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WELCOME to the 2024-2025 School Year

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

AUGUST 2024

Dear Students, Staff and School Community,

Welcome! We are thrilled to start another year with you. Our school buildings are ready. Our minds are refreshed and our hearts open to all the possibilities that may unfold in the 2024-25 school year. We value each one of our students, staff and families. You are a unique part of this beautifully diverse community that we serve and we are excited to see how you learn and grow in Nyack Public Schools.

As we begin the year, we look forward to getting to know you better. We want to hear your perspectives and highlight your talents as we settle into the academic routine and all that the calendar year has to offer. Post this district calendar and mark it with important dates, events and opportunities to stay connected with us. We hope you find the monthly reminders, resources, annual calendar-at-aglance and District Directory useful to your busy schedules.

Most importantly, please know we are here to support the success of your child, your classroom, your school... OUR school community. On a personal note, I am honored to serve you in the Office of the Superintendent as we open our doors to a bright, new year. Each day, let us work together to reframe a common vision for this journey of daily learning we call Nyack Public Schools. Let us listen to lead better - together - with equity, innovation and optimism.

May you find inspiration to spark your days and motivate your success. May each day bring reminders to each one of us of who we are and what we do: **We are RedHawks. We Are READY!**

Yours in Education,
Dr. Lizzette Ruiz-Giovinazzi
Interim Superintendent of Schools

UN MENSAJE DE LA SUPERINTENDENTE INTERINO

AGOSTO DE 2024

Estimados estudiantes, personal y comunidad escolar.

¡Bienvenidos! Estamos encantados de comenzar otro año con ustedes. Nuestros edificios escolares están listos. Nuestras mentes se refrescan y nuestros corazones se abren a todas las posibilidades que puedan desarrollarse en el año escolar 2024-25. Valoramos a cada uno de nuestros estudiantes, personal y familias. Ustedes son una parte única de esta comunidad hermosamente diversa a la que servimos y estamos entusiasmados de ver cómo aprenden y crecen en las Escuelas Públicas de Nyack.

A medida que comenzamos el año, esperamos conocerles mejor. Queremos escuchar sus perspectivas y resaltar sus talentos a medida que nos adaptamos a la rutina académica y todo lo que el año calendario tiene para ofrecer. Publiquen este calendario del distrito y márquenlo con fechas, eventos y oportunidades importantes para mantenerse conectados con nosotros. Esperamos que los recordatorios mensuales, los recursos, el calendario anual de un vistazo y el Directorio del Distrito les resulten útiles en sus ocupados horarios.

Lo fundamental es que sepan que estamos aquí para apoyar el éxito de sus hijos, su salón de clases, su escuela... NUESTRA comunidad escolar. En lo personal, me siento honrada de servirles en la Oficina del Superintendente mientras abrimos nuestras puertas a un año nuevo y estupendo año. Trabajemos juntos día a día para replantear una visión común para este viaje de aprendizaje diario que llamamos Escuelas Públicas de Nyack. Permítannos escucha para liderar mejor, juntos, con equidad, innovación y optimismo.

Que encuentren inspiración para encender sus días y motivar su éxito. Que cada día nos traiga recordatorios a cada uno de nosotros de quiénes somos y qué hacemos: Somos RedHawks. ¡Estamos LISTOS!

Atentamente,

Dra. Lizzette Ruiz-Giovinazzi Superintendente Interina de las Escuelas Públicas de Nyack

YON MESAJ DE SIPÈENTANDAN INTERIMÈ

OUT 2024

Chè Elèv yo, Anplwaye ak Kominote Lekòl la,

Byenvini! Nou kontan kòmanse yon nouvo ane avèk ou. Batiman lekòl nou yo pare. Espri nou rafrechi e kè nou ouvè a tout posiblite ki ka prezante pandan ane lekòl 2024-25 la. Nou bay chak elèv, anplwaye ak fanmi nou valè. Ou se yon pati inik nan kominote bèl divès kalite nou sèvi ak nou kontan wè kijan ou aprann ak grandi nan Lekòl Piblik Nyack yo.

Nan kòmansman ane a, nou tann pou nou konnen ou pi byen. Nou vle tande pèspektiv ou epi montre talan ou pandan n ap antre nan woutin akademik la ak tout sa ane kalandriye a gen pou ofri. Pibliye kalandriye distri sa epi make li ak dat enpòtan, evènman ak opòtinite pou rete konekte avèk nou. Nou espere ou jwenn rapèl mansyèl yo, resous yo, kalandriye anyèl yon ti kout je sou ak anyè distri a itil nan orè chaje w yo.

Sa ki pi enpòtan, konnen ke nou la pou sipòte siksè pitit ou a, klas ou a, lekòl ou a... Kominote lekòl nou an. Nan yon nòt pèsonèl, mwen onore pou m sèvi w nan Biwo Sipèentandan an pandan n ap ouvri pòt nou pou yon nouvo ane klere. Chak jou, se pou nou travay ansanm pou refonde yon vizyon komen pou vwayaj aprantisaj chak jou nou rele Lekòl Piblik Nyack yo. Se pou youn koute lòt pou dirije pi byen ansanm - ak ekite, inovasyon epi optimis.

Se pou ou jwenn enspirasyon pou deklanche jou w ak motive siksè w. Se pou chak jou pote rapèl pou chak nan nou sou ki moun nou ye ak sa nou fè: Nou se RedHawks. Nou PARE!

Edikasyonèlman ak nou,

Dr. Lizzette Ruiz-Giovinazzi

Sipèentandan Pwovizwa pou Lekòl Piblik Nyack yo

■ NYACK SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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

To embody these values, we ENVISION:

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

■ 7 CORE COMPETENCIES:

Defining Our Profile of a Nyack Graduate
Critical Thinking • Creativity • Collaboration •
Communication • Compassion/Empathy •
Content Mastery • Cultural/Global Responsiveness

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It is in our collectivities that we find reservoirs of **hope** and **optimism**

- Angela Davis

District at a Glance

RACIAL EQUITY VISION

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

■ MILESTONE MEASURES OF SUCCESS

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

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

EACH STUDENT will complete Grade 8 ready for high school. **EACH STUDENT** will enter Grade 10 on track to graduate high school.

EACH STUDENT will complete Grade 12 **ON TIME** and be ready for college, vocational school and/or the workforce. **EACH STUDENT** will have access to explore, create and be active participants in their learning.

■ DISTRICT & SCHOOL WEBSITES

District: Nyackschools.org

Liberty Elementary School: LB.nyackschools.org Upper Nyack Elementary School: UN.nyackschools.org Valley Cottage Elementary School: VC.nyackschools.org

Nyack Middle School: MS.nyackschools.org **Nyack High School:** HS.nyackschools.org

ATTENDANCE TIMES

Gr. K-5	8:50 AM - 3:20 PM
Gr. 6-8	8:05 AM - 2:50 PM
Gr 9-12	7:30 AM - 2:15 PM

■ DISTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

FACEBOOK: @Nyackschools

INSTAGRAM: @nyack_schools

■ PARENT PORTAL

Open to all K-12 families, Parent Portal is directly linked to the student data management system, **Infinite Campus** for access to important information regarding school records and progress. Parent Portal is accessible via our website. Look for the parent-child icon. *Call* 845-353-7023 for assistance.

■ EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

Robo calls, emails and text messages are sent through Infinite Campus Messenger regarding important school matters and urgent or emergency situations. Please be sure up-to-date phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information is on file. *Contact the PR/Communications Office at 845-353-7013*.

■ STUDENT REGISTRATION

Registration for new students must be done online using the quick link on our website. An in-person visit by appointment with the District Registrar is needed to provide required documents (ie: immunization records, proof of residency). If your child will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2024, your child is eligible for Kindergarten. *Call* 845-353-7038.

■ TRANSPORTATION

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

■ FACILITIES USAGE

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

■ EDUCATION BENEFIT FORMS

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

■ COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM (CEP) FOR SCHOOL MEALS

All students attending Nyack Public Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at NO CHARGE to your household each day of the 2024-25 school year. No further action is required of families.

■ MYPAYMENTSPLUS

All students receive FREE meals through the CEP program as of 12-1-24. However, MYPAYMENTSPLUS program is still available for families who want to utilize it for a la carte menu.. Log onto www.mypaymentsplus.com and deposit funds directly into an account.

■ TRANSLATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

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

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

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

■ PEACHJAR

Get community flyers delivered directly to your email using this electronic flyer distribution system. Click on the Peach icon located on our website to access current flyers. *Call* 845-353-7013.

■ LET'S TALK (tab located on the website)

Contact Us with questions, concerns or suggestions using this platform. Submit anonymously as needed. Receive responses from administrators. Let us know what you think.

■ FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

FRCs are located in each of the elementary schools and in the middle school. Our Family Resource Center coordinators are there to serve families and students as liaisons between schools and community. Advice, support and resources are provided for free and on site. Contact numbers are included in the District Directory on the back of this calendar.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

This policy states that the Nyack School District must offer employment and educational opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or handicap. Inquiries regarding this policy should be directed to the Superintendent.

El Reglamento de Nyack Contra la Discriminación declara que el distrito escolar de Nyack tiene que ofrecer oportunidades de empleo y de educación sin mirar al sexo, la raza, el color, el origen nactional o la desventaja. Cualquiera pregunta sobre este reglamento se debe dirigir a: Superintendente.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	. LABOR DAY 2	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 3	4	5	6	7
		• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)			UNE Back to School Bash VCE Kindergarten Ice Cream Social	• Red Bandana Football Game (6PM)
8	• VC PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	10	PATRIOT DAY 11	District Book Group	13	14
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (9/15 - 10/15)	• HS PTSA Meeting (7PM) 16	17	18	Discussion (6PM)	20	21
	L, UN PTA Meetings (6:30PM) Start With Hello Week ·······	School Board Meeting (6:30PM) HS Underclass School Photos · ·	MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	MS Back to School Night		
Autumnal Equinox 22	2 23	24	25	26	27	28
	HS College Mini Fair (6PM) HS Senior Parent/Student Night (7PM)		• HS Back to School Night	Elementary Back to School Nights (6:30PM)		• VCE Fun Fair
• VCE Fun Fair (<i>Rain Date</i>)	Nyack Teacher Center 1st & 2nd Year Workshops (3:45PM)			TODAY BECAME STEAT WHEN You, ARRIVED!		



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH		• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF 2 NON-VIOLENCE • HS Q1 PROGRESS REPORTS Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	ROSH HASHANAH 3	ROSH HASHANAH 4	5
NATIONAL FIRE 6 PREVENTION WEEK	NATIONAL SCHOOL 7 LUNCH WEEK WORLD DAY OF BULLYING PRE- VENTION: STOMP OUT BULLYING WEAR BLUE SHIRT DAY	8	9	10	11	уом кірриг 12
	•HS PTSA Meeting (7PM)	Grade 6 Project SEE Part 1 Trip	• UN Walk to School Day (National Walk to School Day)	VC Fall Picture Day	HS National Honor Society Applications Due Yom Kippur begins at sundown	
13	INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY 14 (FEDERALLY KNOWN AS COLUMBUS DAY) (Schools Closed) NYSSBA SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK	• L Picture Day • School Board Meeting (6:30PM)		• L Multicultural Night (6PM)		• HS Homecoming Dance
20	NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK • L, UN, VC PTA Meetings (6:30PM)	• Nyack Teacher Center 1st & 2nd Year Workshops (3:45PM)	• Red Ribbon Week ·····	Halloween Window Painting (9AM)L Trunk or Treat	HS Homecoming Football Game HS Underclass Photo Makeups UNE Trunk or Treat	VCE Trunk or Treat NYSFBC Marching Band State Championships
VCE Trunk or Treat (Rain Date) NYSFBC Marching Band State Championships Red Ribbon Week	28	29	30	HALLOWEEN 31	Sion	OUT BULLYING)



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			1		NATIONAL AMERICAN 1 INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY MONTH	2
					HS Senior Field Photo HS Fall Play	• HS Fall Play
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS (Set clocks back 1 hour)	4	ELECTION DAY 5 RCMEA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY (Schools Closed for Students)	6	MS HALF DAY - 7 AM ONLY (11:45AM Dismissal Time for MS ONLY) MS Parent/Teacher Conferences (1PM) NHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony (6:30PM)	MS/HS 1ST QUARTER 8 ENDS	9
• HS Fall Play	HS PTSA Meeting (7PM)		PreACT Testing Grade 10			
10	VETERANS DAY 11 (Schools Closed)	12	13	14	15	16
		MS Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences (6PM)	• HS Black Poster Project	VC Fall Photo Retake MS Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences (6PM)		
17	AMERICAN 18 EDUCATION WEEK	19	20	21	ELEMENTARY 22 TRIMESTER 1 ENDS	23
	• L, UN and VC PTA Meetings (6:30PM) • NHS Winter Concert #1		 Nyack Teacher Center Policy Board (3:45PM) MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM) 			
	(7PM) • VC Book Fair Week ·····	School Board Meeting (6:30PM)	NHS Winter Concert #2 (7PM)	HS Parent/Teacher Conferences (6PM)	NYSSMA Area All-State	NYSSMA Area All-State
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Nyack Teacher Center 1st and 2nd Year Workshops (3:45PM)	• HALF DAY - AM ONLY (Early Dismissal for all Schools)	THANKSGIVING (Schools Closed)	———	
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	MS Picture Retake DayHS PTSA Meeting (7PM)	• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)		HS Parent/Teacher Conferences (6PM) NYSSMA All-State	Elementary Schools Early Dismissal (11:45AM) Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences (1PM)	>
8	9	10	11	12	MS/HS QUARTER 2 13 PROGRESS REPORTS	14
• NYSSMA All-State	 MS Art Show Hilltop Gallery (Central Admin., Bldg. 5PM) L, UN PTA Meetings (6:30PM) UN Book Fair Week 	UN Music Concert Grades 1-3 (9:30AM) L Photo Retake Day	• VC Music Concert Grades 1-3 (9:30AM) • Grades 7-8 Winter Concert (HS, 6PM)	L Grades 1-3 Concert (9:30AM) MS Grade 6 Winter Concert (4PM) Elementary Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences (6PM)	ELEMENTARY HALF DAY - AM ONLY (Schedule with Early Dismissal, 11:45AM) UNE Holiday Fair Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences (1PM)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	Winter Solstice 21
	• VC PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	VC Music Concert Grades 4-5 (9:30AM) Nyack Teacher Center 1st Year Workshop (3:45PM)	• MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	• MS Music Concert Grade 6 (4PM)	HS Bands Caroling to Elementary Schools	
22	23	CHRISTMAS EVE 24	CHRISTMAS DAY 25 FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKKAH	KWANZAA 26 (through Jan. 1)	27	28
	SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR WINTER RECESS (through Jan. 3)				····	
29	30	NEW YEAR'S EVE 31				



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		RCKERS	NEW YEAR'S DAY 1	2	3	4
			FOR WINTER RECESS (through Jan. 3)		·····	
5	SCHOOLS REOPEN 6	7	8	9	10	11
	NHS PTSA Meeting (7PM)	• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)			RCMEA Senior All-County	• RCMEA Senior All-County
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	• L, UN & VC PTA Meetings (6:30PM)		L Talent Show (6:30PM)MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)		• L Music Concert Grades 4-5 (9:30AM)	
19	DR. MARTIN LUTHER 20 KING JR. DAY (Schools Closed)	• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)	Nyack Teacher Center Policy Board (3:45PM) HS Grade 8 Parent Orientation (6:30PM)	23	MS/HS 2ND QUARTER 24 ENDS • UN Music Concert Grades 4&5 (9:30AM) • VC Game Night	25
		NYS Regents (through Jan. 24)	Chemiation (0.301 M)		·····	
26		Nyack Teacher Center 1st & 2nd Year Workshops (3:45PM) VC=Valley Cottage MS=Middle	LUNAR NEW YEAR (Schools Closed) 29	30	31	



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY BLACK HISTORY MONTH 1
2	NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK • HS PTSA Meeting (7PM)	• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)	HS College Mini Fair (6PM) HS Junior Parent/Student Night (7PM)	6	• RCMEA Junior & Jazz All-County • UN Valentine Dance	• RCMEA Junior & Jazz All-County
9	• Elementary Art Show Grades K,1,2 (Central Admin. Bldg., 5PM) • L, UN, VC PTA Meetings (6:30PM)	11	• MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	13	• Elementary Rockland Read-In	15
16	PRESIDENT'S DAY 17 SCHOOLS CLOSED MID WINTER BREAK (through Feb. 21)	18	19	WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE 20	21	22
23	SCHOOLS REOPEN 24	Nyack Teacher Center 1st & 2nd Workshops (3:45PM) School Board Meeting (6:30PM) VC-Valley Cettage MS-Middle	26	• VC Build-a-Buddy C-Nyack Toochers Center, SEDI	28 SA=Special Education Parent Te	acher Student Agazistics 40



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2	NATIONAL SCHOOL 3 SOCIAL WORKER WEEK	4	5	6	MS/HS QUARTER 3 7 PROGRESS REPORTS	INTERNATIONAL 8 WOMEN'S DAY
	HS PTSA Meeting (7PM)	• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)			RCMEA Int. All-County UN Bingo Night	• RCMEA Int. All-County
DAYLIGHT 9 SAVING TIME (Move clocks ahead 1 hour)	10	11	12	ELEMENTARY 13 TRIMESTER 2 ENDS	SUPERINTENDENT'S 14 CONFERENCE DAY (Schools Closed for Students)	15
	• L, UN & VC PTA Meetings (6:30PM)			• UN Talent Show		
16	17	• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)	19 • MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	Vernal Equinox 20	INTERNATIONAL DAY 21 FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION • HALF DAY - AM ONLY (Early Dismissal for Elementary Only, 11:45AM) • Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences (1PM) • MS Musical (7PM)	• MS Musical (2PM) • MS Musical (7PM)
23	WEAR RED & BLACK 24 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE • Nyack Teacher Center 1st and 2nd Year Workshops (3:45PM)	25	26	27	• HALF DAY - AM ONLY 28 (Early Dismissal for Elementary Only, 11:45AM)	29
30	31	School Board Meeting (6:30PM) VC=Valley Cottage MS=Middle	MS Career Day	Elementary Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences (1PM) HS Musical VCE Dance-A-Thon	• HS Musical



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EL MISH		ARAB AMERICAN 1 HERITAGE MONTH WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH	2	3	NATIONAL SCHOOL 4 LIBRARIAN DAY MS/HS QUARTER 3 ENDS	5
2380	CO A La Maria	• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)			• HS Musical	• HS Musical
6	7	8	9	10	DAY OF SILENCE 11	12
	Elementary Art Show Grades 3,4,5 (Central Admin. Bldg., 5PM) HS PTSA Meeting (7PM) MS Book Fair Week		HS Subject Area Honor Society Inductions (6:30PM) MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	Grade 5 Science State Exam MS Grade 6-7 Transition Night (6:30PM)		
PALM SUNDAY 13 PASSOVER	SCHOOLS CLOSED SPRING RECESS (through Apr. 18)	15	16	17	GOOD FRIDAY 18	19
EASTER 20	21	22	ADMINISTRATIVE 23 PROFESSIONALS DAY	24	25	26
	• L, UN & VC PTA Meetings (6:30PM)	• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)	 MS National Junior Honor Society Induction Nyack Teacher Center Policy Board (3:45PM) 	• MS 7th to 8th Transition Night (6:30PM)		
27	28	Nyack Teacher Center 1st and 2nd Year Workshops (3:45PM) VC-Valley Cetters MS-Midd	• MS French Honor Society Induction • HS Spring Concert #1 (7PM)			



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4	5	NATIONAL TEACHER 6 APPRECIATION DAY	NATIONAL SCHOOL 7 NURSES DAY	8	MS/HS QUARTER 4 9 PROGRESS REPORTS	10
	• HS PTSA Meeting (7PM) Teacher Appreciation Week…	• School Board Meeting (6:30PM)		HS College Mini Fair (6PM) HS Sophomore Parent/ Student Night (7PM)		
	AP Exams (through May 16) ····				····	
MOTHER'S DAY 11	NURSE APPRECIATION DAY 12	13	14	15	16	17
	• L, UN & VC PTA Meetings (6:30PM) AP Exams (through May 16) ····		 MS Honors Assembly Grade 6 (9AM) MS Honors Assembly Grade 7 (1PM) MS Honors Assembly Grade 8 (7PM) 	• MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM)	······	
18	HS Grade 9 Honors Assembly HS Super Duper Cool Art Show (5:30PM)	SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION DAY • HS Grade 10 Honors Assembly • Nyack Teacher Center 1st and 2nd Year Workshops (3:45PM) • School Board Meeting (8:30PM)	WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY HS Grade 11 Honors Assembly Nyack Teacher Center Policy Board (3:45PM) MS Grade 5 Parent Night (6:30PM)	• HS Grade 12 Honors Assembly • VC Music Concert Grades 4&5 (6PM)	23	24
25	MEMORIAL DAY 26 (Schools Closed)	27	28	29	30	31
	er Nyack, WG-Valley Cottage		 HS Save-A-Life Tour UN Grade 4 Learning in the Parks MS Music Concert Grade 8 (6PM) 	 UN Grade 4 Learning in the Parks (<i>Rain Date</i>) L Music Concert Grades 4-5 (6PM) HS Science Research Symposium (6PM) 	 HS One Act Plays MS Grade 8 Field Trip MS Bridges Program VC Grade 4 Learning in the Parks 	• HS One Act Plays



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LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH						
	HS PTSA Meeting (7PM) Senior Awards Night (7PM) Kindergarten Screening (through Jun. 6)	Class of 2025 "Clap Out" at Elementary Schools (9AM) School Board Meeting (6:30PM)	 L Grade 4 Learning in the Parks UN Music Concert Grades 4-5 (6PM) 	L Grade 4 Learning in the Parks (<i>Rain Date</i>) MS Music Concert Grade 7 (4PM)	 VC Grade 4 Learning in the Parks (<i>Rain Date</i>) MS Music Concert Grade 6 (4PM) 	
8	9	10	11	12	ELEMENTARY 13 TRIMESTER 3 ENDS	14
	• L, UN, VC PTA Meetings (6:30PM)	VC Music Concert Grades 1-3 (9:30AM) NYS Regents	 UN Music Concert Grades 1-3 (9:30AM) Nyack Teacher Center Policy Board (3:45PM) MS PTA Meeting (6:30PM) 	HS Senior Prom L Music Concert Grades 1-3 (9:30AM)		• UN Goosetown Bazaar
FATHER'S DAY 15	MS/HS QUARTER 4 ENDS 16	17	18	JUNETEENTH 19 (Schools Closed)	20	Summer Solstice 21
		Kindergarten Moving Up (9:30AM) School Board Meeting (6:30PM) NYS Regents (through June 25)				
22	23	24	25	26	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/ 27 RATING DAY	28
	Grade 5 Moving Up (9:30AM) NYS Regents (through June 25)		MS Grade 8 Moving Up (9:00AM) HS Graduation (7PM)	Half day of School for Elementary (11:45AM Dismissal) HS Graduation (7PM) (Rain Date)	Half day of School for Elementary (10:00AM Dismissal)	
29	30		LEA DIHACI			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	AUGUST 2025 S M T W T F S	1	2	3	INDEPENDENCE DAY 4	5
6	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	20	LY 25

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUG 20		JULY 2025 S M T W T F S			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Good communications values human connection and cultivates networking:

- To Strengthen Connections between families, students & staff
- To Build Trust among all stakeholders
- To Unify the School Community with collective vision & mission

Standards for District Communications:

- INTEGRITY Equitable Access
- TRANSPARENCY Clear/Consistent Messaging
- LONGEVITY Responsive Trajectory
- **SUSTAINABILITY** Expanding Network
- ACCOUNTABILITY Aligned Narrative

Be Connected:

- FIND SCHOOL-BASED INFORMATION (Class Pages, Principal Memos, Staff Directories, Calendar Events and Announcements) at:
- Liberty Elementary: www.lb.nyackschools.org
- Upper Nyack Elementary: www.un.nyackschools.org
- Valley Cottage Elementary: www.vc.nyackschools.org
- Nyack Middle School: www.ms.nyackschools.org
- Nyack High School: www.hs.nyackschools.org
- STAY UP-TO-DATE with Parent Portal Accounts for 24/7 access to K-12 grades, attendance
- **RECEIVE** Infinite Campus Alerts robo calls, emails and texts for important school-to-home messages
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Stay Connected:

The District's monthly e-Newsletter is shared with all families and staff and posted to the website for easy access. Be sure to take a look each month to find updates and good news highlighting the daily work of equity, innovation and optimism with our students, in our classrooms and for our schools.

Let's Talk!

Contact Us via Let's Talk!:

- GO to any of the 6 District websites; tab will poke out on the left of each page
- SUBMIT your question, comment, suggestion, concern or compliment
- **RECEIVE** timely responses aimed at finding answers or effective solutions
- LET US KNOW what you think



Use Peachjar:

- K-12 Digital Flyer System for school-approved info sent directly to parent emails & posted on school sites.
- Mark your calendars, post and share important dates or events
- Check our District's Peachjar Guidelines to find out about community partner posting.

In a real sense all life is inter-related. All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be... This is the inter-related structure of reality.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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2024-25 School Year at a Glance

S	М	Т	W	TH	F	S	SEPTEMBER 2024
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	8/27, 8/28 Supt.'s Conf. Day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2 Labor Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3 SCHOOLS OPEN
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						(22 staff) (20 student)

S	М	Т	w	TH	F	S	OCTOBER 2024
		1	2	3	4	5	3, 4 Rosh Hashanah
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14 Indigenous Peoples' Day Federally known as Columbus Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			
							(20 staff) (20 student)

S	М	т	W	TH	F	S	NOVEMBER 2024
					1	2	5 Election Day/Supt's Conference Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11 Veterans Day (observed)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	27 Half Day - AM Only
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	28, 29 Thanksgiving Recess
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
							(18 staff) (17 student)

S	М	Т	w	тн	F	s	DECEMBER 2024
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	23-1/3 Holiday Recess
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					
							(15 staff) (15 student)

S	М	Т	w	TH	F	S	JANUARY 2025
			1	2	3	4	1 New Year's Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6 SCHOOLS REOPEN
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	20 MLK Jr. Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	29 Lunar New Year
26	27	28	29	30	31		
							(18 staff) (18 student)

S	М	Т	w	TH	F	S	FEBRUARY 2025
						1	17 Presidents' Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	17-21 Mid-Winter Recess
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	24 SCHOOLS REOPEN
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28		
							(15 staff) (15 student)

S	М	Т	w	TH	F	S	MARCH 2025
						1	14 Supt.'s Conf. Day (Snow Day Giveback #7)
2	3	4	5	6	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						(21 staff) (20 student)

S	М	Т	W	TH	F	S	APRIL 2025
		1	2	3	4	5	14-18 Spring Recess
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	21 SCHOOLS REOPEN
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				
							(17 staff) (17 student)

S	М	Т	w	тн	F	S	MAY 2025
				1	2	3	26 Memorial Day
4	5	6	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	
							(21 staff) (21 student)

	S	М	Т	W	TH	F	S	JUNE 2025
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	19 Juneteenth
8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	26, 27 Half Day - AM Only K-8 Students
1	.5	16	17	18	19	20	21	27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
2	2	23	24	25	26	27	28	
2	9	30	25	26	27	28	29	
3	80							(19 staff) (19 student)

- Supt. Conf. Day/ Staff Attendance Only
- No Student or Staff Attendance
- Half Day AM

182 Pupil Days4 Supt.'s Conference Days

186 Teacher Days

Adopted by the BOE: 3/5/2024

EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION: If no Emergency Closing Days are used **April 21st** and **May 27th** schools will be closed. If 1 Emergency Closing Day is used **May 27th** schools will be closed (schools will be in session 4/21). If 2 Emergency Closing Days are used the calendar stands. If 3 Emergency Closing Days are used before March 13 schools will be in session **March 14**.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 845-353-7260

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Upper Nyack	845-353-7268
Valley Cottage	845-353-7291
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Dornzella Milligan845-353-7134

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