



Everybody **counts**

2020



2021

Everybody **learns**



# Building a Culture

In the Schenectady City School District, we work to ensure that race, economics and disability do not serve as predictors of student outcomes. We identify and help our students in the ways that they need help and focus our efforts on teaching the whole child, meaning physically, mentally and socially.


We continue to be dedicated to equity, empathy and inclusion. We are proud to be a culturally diverse district and strive every day to provide a culturally-responsive education.

## Anti-Racism Resources

Organizations to follow on social media:

- Antiracism Center: **Twitter** @antiracismctr
- Audre Lorde Project: **Facebook.com/AudreLordeProject**
- Black Women's Blueprint: **Twitter** @blackwomensbp
- Color Of Change: **Twitter** @colorofchange
- Colorlines: **Twitter** @colorlines
- The Conscious Kid: **Twitter** @consciouskidlib
- Equal Justice Initiative: **Twitter** @eji\_org
- Muslim Girl: **Twitter** @Muslimgirl
- NAACP: **Twitter** @NAACP
- United We Dream: **Twitter** @UnitedWeDream

**Read More Anti-Racism Resources at**  
[www.antiracismproject.org](http://www.antiracismproject.org)



**“Not everything that is faced  
can be changed, but nothing can  
be changed until it is faced.”**

*- James Baldwin*



# School Hours

## Elementary Schools

**Classes:** 8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

**Half Day:** 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

## Middle Schools

**Classes:** 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## Schenectady High School

**Classes:** 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Infinite Campus is the student information system of the Schenectady City School District. Parents who register to use it have access to their child's schedule, attendance, grades, behavior, health, state and district assessment and other information. You can also view and print your child's report card.

For more on how to sign up, visit [www.schenectady.k12.ny.us](http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us) and click on the link for **Campus Parent Portal** under the "parents" tab. Video tutorials and instructions are also available on the district website.

## School Closings and Delays

School delays or closings will be broadcast by or listed on the websites of the following:

<b>WGY</b> (810-AM)	<b>WRGB</b> (TV 6)
<b>WTRY</b> (98.3-FM)	<b>WTEN</b> (TV 10)
<b>WFLY</b> (92.3-FM)	<b>WNYT</b> (TV 13)
<b>WROW</b> (590-AM)	<b>WXXA</b> (TV 23)
<b>WPYX</b> (106.5-FM)	<b>Spectrum News Albany</b>
<b>WGNA</b> (107.7-FM)	

### SCSD website:

[www.schenectady.k12.ny.us](http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us)

### If school is closed ...

All classes and activities—day and evening—are canceled.

### One-Hour Delay

- The school day will begin one hour later than normal.
- Students who are transported will be picked up at bus stop locations one hour later than normal.

### Two-Hour Delay

- The school day will begin two hours later than normal.
- Students who are transported will be picked up at bus stop locations two hours later than normal.

## Sign up for text message alerts

Visit the district website at [www.schenectady.k12.ny.us](http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us) to sign up to receive text message alerts about transportation delays and school closings.

## Registering your child for school

Registration for school must take place in person by the parent or guardian at the Central Registration Office located in the District Central Offices at Mont Pleasant Middle School.

At this time, registration is by appointment only. Please call 518-370-8101 Ext. 28116 or 28127 to make an appointment to come in and register your child.

### Office Hours

**Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

To register your child, you will need the student's birth certificate, immunization record, copy of a current physical done within a year (for kindergartners only), proof of residency and picture ID for the parent/guardian.

Acceptable forms for proof of residency include current utility or phone bill, cable television bill, rental agreement, auto insurance policy, current NYS driver's license or a payroll check. (Proof must be dated within 30 days of registration.) Please contact the registration office at **370-8101 Ext. 28116** if you are having trouble obtaining acceptable forms of proof.

### Health History

All new students must have a physical exam completed within 10 days of entering school. Please contact the school nurse if the exam will be done by your family doctor. A healthy history form must be completed by the parent or guardian of the child and returned to the school nurse. Please notify the school nurse of any special needs your child might have, such as allergies, medication, or physical limitations.

## Required Vaccinations for Students

New York State Public Health Law mandates all students enrolled in PreK-12th grade, regardless of their learning virtually or in-person, to provide documentation that they have received all of their required vaccines. Students must be excluded from school if this documentation is not in place.

- **Polio** (IPV/OPV)
- **DTap, DPT, or Tdap** (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- **MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- **Hepatitis B**
- **Varicella** (chickenpox)
- **Meningitis**

## Food Services

In the Schenectady City School District, we believe that providing adequate nutrition is one of the most important ways we can help our children perform academically. Thanks to the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), all students in the Schenectady City School District receive free daily breakfast and lunch. There are no minimum requirements.

## Check our website for the latest information on reopening schools.

Please check the district website for information and updates regarding COVID-19, protocols and procedures. Find important information regarding health and safety protocols in the rear cover of the calendar or visit [www.schenectady.k12.ny.us](http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us)



**It is not our  
differences that  
divide us. It is our  
inability to recognize,  
accept, and celebrate  
those differences.**

— Audre Lorde

SHS Teen Advocacy Group is made up of Schenectady students who seek to center youth voice in the conversation regarding disproportionality in hopes to generate collaborative spaces between youth and educators to advance equity in schools.



# We are #StrongerTogether

## Raising Anti-Racist Children

**Racism** is the marginalization and/or oppression of people of color based on a socially constructed racial hierarchy that privileges white people.

**Color blindness** is the belief that race, and race-based differences should not be taken into account when decisions are made, impressions are formed and behaviors enacted. The logic is that color blindness can prevent prejudice and discrimination because if people do not notice race, they cannot act in a racially biased manner.

Did you know that being “color blind” is a form of racism?

Being color blind creates a society that denies racial experiences, rejects cultural heritage, and invalidates perspectives of people of color that are unique.

Color blindness tends to blame individuals for conflict and shortcomings while ignoring the larger picture, the context. Cultural differences, stereotypes, and values are important in understanding the conflicts and challenges.

The colorblind approach teaches children that race shouldn't be talked about and makes it harder for them to talk to parents about their questions. Silence about race reinforces racism.



## Start Here

**Do you avoid talking about race with your kids because you're afraid you'll say the wrong thing?** Breaking the silence about race with kids can be challenging. With practice, you can help your child challenge stereotypes, embrace antiracist thinking and speak up for racial justice.

**Model the behavior you want to see in your child.** Pay attention to your behavior. Do you extend the same effort at communication and friendliness to your Black neighbors? Children are sponges and they take their cues from you.

**Explore your own biases.** Reflect on your own biases and how they impact your thoughts and behaviors.

**Educate yourself.** There are many books to read, podcasts to listen to, articles to read, movies to watch and leaders and advocates to follow on social media. We have a list of resources on our website.

**Diversify your social network.** Look at your social group and increase your exposure to diverse people.

**Be an advocate.** Actions speak louder than words. Commit to actions.

**Have ongoing conversations about racism scenarios your child might encounter in real life on online.** Discuss and model the different approaches to be active. Identify when it might be best to just listen, to call someone out, to amplify someone's voice to share resources.

**Have discussions that are open and ongoing.** These will deepen as children get older. If parents do not have the conversations with their children, the world will shape your child's thinking and ideas about race.

**Seek environments where your child experiences diversity.**

**Seek experiences to increase your child's exposure to different cultures.**

**Be intentional with play and learning.** Do the books on your shelves and the toys your children play with lack diversity? One of the key ways to foster empathy in children is through imagination, reading and play. Diversify your bookshelf.

**Point out racism and stereotypes in media.** By pointing out racism and discrimination, you are helping your child develop critical thinking skills.

**Diversify the media you introduce by having specific media addressing racism and race.** Share stories that highlight people of color that reflect the characteristics and values your children want to have (kindness, compassion, ingenuity).

**Teach your child to be an ally.**

**Take action.** There are different ways to act including protesting, signing petitions, organizing, art activism, stepping in and stepping up when needed.

**Identify real-life applications.**

**Share your mistakes.** You will make mistakes in the process and so will your child. Reinforce that being anti-racist is a process with some missteps along the way.



Students who are socio-politically conscious and socio-culturally responsive acknowledge the limitations of their own perspectives. They have empathy for others while they appreciate and respect others' differences. They demonstrate cooperation and teamwork, using active listening and communication skills to resolve conflict. They use interpersonal skills to build and maintain strong relationships, including those along lines of difference, in their class and school communities.



**To bring about change, you must not be afraid to take the first step. We will fail when we fail to try. — Rosa Parks**



# ANTI-RACISM

## Learning about Racism

**Video:** TEDx “An Interview with the Founders of Black Lives Matter”

**Video:** National History Center “Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America” — Prof. Ibram X. Kendi

**Article:** <https://www.urban.org/features/structural-racism-america>

**Book:** Stamped from the beginning, Ibram X. Kendi

**Challenge:** Meet with a family member whose a parent who has very different views from you about race to discuss what you have learned.

## How to be An Anti-racist

**Video:** The Aspen Institute “How to be an Antiracist” — Prof. Ibram X. Kendi

**Article:** Greater Good Magazine, Ten Keys to Everyday Anti-racism

**Book:** How to be anti-racist?, Ibram X. Kendi

**Challenge:** Meet with another parent or family member in the district to discuss what you have learned.

## Talking About Racism

**Video:** Talks at Google “So You Want to Talk About Race” — Ijeoma Oluo

**Article:** The Atlantic, Color Blindness is Counterproductive

**Book:** The New Jim Crow, Michelle Alexander

**Challenge:** Develop a group of diverse parents and family members to present at a board meeting how these issues impact students in our district.

## Overcoming Your Biases

**Video:** TEDx “Verna Myers: How to overcome our biases? Walk boldly toward them”

**Video:** TEDx “Kimberlé Crenshaw: The urgency of intersectionality”

**Article:** Mercury News, Am I Racist?

**Book:** White Fragility, Robin Diangelo

**Challenge:** Share all your biases publicly with a group of parents from the school district.





The beauty of anti-racism is that you don't have to pretend to be free of racism to be an anti-racist. Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it's the only way forward. — Ijeoma Oluo



Social action is a great way to involve students. We urge our students to get involved in clubs and activities that focus on social issues they feel strongly about.





# NOVEMBER 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>	2 CPMS Principal Coffee Hour 9 a.m.	3 <b>Election Day</b>	4 <b>Karwa Chauth</b> Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m. LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m. Keane PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.	5 Woodlawn PTO Meeting 5:45 p.m. SCLA Industry Advisory Board 5:30 p.m.	6 SAT SHS	7
8	9	10 Zoller PTO Meeting 6 p.m.	11 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Veterans Day</b>	12 Howe Gr. 3-5 BINGO MPMS Family Fun Night, 5:30 p.m.	13 First quarter marking period closes <b>Dhan Teras</b>	14
15	16 <b>Bhai Dooj</b> SCLA Day of Action 8:30 a.m.	17 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>GRADES PK-6</b> <b>Parent Teacher Conferences</b>	18 BOE Meeting, 7 p.m. King PTO Meeting 6 p.m. Guyanese Affinity Group Virtual Meeting LatinX Affinity Group Virtual Meeting LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m. Being Bilingual Virtual Meeting 3:45 p.m. Women Leadership Virtual Meeting 4 p.m. SHS Parent Forum	19 <b>1/2 DAY</b> <b>GRADES PK-6</b> <b>P.M. Parent Teacher Conferences</b> <b>PK-6 Dismiss at 11 a.m.</b> First quarter report cards sent home SANKOFA Virtual Meeting 3:30 p.m.	20 <b>Chhath Puja</b> CPMS College Friday	21
22	23 <b>Evening Parent Teacher Conferences</b>	24	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	28
29	30 <b>Kartik Poornima</b>			OCTOBER 2020 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 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	DECEMBER 2020 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 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	The path to graduation starts with good attendance. How many days was your child absent this month? <b>_____ out of 17</b>



**I see what's possible  
when we recognize  
that we are one  
American family, all  
deserving of equal  
treatment.  
— Barack Obama**



Our focus on culturally responsive education is grounded in a cultural view of learning and human development in which multiple expressions of diversity, including race, social class, gender, language, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, and ability are recognized and regarded as assets for teaching and learning.



# DECEMBER 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The path to graduation starts with good attendance. How many days was your child absent this month?</p> <p><b>_____ out of 17</b></p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2020</p> <p><b>S M T W T F S</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Keane PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Woodlawn PTO Meeting 5:45 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>CPMS Principal Coffee Hour 9 a.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>MPMS PTSO Meeting</p> <p>Pleasant Valley PTO Meeting 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>Hanukkah</b> (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN; ENDS 12/18)</p> <p>Zoller BEST Awards</p> <p>SHS Concert, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>ACT Test</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Dhanu Sankranti</b></p> <p>King Holiday Shop</p> <p>Zoller PTO Meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>BOE Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>King PTO Meeting 6 p.m.</p> <p>SCLA Day of Action</p> <p>Guyanese Affinity Group 3 p.m.</p> <p>LatinX Affinity Group 3p.m.</p> <p>LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Being Bilingual Virtual Meeting 3:45 p.m.</p> <p>SHS Parent Forum</p>	<p>17</p> <p>SHS FAFSA Event, 12 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>Pleasant Valley Winter Concert 9 a.m.</p> <p>Woodlawn 4/5 Band, Chorus, Orchestra Winter Concert, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Zoller Winter Concert 9 a.m.</p> <p>SANKOFA Virtual Meeting 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>CPMS College Friday</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>CPMS Multi-cultural Holiday Celebration.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p><b>Christmas</b></p> <p>Geeta Jayanti</p>	<p>26</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p><b>Kwanzaa</b> ENDS 1/1</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>29</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Holiday Recess</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p><b>New Year's Eve</b></p>	<p>JANUARY 2021</p> <p><b>S M T W T F S</b></p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>31</p>	



**Tolerance, inter-cultural dialogue and respect for diversity are more essential than ever in a world where peoples are becoming more and more closely interconnected. — Kofi Annan**

**Our school community is representative of many cultures. By making all cultures matter, our students' cultures can be positioned as strengths and as the foundation of empowering and innovative learning.**



# JANUARY 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The path to graduation starts with good attendance. How many days was your child absent this month?</p> <p>_____ out of 19</p>	<p>DECEMBER 2020</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2021</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28</p>			<p>1</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p>
3	<p>4</p> <p>Classes Resume</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Meeting</p> <p>Keane PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p>	7	8	9
10	<p>11</p> <p>CPMS Principal Coffee Hour 9 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Zoller PTO Meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>LatinX Affinity Group Virtual Meeting 3 p.m.</p> <p>MPMS PTSO Meeting</p> <p>Pleasant Valley PTO Meeting 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>CPMS Winter Concert 6 p.m. SHS Auditorium (1/19/2021 Snow date)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Zoller BEST Awards</p>	16
17	<p>18</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>King PTO Meeting 6 p.m.</p> <p>Guyanese Affinity Group 3 p.m.</p> <p>LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Action Meeting</p> <p>Keane Movie Night, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Being Bilingual Virtual Meeting 3:45 p.m.</p> <p>Women Leadership Virtual Meeting 4 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Education Foundation (SCSDEF) Annual Gala at Proctors</p> <p>SANKOFA Virtual Meeting 3:30 p.m.</p>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31			<p>SHS Parent Forum</p>		<p>2nd Quarter Marking Period Closes</p> <p>CPMS College Friday</p>	
Regents Testing Jan 26 - 29						



When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something; you have to do something.  
— John Lewis



Schenectady students bring a critical lens to the world as they study historical and current conditions of inequity and learn from historically marginalized voices. Students learn about power and privilege in the context of various communities and are empowered as agents of positive social change.



# FEBRUARY 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CPMS Principal Coffee Hour 9 a.m.	2 <b>Groundhog Day</b>	3 Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m. LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m. Keane PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m.	4 2nd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home Woodlawn PTO Meeting 5:45 p.m. SCLA Industry Advisory Board 5:30 p.m.	5	6
7	8	9 Zoller PTO Meeting 6 p.m.	10 SCLA SELF DAY 12:30 p.m. LatinX Affinity Group Virtual Meeting 3 p.m. Keane Family Brain Break, 5:30 p.m. MPMS PTSO Meeting. Pleasant Valley PTO Meeting 2:45 p.m. Women Leadership Virtual Meeting 4 p.m.	11	12	13
14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15 NO SCHOOL <b>Presidents' Day</b>	16 NO SCHOOL	17 NO SCHOOL <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  <b>Winter Recess</b>	18 NO SCHOOL	19 NO SCHOOL	20
21	22	23	24 Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m. LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m. Being Bilingual Virtual Meeting 3:45 p.m. SHS Parent Forum	25 CPMS Black History Celebration 6 - 8 p.m.	26 <b>Purim</b> (BEGINS IN EVENING; ENDS 2/27) Zoller BEST Awards CPMS College Friday MPMS Black History Celebration	27
28				JANUARY 2021 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 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MARCH 2021 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 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	The path to graduation starts with good attendance. How many days was your child absent this month?  <b>_____ out of 15</b>

Circle Up! In our circles, students describe the ways their race has affected them, and how others perceive them. These times allow students to speak candidly about how they have thought and felt about themselves. By including school leaders and teachers in the circles, it gives the students a chance to feel heard and to grow important student-adult school relationships.



**Prejudice is  
a burden that  
confuses the  
past, threatens  
the future,  
and renders  
the present  
inaccessible.  
—Maya Angelou**





# MARCH 2021

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<p>The path to graduation starts with good attendance. How many days was your child absent this month?</p> <p>____ out of 23</p>	<p>1</p> <p>CPMS Principal Coffee Hour 9 a.m.</p> <p>MPMS Book Fair 3/1 - 3/5</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Keane PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Keane Literacy Night, 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Woodlawn PTO Meeting 5:45 p.m.</p> <p>CPMS Women's History Celebration 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>MPMS Musical</p>	<p>6</p>																																																																																				
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Zoller PTO Meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>MPMS PTSO Meeting</p> <p>Pleasant Valley PTO Meeting 2:45 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Maha Shivaratri</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>																																																																																				
<p>14</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>Board of Education Budget Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>King PTO Meeting 6 p.m.</p> <p>Guyanese Affinity Group 3 p.m.</p> <p>LatinX Affinity Group 3 p.m.</p> <p>SHS Spring Musical, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>SANKOFA Virtual Meeting 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>																																																																																				
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The diversity of our district is one of our gems. Look for events in your school that celebrate and promote the culture and diversity of the students. It's important for students to understand and appreciate cultural differences, and overcome stereotypes.



Our district is incredibly diverse, with nearly 10,000 students and more than 30 different languages spoken. Diversity promotes student growth and reflection, helps students collaborate and communicate with different cultures and backgrounds and prepares them for citizenship in our multicultural world.



# APRIL 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>MARCH 2021</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p>	<p>MAY 2021</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>30 31</p>		1	2	3
					<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Good Friday</p>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easter Sunday	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	
			Spring Recess			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<p>Ramadan</p> <p>BEGINS AT SUNDOWN;</p> <p>ENDS 5/11</p>	<p>Zoller PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p>LatinX Affinity Group Virtual Meeting 3 p.m.</p> <p>LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Woodlawn PTO Meeting 5:45 p.m.</p> <p>SANKOFA Virtual Meeting 3:30 p.m.</p>		<p>ACT Test</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			<p>3rd Quarter Marking Period Closes</p> <p>Board of Education Budget Meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p>King PTO Meeting 6 p.m.</p> <p>SCLA Opportunities Day 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Guyanese Affinity Group 3 p.m.</p> <p>Being Bilingual Virtual Meeting 3:45 p.m.</p> <p>NYS ELA Exams 4/20-4/21</p>		<p>SCLA Advisory Board 5:30 p.m.</p>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		<p>3rd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home</p>	<p>Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p>LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Women Leadership Virtual Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>SHS Parent Forum</p>		<p>CPMS College Friday</p>	<p>The path to graduation starts with good attendance. How many days was your child absent this month?</p> <p>_____ out of 16</p>
				<p>IB Testing Begins through 5/21</p>		



**Our ability to reach unity in diversity  
will be the beauty and the test of  
our civilization. — Mahatma Gandhi**

### ***Trauma-Sensitive School Institute***

Events such as the Trauma-Sensitive Institute and the Urban Schools Conference provide all staff with tools and resources to ensure that our work is done through a lens of equity.



# MAY 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The path to graduation starts with good attendance. How many days was your child absent this month?</p> <p>_____ out of 20</p>	<p>APRIL 2021</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>JUNE 2021</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30</p>				<p>1</p> <p>SAT Testing SHS 8:30 a.m.</p>
2	<p>3</p> <p>CPMS Principal Coffee Hour 9 a.m.</p> <p>Teacher Appreciation Week 5/3-7</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p>Keane PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>NYS Math Exam 5/4 - 5/6</p>	6	7	8
9	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>LatinX Affinity Group Virtual Meeting 3 p.m.</p> <p>LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Moonlight Serenade 5-7 p.m., SHS Cafe</p> <p>Pleasant Valley PTO Meeting 2:45 p.m.</p>	13	14	15
Mother's Day		Zoller PTO Meeting 6 p.m.		<p>Eid al-Fitr (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN, ENDS 6/21)</p> <p>CPMS Cultural Fusion Night.</p> <p>Zoller Spring Concert 9 a.m.</p>	Pleasant Valley Spring Concert 9 a.m.	
16	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p>King PTO Meeting 6 p.m.</p> <p>Zoller Science Fair</p> <p>Guyanese Affinity Group Virtual Meeting 3 p.m.</p> <p>SHS Parent Forum</p>	20	21	22
Shavout (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN; ENDS 6/18)		<p>Annual School District Budget Vote Noon to 9 p.m.</p>		<p>Woodlawn Band, Chorus, Orchestra, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>SANKOFA Virtual Meeting 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>SHS Prom</p> <p>SCLA COMMUNITY Day 4 -7 p.m.</p> <p>CPMS College Friday</p>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		CPMS Spring Concert SHS Aud 6 - 8 p.m.	<p>SCLA Day of Action 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>SHS Underclassmen Awards 6 p.m.</p> <p>LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m.</p> <p>Being Bilingual Virtual Meeting 3:45 p.m.</p> <p>NYS Science Performance Test 5/25 - 6/4</p>		<p>CONTINGENCY DAY (THIS WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL RECESS DAY IF THE DISTRICT DOES NOT USE THREE SNOW DAYS.)</p>	
30	NO SCHOOL 31					
	Memorial Day					



Schenectady High School students who participate in at least one club, activity, or sport demonstrate increased positive attendance. They are also half as likely to have a behavioral incident or to fail any classes. With a wide menu of offerings, we have something for everyone. TV Club, Spanish Club, Hip-Hop Club, Gay Straight Alliance and Students Honoring and Embracing Diversity (SHED) are just few from the long list of options.



**None of us alone can save the nation or the world. But each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do so. —Cornel West**



# JUNE 2021

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The path to graduation starts with good attendance. How many days was your child absent this month?  _____ out of 19		1  MPMS Spring Concert	2  Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m. LGBTQ Educators of Schenectady Pride Virtual Meeting 4 p.m. Keane PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m.	3  Woodlawn PTO Meeting 5:45 p.m. SCLA Awards Night 6 p.m. SHS Project Dance, 7 p.m.	4	5  SAT, 8:30 a.m.
	6	7  CPMS Principal Coffee Hour 9 a.m.  Grade 4 NYS Science Written Test	8  SHS Senior Awards Zoller PTO Meeting 6 p.m.	9  MPMS PTSO Meeting Pleasant Valley PTO Meeting 2:45 p.m.	10  Zoller Bringing Up Celebration SHS Pops Concert, 6 p.m.	11  ACT Test
13	14	15  Zoller PK - K Graduation	16  Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m. Zoller PK - K Graduation LatinX Affinity Group Virtual Meeting 3 p.m.	17  Keane End of Year BBQ/Block Party SANKOFA Virtual Meeting 3:30 p.m.  Regent Exams through 6/24	18  CPMS College Friday	19
20  Father's Day	21  Guyanese Affinity Group	22  Pleasant Valley PreK Moving Up Ceremony 9 a.m.	23  1/2 Day Elementary and Middle School CPMS 8th Grade Celebration 2 p.m. Dance 5 - 7 p.m. Pleasant Valley Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony 9 a.m. SCLA Senior Celebration 4 p.m. Regents Exams	24  1/2 Day Elementary and Middle School Pleasant Valley 5th Grade Stepping Up Ceremony 9 a.m. End of 4th Quarter Marking period	25  Class of 2021 Graduation Regents Rating Day	26
27	28	29  4th Quarter Report Cards Sent Home	30	MAY 2021 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 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	JULY 2021 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 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	



We can disagree  
and still love each  
other, unless your  
disagreement  
is rooted in my  
oppression and  
denial of my humanity  
and right to exist.

— James Baldwin



This summer check out all of culturally-relevant book titles that have been carefully selected by the #SchenectadyReads staff. The library offers a wide-variety of cultural, LGBTQIA and religious diversity, available for all reading levels. Most of the selections have been released within the last two years.





# JULY 2021

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4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5 <b>Independence Day (Observed)</b>	6	7  BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATIONAL & BUSINESS MEETING 7 P.M.	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19  <b>Eid al-Adha</b> (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN, ENDS 7/20)	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



**I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.**

**—Martin Luther King Jr.**



Graduation is a significant milestone to our seniors and their families. We would like to recognize all students in the graduating class of 2021 for their hard work and perseverance. We wish them the best of luck in the next chapter of their lives. We look forward to celebrating the class of 2022 next spring!



# AUGUST 2021

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# 2020-2021 Board of Education

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## Board of Education Meetings

City residents, school staff, students and others are welcome to attend Board of Education meetings, which are generally held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Due to COVID-19, board meetings are being held virtually. Please check the website for the link to connect and for any changes regarding meetings in 2020-2021.

A series of March meetings will be held to address the district's 2021-22 budget.

## Public Comments

Residents and district personnel can address the board at regular board meetings. A written statement may be mailed to the Clerk of the Board or left at the meeting following presentations. All statements will be made part of the meeting's public minutes.

## Contacting the Board

Correspondence can be sent to Clerk of the Board, Schenectady City School District, 108 Education Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303.

## Board Vision

The Schenectady City School District will be a continually improving school district dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning, equity, engagement and efficiency.

# Central Administration Offices

at Mont Pleasant Middle School

108 Education Drive

Schenectady, NY 12303

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## Technology

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*Our district is dedicated to fostering positive relationships, building trust and effectively communicating and engaging with our parents, staff, students and community members. In order to do this we must always maintain an open line of communication and hear what you have to say about important topics and current initiatives.*

*"Let's Talk" provides you with an opportunity to share what's your mind anytime and from anywhere. Visit the district website and look for the "Let's Talk" button on the left. You can ask a question or submit a comment.*



# Directory of Schools

## Schenectady High School

1445 The Plaza - 12308  
shs.schenectady.k12.ny.us

Main Office 518-881-2044

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Christopher Chank 44801  
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Kargsia McDuffie ('23) 44834  
mcduffiek@schenectady.k12.ny.us

David Preston ('24) 44834  
prestonnd@schenectady.k12.ny.us

## Steinmetz Career & Leadership Academy (SCLA)

880 Oakwood Ave. - 12303  
scla.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Christopher Chank 44801  
chankc@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**House Principal**  
Gregory Fields 370-8183  
fieldsg@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Guidance Department** 370-8200

**Nurse's Office** 370-8212

**Attendance Office** 370-8196

**SCLA Guidance** 370-8247

**SCLA Nurse's Office** 370-8246

## Central Park Middle School

421 Elm St. - 12304  
cpms.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Jason Rogers 370-8250  
rogersj@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Guidance Department** 370-8251

**Nurse's Office** 370-8252

**Attendance Office** 370-8253

## Mont Pleasant Middle School

1121 Forest Rd. - 12303  
mpms.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Nicole Biette 370-8160  
bietten@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Guidance Office** 370-8379

**Nurse's Office** 370-8182

**Attendance Office** 370-8198

## Oneida Middle School

1629 Oneida Street - 12308  
oms.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Tony Farina 370-8260  
farinat@schenectady.k12.ny.us

## Hamilton Elementary School

Located at 408 Eleanore St. for 2020-21  
hamilton.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Renee Beaulieu 881-3720  
beaulieur@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Nurse's Office** 881-3723

## Howe Elementary School

1065 Baker Ave. - 12308  
howe.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Sue Gorman 370-8295  
gormans@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Nurse's Office** 881-3548

## William C. Keane Elementary School

located at 2 Robinson Street for 2020-21  
keane.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Kerri Messler 881-3960  
messlerk@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Nurse's Office** 881-3964

## Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School

Located at 1065 Baker Ave. for 2020-21  
king.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Kristin Munrett 370-8360  
munrettk@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Nurse's Office** 370-8364

## Lincoln Elementary School

2 Robinson St. - 12304  
lincoln.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
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thomasjo@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Nurse's Office** 518-370-8357

## Paige Elementary School

Located at 3311 Wells Ave. for 2020-21  
paige.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Matthew Berkshire 370-8300  
berkshirem@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Guidance Office** 881-2000

**Nurse's Office** 370-8302

## Pleasant Valley Elementary School

Located at 2300 Guilderland Ave.  
for 2020-21  
pv.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
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howardc@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Nurse's Office** 881-3643

## Van Corlaer Elementary School

2300 Guilderland Ave. - 12306  
vc.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Michaela Miranda 370-8270  
mirandam@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Nurse's Office** 370-8154

## Woodlawn Elementary School

3311 Wells Ave. - 12304  
woodlawn.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
John Perreault 370-8280  
perreaultj@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Nurse's Office** 370-8282

## Yates Elementary School

located at 1880 Lancaster St. for 2020-21  
yates.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Principal**  
Robert Flanders 370-8320  
flandersr@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Nurse's Office** 370-8322

## Zoller Elementary School

1880 Lancaster St. - 12308  
zoller.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Acting Principal**  
Desmond O'Connor 370-8290  
oconnord@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Nurse's Office** 370-8292

## Washington Irving Educational Center

422 Mumford St. - 12307  
wiec.schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Adult & Continuing Education Director**  
Jesse Roylance 370-8220  
roylancej@schenectady.k12.ny.us

**Guidance Department** 370-8230

## TOGETHER WE LEARN

We stand with our black and brown students, families, teachers, staff and members of our community.

We continue our dedication to equity and yearn for a future marked by empathy and inclusion.

### Resources for raising anti-racist children:

- **Books:**  
Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners: books for children and young adults

- **Podcasts:**  
Parenting Forward podcast episode 'Five Pandemic Parenting Lessons with Cindy Wang Brandt'

Fare of the Free Child podcast

- **Articles:**  
PBS's Teaching Your Child About Black History Month

Your Kids Aren't Too Young to Talk About Race: Resource Roundup from Pretty Good

The Conscious Kid: follow them on Instagram and consider signing up for their Patreon



## Child Find Notice

Parents – if you have concerns about your child's physical, social, or academic progress, please contact your school principal to make a referral to the Committee on Special Education. If your child does not attend a district school, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel Services at 881-3412.

## Notification for Services at Private Schools

June 1 is the deadline for notifying the Schenectady City School District if you want special education services at a private school located within the district. Please contact the Quality Assurance Manager at 881-3400 ext. 26037 to request those services.

## Family Education Rights and Privacy Provisions (FERPA)

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents and students 18 or older may inspect official records relating to them — including progress reports, grades, aptitude and achievement test scores, psychological tests and teacher evaluations.

A record may be challenged by parents or students who are 18 or older if they believe it is inaccurate or misleading. The district will not disclose information from students' records without prior written request of a parent or eligible student, except as permitted by law. A record of requests for information disclosures is maintained and may be viewed by those eligible. Contact Student Services at 881-3412 for more information.

## Special Education Referrals

**If you have a pre-school child** and you have noticed that your child is not developing skills such as walking, talking or playing like other school children, you may want to talk to your family doctor. If the doctor is concerned, or you remain concerned with your child's progress, you may make a referral to the school district's Committee on Pre-school Special Education (CPSE). To make this referral, call the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 881-3413 and ask to speak with the Chairperson of the CPSE or her secretary. They will help you through the process.

**If your school-age child** is having difficulties in school, first talk to his or her teacher. Our schools offer supports for students within regular education who are experiencing difficulties. This is done through the School Based Support Team (SBST) in your child's building. You can contact the chairperson of this team by calling your child's school and asking to speak to the school psychologist. You can also discuss your concerns with your child's teacher and ask them to help you request assistance.

If you are concerned that your child's teacher and School Based Support Team have not adequately been able to help, your child may have a disability which affects his or her learning. To find out, you can make a referral to the Committee on Special Education. You can do this by talking with the SBST or directly contacting the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 881-3413.

## When are health exams of public school students required by law?

Education Law Article 19 and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (8 NYCRR) require physical examinations of public school students:

- Entering the school district for the first time, and in grades pre-K or kindergarten, 2, 4, 7 and 10; and at any grade level by school administration, at their discretion, to promote the educational interests of the student
- In order to participate in strenuous physical activity, such as interscholastic athletics
- In order to obtain an employment certificate
- When conducting an individual evaluation or re-evaluation of a student suspected of having a disability or a student with a disability

## Stay Up to Date:

Schedules, events and information is subject to change at any time in response to COVID-19. Please check our website often for important information and updates.

visit [www.schenectady.k12.ny.us](http://www.schenectady.k12.ny.us)



# COVID-19 Health and Safety Reminders

Please review the following health practices with your child:

## Cover your mouth and nose with a face covering when around others:

Face coverings are required at all times including on the school bus and in classrooms. Always wear a face covering when you are around people who do not live in your household. The mask is meant to protect other people in case you are infected. Students are not allowed to remove face coverings on the bus or in school without the permission of an adult. If your child does not have a face covering or forgets to bring it, one will be provided.

Keep six feet or more between yourself and others. The mask is not a substitute for social distancing.

## Following directions of signs and arrows:

Signs and arrows are placed to ensure that social distancing can occur. Always walk to the right and follow the direction of arrows on the floor or walls.

## Clean Hands Often:

Wash your hands often with soap and water routinely for at least 20 seconds. Dry hands completely after washing. Use paper towels instead of a hand dryer. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

## Cover coughs and sneezes:

Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.

Throw used tissues in the trash.

Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please submit them through Let's Talk on the district website.**

## If Your Child is Sick:

Please have arrangements in place, should your child need to unexpectedly be picked up from school. While we realize leaving and traveling from work can pose a challenge, students cannot remain in the health offices or isolation spaces for long periods of time. Please understand that you might be required to pick up your child if they are exposed to COVID-19, even if they do not have symptoms.

Please do not send your child to school if he or she has symptoms of COVID-19, **which can include:**

- *Fever or chills*
- *Cough*
- *Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing*
- *Fatigue*
- *Muscle or body aches*
- *Headache*
- *Loss of taste or smell*
- *Headache*
- *Sore throat*
- *Congestion or runny nose*
- *Nausea*
- *Stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhea*

Per current guidelines issued by the DOH, if a student presents with any of the above symptoms, or any symptoms of any viral infection including conjunctivitis, they will need to be sent home. When a student is sent home with any of these symptoms, they should be seen by a healthcare provider.

## Returning to School:

**The following is required before a student can return to school after illness:**

- *A note from their health care provider must be provided*
- *A negative COVID-19 test must be provided, AND*
- *Your child must be symptom free for 24 hours without any fever-reducing medications.*

If your child is not seen by a healthcare provider, he or she can return to school once 10 days has passed and they are feeling well.

According to NYS guidelines, even if a student is diagnosed with an alternative diagnosis (i.e. strep throat), a COVID-19 test must be obtained and be negative. These guidelines continue to be under review on a regular weekly basis and may change in the future.

## What if My Child Has a Pre-existing Condition

If your child has a pre-existing condition (such as seasonal allergies, causing congestion or runny nose, migraines, irritable bowel) he or she will still need to see a health care provider to be diagnosed and tested when symptoms first present. We can then accept a health care provider's note stating that the student has a chronic condition, and that specific listed symptoms can be expected due to the condition. The note should include a management plan if the symptoms reoccur.

The SCSD Reopening Plan, in its entirety, is posted on the SCSD website. Our plan incorporates recommendations and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), New York State Department of Health (NYDOH) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

# 2020-2021 Calendar Overview

## JULY 2020

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## AUGUST 2020

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## SEPTEMBER 2020

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## JANUARY 2021

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## APRIL 2021

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## MAY 2021

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## JUNE 2021

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## KEY:

- Classes Not In Session
- Staff Development Days/No Students
- Regents Testing Days
- Parent Teacher Conference (1/2 day for PreK-6 grades only)
- Evening conference held on 11/30/17
- Other

## September 7

Labor Day

## September 2

Staff Orientation/Staff Development Day

## September 8

Classes Begin

## October 9

Emergency Release Day

## October 12

Indigenous People Day

## November 11

Veterans Day (Observed)

## November 17

Parent Conferences/No Students PK-6

## November 19

PM Parent Conferences 1/2 day PK-6

## November 23

Evening Parent Conferences

## November 25-27

Thanksgiving Recess

## December 24

Holiday Recess Begins

## January 4

Classes Resume

## January 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## January 26-29

Regents Testing

## February 15-19

Winter Recess

## April 2-9

Spring Recess

## May 28

Contingency Day\*

## May 31

Memorial Day

## June 16-25

Regents Testing

## June 23

1/2 day Elementary & Middle Schools

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1/2 day Elementary & Middle Schools

## June 25

Regents Rating Day

## June 25

Graduation Day/Staff Development Day

\*Special Note: This calendar provides for 3 emergency days school closing days. In the event that all 3 emergency days are not used, May 24 shall be an additional recess day.

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