



Joseph Sitler
Trustee

The Middle Country Central School District
Code of Conduct Summary

The Code Includes:

- Provisions regarding conduct, dress and language deemed appropriate and acceptable on school property including school functions, and conduct, dress and language deemed *unacceptable and inappropriate* on school property, and the range of penalties associated with violating these provisions.
- Standards regarding acceptable, civil, and respectful treatment of teachers, school administrators, other school personnel, students, and visitors on school property, and includes the range of penalties associated with violating these provisions.
- Provisions defining the roles of teachers, administrators, other school personnel, board of education and parents.
- Standards and procedures to assure security and safety of students and school personnel.
- Provisions for removals from the classroom and from school property, including school functions, of students and other persons who violate provisions of the code.
- Disciplinary measures to be taken in incidents involving the possession or use of illegal substances or weapons, physical force, vandalism, violation of the civil rights of others, and threats of violence.
- Provisions for detention, suspension, and removal of students, which are consistent with federal, state, and local laws, include provisions for school authorities to establish policies and procedures to ensure the maintenance of educational programming and activities for students removed from the classroom or suspended from school.
- Procedures by which violations are to be reported, determined, and by which discipline measures are imposed and carried out.
- Provisions ensuring that the codes and the enforcement thereof, are in compliance with state and federal laws relating to students with disabilities.
- Provisions setting forth the procedures by which local law enforcement agencies will be notified of code violations that constitute a crime.
- Provisions setting forth the circumstances and procedures by which, parents will be notified if their child violates the code.
- Provisions setting forth the circumstances and procedures by which criminal court complaints, juvenile delinquency petitions or persons in need of supervision petitions will be filed.
- Circumstances under and procedures by which referral to appropriate human service agencies shall be made.
- Procedures by which minimum suspension periods will be set for students who are substantially disruptive of the education process or substantially interfere with teacher's authority over the classroom, provided that the suspending authority may reduce such period on a case by case basis to be consistent with any other state or federal law or regulation.
- Provisions for minimum suspension periods for acts that would qualify the pupil to be defined as a violent pupil, provided that the suspending authority may reduce such period on a case-by-case basis to be consistent with any other state or federal law or regulations.

NOTE: **This Code of Conduct, in its entirety, is available at your child's school. Any person wishing to examine the complete document may do so by contacting the school, District Office or viewing the policy online (Policy Series 5300).**