



2023-2024 DISTRICT CALENDAR

McGRAW CENTRAL SCHOOL

The Mission of the McGraw Central School District is to pursue the maximum fulfillment of each student's individual potential.

BOARD OF EDUCATION & Committee Appointments

Cheryl Kenyon, Pres. Audit/Finance, Shared Services
Rebekah Stull, VP Policy, Shared Services, Facilities
Tony Opera Communication
Kristina Maricle Technology, Policy, School Counseling, Shared Services
Mike Murray Health & Safety, Facilities
Darrin Osborne Audit/Finance, Facilities, Policy, NYSSBA Rep
Marisa Zogg Communication, Audit/Finance, Health & Safety

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Melinda McCool, Superintendent 836-3636
Troy Bilodeau, Asst. Superintendent Business & Instruction 836-3640
Susan Prince, Elementary Principal 836-3650
Mark Dimorier, Secondary Principal 836-3601
Karen Genzel, Director of Special Education 836-8619
Tom McCall, Director of Facilities/Head Bus Driver 836-3614
Kevin Solan, Director of Technology 836-3630
Adam Fox, Cook Manager 836-3619

OFFICE DIRECTORY

District Office 836-3636
Fleurette Clough, Supt. Secretary/District Clerk
Business Office 836-3640
Tracey Pierson, Personnel Clerk 836-3638
Middle/High School Office 836-3601
Julie Steinhoff, Secretary
Elementary School Office 836-3650
Jessyca Doran, Secretary
Special Education Office 836-8619
Amy Cortez, Secretary
Guidance 836-3610
Karin Owen, Secretary
TBD, Counselor 6-12 836-3611
David Emma, Counselor 6-12 836-3654
Trish Walter, Counselor PK-5 836-3665
Beverly Dodici, School Psychologist 836-3661
Kali Johnson, School Psychologist 836-3621
MS/HS Health Office 836-3606
Ashley Witty, RN
Elementary Health Office 836-3652
Vanessa Whorrall, RN



- This calendar can be downloaded from the school website: www.mcgrawschools.org
- All sports schedules are posted on the school website

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Aug. 28-Sept. 7: Golf Coffee Sale Sept. 6-15: Student Council T-shirt Sale Sept. 7-18: FFA Country Meat Fundraiser Sept. 18-27: Boosters Cookie Dough/Pie Sale Sept. 27-Oct. 6: Music Fundraiser</p>		<p>Aug. 29 PK Meet & Greet PK3 4:00-5:00 PK4 5:00-6:00</p>	<p>Aug. 30 6th Grade & New Student Locker Day 10:00-1:00</p> <p><-----Varsity Soccer Tournament-----></p>	<p>Aug. 31</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4 Labor Day</p>	<p>5 Superintendent's Conference Day</p>	<p>6 First Day for Students</p> <p>Modified Soccer Practice begins</p>	<p>7 Policy Committee Meeting 6:00</p> <p>BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 ACT Testing</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11 Senior Class Group Photo 8:00</p>	<p>12 Health & Safety Committee Meeting 3:15 HS Library</p>	<p>13 Staff Meeting</p> <p>PTO Meeting 5:30 Elem Cafeteria</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 Fall Sports Photos Bennett St. 3:00</p>	<p>19 Facilities Committee Meeting 5:00 HS Conf. Room</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Pep Rally</p> <p>Homecoming Dance 6:00-9:00</p>	<p>23 Soccer @ Cortland State Boys 5:00 Girls 7:00</p>
<p><----- SPIRIT WEEK -----></p>						
<p>24</p>	<p>25 Senior Parent Night 7:00</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Grades PK-5 Open House 6:00</p>	<p>28 Audit/Finance Committee Meeting 5:00 District Office</p> <p>Grades 6-12 Open House 6:30-8:00</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

STAFF DIRECTORY

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Marley Barber
Michelle Bassett
Catherine Boland
Kayleigh Contri
Erin Dimorier
Alexandra Duma
Patrick Dwyer
Heather Frink
Taylor Gillooly
Brett King
Jessica Latta
Rebecca Lenseth
Cassandra Neadom
Tracey O'Donnell
Angelique Ripley
Amanda Skinner
Terri Valentine
Rachael Vianos
Kimberly Whitney
Taylar Williams
Melinda Young

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Dan Briggs
Lissa Eckstrom
Candy Farris
Brooke Langford
Sarah Leach
Jaclyn McMullin
Caitlin Neske
Paige Raulli
TBD

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Katelyn Bilodeau
Bethany Cutler
Kara Hapgood
Brenda Hotaling
Tamatha Parker
Linda Scofield
Patricia Smith
Tammy Wilbur

THE ARTS

Madison Elia
Joseph Ford
Mikaela McCrone
Lindsay Palmer
Deanna Morey-Wurst

LIBRARY/ MEDIA SPECIALIST

Rebecca Cornell

PHYS. ED.

Jamey Crumb
Taylor Hughes
Corey Wilson

SPEECH

Kayla Bayly
Valerie Wright

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Jason Moore

ENRICHMENT

John D'Antonio

TEACHER AIDES

Sherri Dunham
Chuck Freeman
Cindy Hurlbert
Sara Neville
Brittney Pouliot
Clair Streeter
Jessica Thompson
Karie White

INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES/ ADMINISTRATIVE INTERNS

Tricia DiFulvio
Vadim Tkachuk



OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 School Picture Day Policy Committee Meeting 6:00 District Office BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library	6 Mid-Marking Period	7 SAT Testing
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11 PSAT @ McGraw Staff Meeting PTO Meeting 5:30 Elem Cafeteria	12 Interims mailed Curriculum Council 3:15 HS Conf. Room	13	14 Booster Club Bottle Drive 9:00-Noon
15	16 Boss's Day	17	18 Technology Committee Meeting 3:30 STEAM Lab	19	20	21
22	23 Winter Modified Sports begin	24	25	26 Student Council Halloween Carnival 4:30-6:00	27	28 ACT Testing
29	30	31 Elementary Halloween Parade 1:45	<div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sept. 27-Oct. 6: Music Fundraiser Oct. 6-16: Jr. & Sr. Honor Society Snowblower Raffle Oct. 16-25: Freshmen Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Oct. 23-Nov. 3: PTO Fundraiser Oct. 30-Nov. 6: Middle School Fruit & Cheese Sale</p> </div>			

STAFF DIRECTORY, continued

ENGLISH

Paige Closser
Matthew Faraglia
Amy Loftus
Jennifer Wisley

MATH

Krysandra Dewey
Alexandra Perry
Erik Wehling
Sara Yonta

SCIENCE

Ethan Brown
Kara Hallett
Nicole Lener
Morgan Nuesell

SOCIAL STUDIES

Matt Martins
Joe Seamans
TBD

AGRICULTURE

Megan Cole

TECHNOLOGY

James Sanderson

HEALTH

Nancy Law
Taylor Hughes

CONSUMER SCIENCE

Nancy Law

BUSINESS

Pamela Coombs

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Colleen Ackler
José Cruz

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST

Amanda Erxleben

CAFETERIA

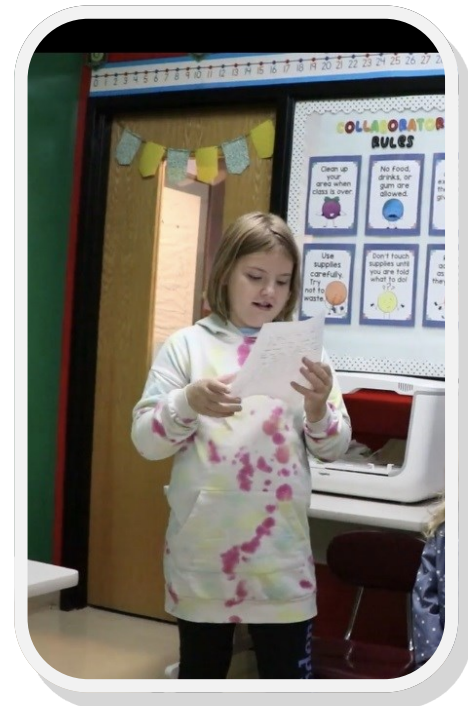
Madison Hyer
Brok Montesano
Carole Preston
Holly Rickert
Joanne Roe
JoAnn Thornton

TRANSPORTATION

Paula Beckwith
Harry Cruikshank
Adam Fox
Vincent Fragnoli
Madison Hyer
Dale Predmore
Kimberly Simpson
Christian Thorick
TBD

FACILITIES

Michael Barnhart
Derrick Dexter
Dylan Fisk
LeRoy Marshall
Steven Stedwell
Mary Sutton
Timothy Thorick, Jr.
TBD



NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Oct. 23-Nov. 3: PTO Fundraiser Oct. 30-Nov. 6: Middle School Fruit & Cheese Sale Nov. 1-March 25: HS Yearbook Pre-Sale Nov. 3-13: Volleyball Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale Nov. 6-13: FBLA Food Drive Nov. 13-Dec. 4: Junior/Senior Classes & Prom Raffle</p>			<p>1 Sweets & Songs Music Fundraiser 6:30</p>	<p>2 Policy Committee Meeting 6:00 District Office BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library</p>	<p>3 Jr. High All-State @ Homer HS</p>	<p>4 SAT Testing Jr. High All-State Homer HS</p>
5	6	7	<p>8 End of Marking Period Staff Meeting PTO Meeting 5:30 Elem Cafeteria</p>	<p>9 No School for Students Parent – Teacher Conf. Day</p>	<p>10 Veterans Day Observed - No School</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day</p>
12	<p>13 Winter JV/Varsity Sports begin Musical Auditions 3:30-6:00</p>	<p>14 Honor Society Blood Drive Health & Safety Committee Meeting 3:15 HS Library Musical Auditions 3:30-6:00</p>	<p>15 Musical Auditions Callbacks 3:30-6:00</p>	<p>16 School Picture Re-take Day Report Cards Issued</p>	<p>17 Elementary Thanksgiving Luncheon</p>	<p>18 Volleyball Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:30 HS Cafeteria</p>
19	<p>20 School Counseling Advisory Committee Meeting 3:15 HS Library</p>	<p>21 Winter Sports Pictures</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Recess</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Recess</p>	25
26	<p>27 Shared Services Committee Meeting 5:00 HS Conf. Room</p>	28	29	<p>30 NYSSMA Winter Conference</p>		



**THE NYS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S EDUCATION LAW §2-D
BILL OF RIGHTS FOR DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY**

Parents and eligible students¹ can expect the following:

A student's personally identifiable information (PII)² cannot be sold or released for any commercial purpose.

The right to inspect and review the complete contents of the student's education record stored or maintained by an educational agency.

State and federal laws,³ such as NYS Education Law §2-d and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, that protect the confidentiality of a student's PII, and 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 NYSED is available for public review at www.nysed.gov/data-privacy-security, and by writing to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.

The right to have complaints about possible breaches and unauthorized disclosures of student data addressed. Complaints may be submitted to NYSED online at www.nysed.gov/data-privacy-security, by mail to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234, by email to privacy@nysed.gov, or by telephone at 518-474-0937.

To be notified in accordance with applicable laws and regulations if a breach or unauthorized release of their student's PII occurs.

Educational agency workers that handle PII will receive training on applicable state and federal laws, the educational agency's policies, and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices that protect PII.

Educational agency contracts with vendors that receive PII will address statutory and regulatory data privacy and security requirements.

¹ "Parent" means a parent, legal guardian, or person in parental relation to a student. These rights may not apply to parents of eligible students defined as a student eighteen years or older. "Eligible Student" means a student 18 years and older.

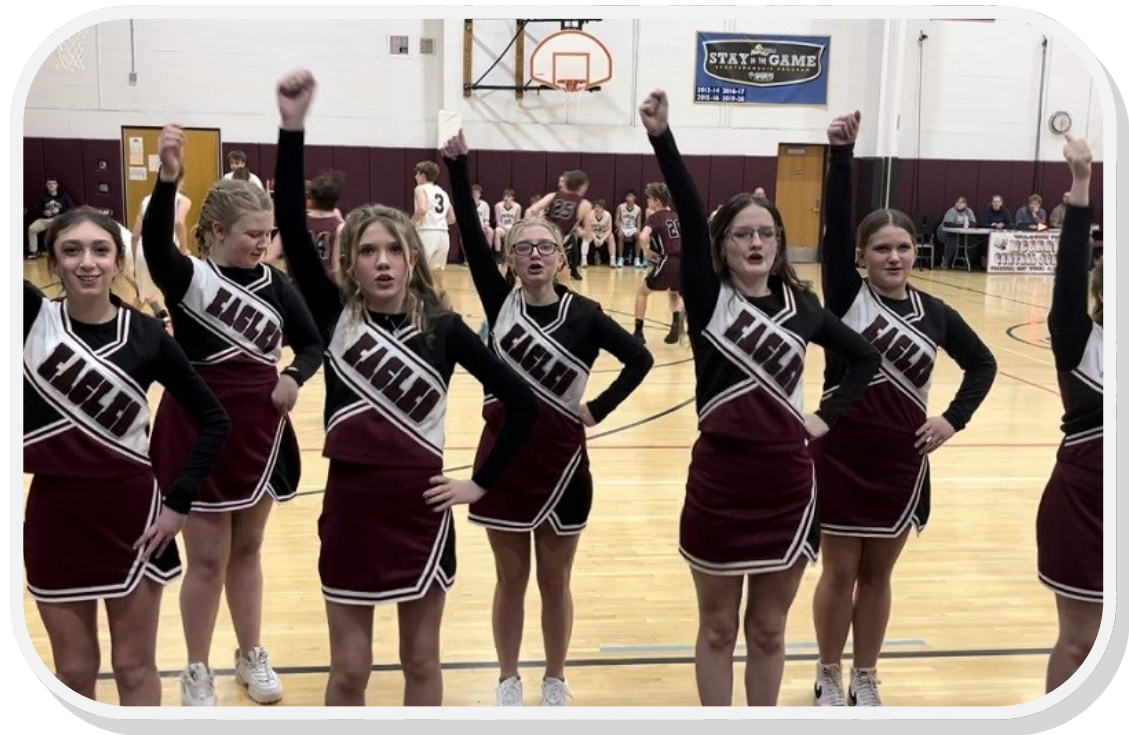
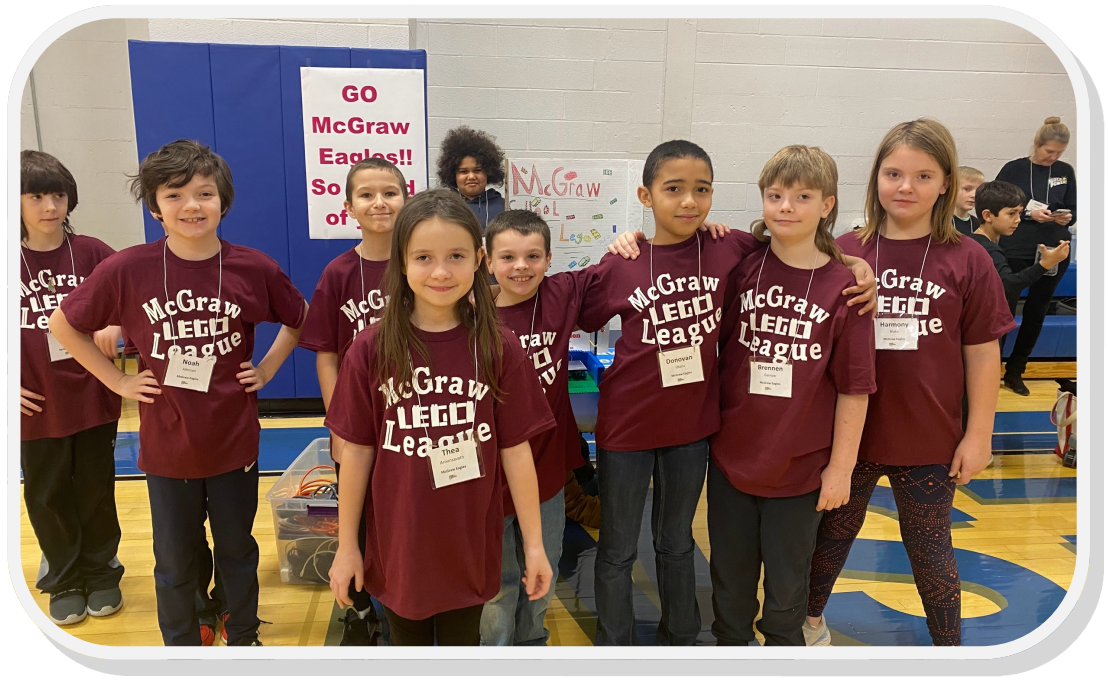
² "Personally identifiable information," as applied to student data, means personally identifiable information as defined in section 99.3 of title thirty-four of the code of federal regulations implementing the family educational rights and privacy act, section twelve hundred thirty-two-g of title twenty of the United States code, and, as applied to teacher or principal data, means "personally identifying information" as such term is used in subdivision ten of section three thousand twelve-c of this chapter.

³ Information about other state and federal laws that protect student data such as the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, and NY's Personal Privacy Protection Law can be found at <http://www.nysed.gov/student-data-privacy/federal-laws-protect-student-data>.



DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Nov. 13-Dec. 4: Junior/Senior Classes & Prom Raffle Dec. 1-15: Elementary Candy Cane Sale Dec. 4-13: Foreign Language Fundraiser Dec. 13-22: Environmental Soap Fundraiser Nov. 1-March 25: HS Yearbook Pre-Sale</p>					1 NYSSMA Winter Conference	2 NYSSMA Winter Conference SAT Testing
3 NYSSMA Winter Conference	4	5	6 HS/Jazz Holiday Concert 6:30	7 Policy Committee Meeting 6:00 District Office BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library Snowdate HS Jazz	8	9 ACT Testing Community Holiday Music Performances
10	11	12	13 Staff Meeting PTO Meeting 5:30 Elem Cafeteria Middle School Holiday Concert 6:30	14 Curriculum Council 3:15 HS Conf. Room Snowdate MS Holiday Concert	15 Mid-Marking Period	16
17	18	19	20 Gr. 3-5 Holiday Concert 6:30 HS Auditorium	21 Interims Mailed Snowdate Gr. 3-5 Holiday Concert	22	23
<p>← HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK →</p>						
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Holiday Recess	27 Holiday Recess	28 Holiday Recess	29 Holiday Recess	30



JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2 Classes Resume Musical Rehearsals begin Winter Modified 2nd Season begins	3	4 Policy Committee Meeting 6:00 District Office BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library	5 All County MS/HS Chorus Pre-Festival Rehearsal @ Cortland HS 9:30-11:30	6
7	8	9 Health & Safety Committee Meeting 3:15 HS Library Modified Girls Basketball Photos	10 Staff Meeting PTO Meeting 5:30 Elem Cafeteria	11	12 All County MS/HS Chorus Pre-Festival Rehearsal @ Cortland 9:30-1:30	13 All County MS/HS Chorus Festival Concert @ Cortland HS 2:00
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17 Technology Committee Meeting 3:30 STEAM Lab	18	19	20
21	22 Facilities Committee Meeting 5:00 HS Conf. Room	23	24	25	26 End of Marking Period	27
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28	29 Second Semester begins	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 10px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <i>Jan. 2-Apr. 19: Elementary Yearbook Pre-Sale</i> <i>Jan. 11-19: MS Food Pantry Coin Drive</i> <i>Jan. 22-Feb. 2: Senior Class Fundraiser</i> <i>Nov. 1-March 25: HS Yearbook Pre-Sale</i> </div>		



FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<i>Feb. 2-12: FFA Strawberry Sale</i> <i>Feb. 12-26: Art Club Spring Fundraiser</i> <i>Feb. 26-March 4: Freshmen/Sophomore Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sale</i> <i>Nov. 1-March 25: HS Yearbook Pre-Sale</i> <i>Jan. 2-Apr. 19: Elementary Yearbook Pre-Sale</i>			1 Audit/Finance Committee Meeting 5:30 District Office BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library Report Cards Issued	2 FBLA Competition in Syracuse Senior High All State @ Ithaca College	3 Senior High All State @ Ithaca College	
4	5	6	7	8 Curriculum Council 3:15 HS Conf. Room	9 Elem Family Valentine Dance 5:00-7:00 Student Council Winter Cotillion 7:00-9:00	10 ACT Testing	
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Staff Meeting PTO Meeting 5:30 Elem Cafeteria	15	16	17	
18	19 Presidents Day	20 Mid-Winter Break	21 Mid-Winter Break	22 Mid-Winter Break	23 Mid-Winter Break	24	
25 Drama Club Pancake Breakfast	26	27	28	29			



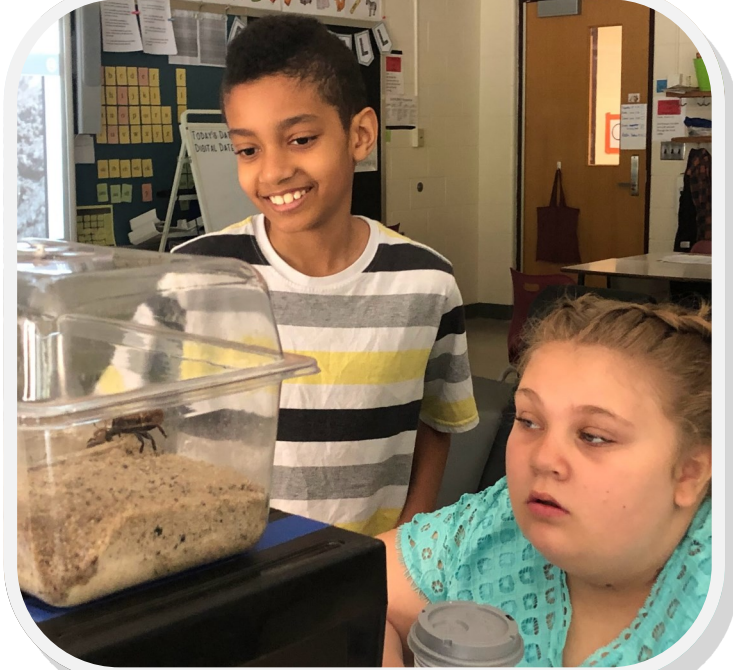
MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Feb. 26-March 4: Freshmen/Sophomore Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sale March: 4-13: FBLA Kayak Raffle March: 14-25: Foreign Language Ducky Derby Ticket Sale March: 25-29: MS Easter Egg Games Nov. 1-March 25: HS Yearbook Pre-Sale Jan. 2-Apr. 19: Elementary Yearbook Pre-Sale</p>				1 Mid-Marking Period	2
3	4	5 Junior Parent Night 7:00	6	7 Interims Mailed Freshmen/Soph. Spaghetti Dinner Policy Committee Meeting 6:00 BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library	8	9 SAT Testing
10 <i>March 11-14: Musical Dress Rehearsals</i>	11 JV/ Varsity Spring Sports begin Shared Services Committee Meeting 5:00 HS Conf. Room	12 Health & Safety Committee Meeting 3:15 HS Library	13 Staff Meeting Audit/Finance Committee Meeting 5:00 District Office PTO Meeting 5:30 Elem Cafeteria	14 Pi Day Curriculum Council 3:15 HS Conf. Room	15 Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students Musical Performance 7:00 Juniors Concessions	16 Musical Performances 2:00 & 7:00 Junior Class Concessions
17	18 Modified Spring Sports begin	19	20	21	22	23
24 31 Easter	25	26 Eighth Grade Parent Night 7:00	27 All County Elem Chorus Festival @ McGraw	28	29 Good Friday - No School	30



APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Apr. 29-May 9: Sophomore BBQ Raffle</i> <i>Jan. 2-Apr. 19: Elementary Yearbook Pre-Sale</i></p>	1	2	3 Technology Committee Meeting 3:30 STEAM Lab	4 Policy Committee Meeting 6:00 District Office BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library	5 End of Marking Period Kindergarten & Pre-K Registrations Due	6
	7	8	9	10 Staff Meeting PTO Meeting 5:30 Elem Cafeteria	11 Report Cards Issued Curriculum Council 3:15 HS Conf. Room	12 NYSSMA @ ESM
<p>ELA State Assessments: Grades 3, 4, 5—Apr. 8-10, Grades 6,7,8—Apr. 9-10</p>						
14	15	16 School Counseling Advisory Committee Meeting 3:15 HS Library	17 BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library	18 All County Jazz & Elem. Band @ Homer HS	19	20
21	22 Spring Recess	23 Spring Recess	24 Spring Recess Administrative Professionals' Day	25 Spring Recess	26 Spring Recess	27
28	29	30				



MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	May 9-17: Clay Target Club Fundraiser		1 Grade 5,8 Science State Assessments	2	3	4 SAT Testing
5 Staff Appreciation Week: May 6-10	6 Math State Assessments: Grades 3,4,5 May 6-8, Grades 6, 7, 8 May 7-8	7 Sr. Honor Society Blood Drive Scholarship Meeting 2:50	8 Staff Meeting PTO Meeting 5:30 Elem Cafeteria High School/Jazz Spring Concert & Art Show 6:30	9 Curriculum Council 3:15 HS Conf. Room Budget Hearing 6:15 BOE Meeting 6:30	10 Mid-Marking Period	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14 Health & Safety Committee Meeting 3:15 HS Library Grades 3-5 Spring Concert & Art Show 6:30 HS Auditorium	15	16 Interims Mailed Elementary Grandparent Luncheon Middle School Spring Concert & Art Show 6:30	17	18 Jr./Sr. Prom & After Party 7:00 PM -3:00 AM
19	20 Kindergarten Screening Facilities Committee Meeting 5:00 HS Conf. Room	21 Kindergarten Screening School Budget Vote Noon-8:00 PM Flags @ Cemetery	22 Audit/ Finance Committee Meeting 5:30 District Office BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library	23 Kindergarten Screening	24 No School	25
26	27 Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade 9:30	28	29 Grade 1 & 2 Spring Concert & Art Show 6:30 HS Auditorium	30 Music Awards 6:30 HS Auditorium	31	



JUNE 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 SAT Testing McGraw "Around the Block" Sales
2	3	4 Dairy Parade 6:30 Algebra I Regents Exam	5 Extracurricular Calendar Meeting 3:00 HS Cafeteria MS/HS Academic & Senior Awards/ Honor Society Inductions 6:30	6 Policy Committee Meeting 6:00 District Office BOE Meeting 6:30 HS Library	7 Kindergarten VIP Breakfast 8:30 MS/HS Yearbook Slide Show & Field Day Elem. Year End Celebration	8 ACT Testing
9	10	11 Kindergarten Concert 6:30	12 Staff Meeting PTO Meeting 5:30 Elem. Cafeteria	13 End of MP/Last Day Gr. 9-12 Senior Grad Walk @ Elem School Senior Mystery Trip	14 Regents Exams	15
16 Father's Day	17 PK4 Graduation 2:00	18 End of MP/ Last Day Gr. 7-8 Regents Exams	19 Juneteenth - No School for Students/ No Instruction	20 ← Regents Exams →	21 Graduation 6:30	22
23 30	24 Elementary Family Fun Night	25 Elementary Awards 9:00 Elem Wellness Day End of MP/ Last Day* Gr. PK-6	26 Rating Day	27	28	29
← Regents Exams →		<i>*Unused emergency days may result in PK-6 student's last day being moved prior to June 25.</i>				

JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8 Summer Enrichment Adventure begins	9	10	11	13	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Summer Enrichment Adventure ends	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY*

PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT

The Board recognizes the need to make its expectations for student conduct while on McGraw Central School District property or engaged in a McGraw Central School District sponsored function specific and clear. The rules of conduct listed below are intended to do that and focus on safety and respect for the rights and property of others. Students who will not accept responsibility for their own behavior and who violate these rules will be required to accept the penalties for their conduct.

Students may be subject to disciplinary action from McGraw Central School District programs when they:

Engage in conduct that is disorderly. Examples of disorderly conduct include but are not limited to:

- Running in hallways.
- Making unreasonable noise.
- Using language or gestures that are profane, lewd, vulgar, or abusive.
- Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- Engaging in any willful act which disrupts the normal operation of the McGraw Central School District community.
- Trespassing. Students are not permitted in any McGraw Central School District building, other than the one they regularly attend, without permission from the administrator in charge of the building.

Engage in conduct that is insubordinate. Examples of insubordinate conduct include but are not limited to:

- Failing to comply with the lawful directions of teachers, McGraw Central School District administrators or other school employees in charge of students or otherwise demonstrating disrespect.
- Lateness for, missing or leaving McGraw Central School District property without permission.
- Skipping detention.

Engage in conduct that is disruptive. Examples of disruptive conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Failing to comply with the lawful directions of teachers, McGraw Central School District administrators or other McGraw Central School District personnel in charge of students.
- Being late for school or class.
- Being unprepared for class
- Use or display of electronic devices such as **cell phone**, CD player, headset, Palm pilot, PlayStation DS, iPods, MP3 players, and hand-held games during school hours. Student possession of such items is strongly discouraged. The security of such electronic devices is the sole responsibility of the owner. (An exception to this: Students will be allowed to text and/or listen to music during the 3-minute passing between classes, in the senior privilege area and/or during lunch periods as long as the volume is at a level that does not disturb others (earphones must be used when listening to music). *When walking in the hallway—only one earphone should be used for safety reasons.*)

Students are prohibited to use phones during classes as well as studyhalls unless the teacher has incorporated cell phone use into the class lesson, i.e. calculator, research, etc.

Engage in conduct that is violent. Examples of violent conduct include but are not limited to:

- Committing or **threatening to commit** an act of violence (such as hitting, kicking, punching, cutting, biting, spitting, and scratching) upon oneself, a teacher, administrator or other McGraw Central School District employee, another student, or any other person lawfully on McGraw Central School District property.
- Possessing a weapon. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly possess any air-gun, spring-gun or other instrument or any item deemed to be a weapon in which the propelling force is a spring, air, piston or CO2 cartridge upon school grounds or in any District building without the express written authorization of the Superintendent or his/her designee. Any written permission shall be given to a particular individual in relation to a specified weapon. The grant of such permission shall include the serial number of the weapon and shall be for a fixed period of time, which shall not exceed a school year. Additionally, the possession of any weapon, as defined in the New York State Penal Code, on school property or in school buildings is prohibited, except by law enforcement personnel or upon written authorization of the Superintendent/designee. Unlawful possession of a weapon upon school grounds may be a violation of the New York State Penal Law and is a violation of School District policy. (Penal Law Sections 265.01-265.06)
- Displaying what appears to be a weapon.
- Threatening to use any weapon.
- Intentionally damaging or destroying the personal property of a teacher, administrator, other district employee or any person lawfully on McGraw Central School District property, including graffiti or arson.
- Intentionally damaging or destroying school district property.

Engage in any conduct that endangers the safety, morals, health or welfare of others. Examples of such conduct include but are not limited to:

- Lying to McGraw Central School District personnel.
- Stealing the property of other students, McGraw Central School District personnel or any other person lawfully on school property or attending a school function.
- Acts of sexual harassment as defined in the McGraw Central School District sexual harassment policy.
- Hazing or initiation into any teams or groups.
- Acts of coercion, bullying and verbal or physical harassment of students, staff, and/or visitors.
- Selling, using, or possessing obscene material.
- The use or possession of a lighter or other incendiary devices.
- Smoking or possession of a cigarette, e-cigarettes, vaping devices, i.e juul, cigar, pipe or using chewing or smokeless tobacco.

- The use, possession, sale, gift or consumption of any drug, inhalant, synthetic cannabinoids (incense, herbal mixtures, potpourri, etc.), controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or any instruments for the use of such items or being under the influence of either. “Illegal substances” include inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, and any substances commonly referred to as “designer drugs”.
- Inappropriate use of, or sharing medication (over-the-counter and/or prescription) or nutritional supplements. The nurse is prohibited by law from dispensing medicine except by a doctor’s prescription and directions to the nurse. New York State Law requires all medicine must be locked in the health office. Students who need to have access to medication in school are to leave it with the school nurse. The medication must be brought to the school in the original container with the label intact and legible. The school nurse may administer the medication if the parent submits a written request accompanied by the physician’s statement indicating the frequency and dosage. Students who are in the possession of medication, but have not followed the directions described above shall be warned for the first offense. For succeeding offenses s/he will be disciplined according to the Code of Conduct. Students who distribute such medication to others will be considered as distributing drugs illegally.
- Public displays of affection while on school property that are excessive and/or found to be offensive.

Engage in misconduct while on a school bus. It is crucial for students to behave appropriately while riding on McGraw Central School District buses, to ensure their safety and that of other passengers and to avoid distracting the bus driver. Students are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Excessive noise, pushing, shoving and fighting will not be tolerated. Students waiting for buses when not on school property are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the McGraw Central School District code of conduct.

Cell Phone Use While on School Transportation. The following guidelines will be implemented on school transportation:

- Cell phones should be kept in the owners backpack or pocket when not in use and not shared with other students.
- Cell phones **MUST** not be in use when walking to and/or from the bus for safety reasons.
- No photos, videos, or calls while en-route due to privacy laws. Texting, games, watching videos and listening to music will be allowed as long as it is not causing a disruption or at a volume that would disturb others.
- Headphones (with only one ear covered, so student can still hear directions from the bus driver) may be used to listen to music, play games or watch videos—the volume must be as such to not disturb others.
- Any inappropriate use and or content will be deemed as a violation, resulting in confiscation.

Engage in any form of academic misconduct. Examples of academic misconduct include but are not limited to:

- Plagiarism.
- Cheating.
- Altering a grade, or other student record, on paper or in electronic form.

Engage in illegal or reckless vehicular practices. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Speeding.
- Reckless behavior while driving or riding.
- Passing a stopped school bus with red lights flashing.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

A student’s dress, grooming, and appearance shall:

1. Be safe, appropriate for a healthy learning environment, modest, and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process. Pajamas and other common sleepwear are not appropriate.
2. Include a top (i.e. shirt, blouse, sweatshirt) and bottom i.e. (pants, shorts, skirt), or a dress. All should be of a modest length and ensure undergarments are covered.
3. Exclude extremely brief, tight, and see-through garments, such as tube tops, crop tops, muscle shirts, net tops, halter tops, narrow straps (that do not cover undergarments), plunging necklines (front and/or back), shirts, skirts, and shorts of an unacceptable length. Shirts must cover the midriff. Placement of decorative holes, rips or tears in clothing must not expose areas generally covered by undergarments.
4. Not contain offensive illustrations or promote disruptive or demoralizing values. It shall not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or that denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
5. Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
6. Exclude extremely bulky garments to prevent concealing of any item.
7. Include safe footwear at all times. Heeleys with wheels are not permitted in school buildings or on school grounds. Hoverboards are also prohibited in school buildings and on school grounds. Sports cleats may not be worn in the building at any time.
8. Not include the wearing of hats or sunglasses in the school building, except for a medical or religious purpose, or where it is part of a uniform. Hats and other head coverings are to be removed upon entering the building and placed in lockers until the end of the school day.

Each building principal shall be responsible for informing staff, students and their parents of the student dress code at the beginning of the academic year and at any time when revisions to the dress code are made during the academic year.

Any student who violates the student dress code shall be required to modify his or her appearance by removing the offending item and replacing it with an acceptable garment.

Repeat offenders will suffer more extreme penalties (see VIII. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES).

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES

Discipline is most effective when it deals directly with the problem at the time and place it occurs, and in a way that students view as fair and impartial. MCSD personnel who interact with students are expected to use disciplinary action only when necessary and to place emphasis on the students' ability to grow in self-discipline.

Disciplinary action, when necessary, will be firm, fair and consistent so as to be the most effective in changing student behavior. In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, school personnel authorized to impose disciplinary penalties will consider the following:

The student's age.

The nature of the offense and the circumstances which led to the offense.

The student's prior disciplinary record.

The effectiveness of other forms of discipline.

Information from parents, teachers and/or others, as appropriate.

Other extenuating circumstances.

As a general rule, discipline will be progressive. This means that a student's subsequent violations will usually merit a stiffer penalty than the first violation.

ATHLETIC and EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION CODE

Expectations regarding use of Social Media:

Students shall conduct themselves through social media platforms in such a way that conforms with all the requirements located in the Code of Conduct in the same way that he/she would in person. Students should remember that any posts made to social media sites frequently become available for all to see on the internet, impact the student body and staff and as such should refrain from posting content that promotes illegal conduct, violence, reference to drugs and/or alcohol, inappropriate pictures, videos, bullying, etc. This includes texting and all types of Social Media. Violations that cause substantial disruption of the district, including but not limited to extracurricular activities of the district will subject the violating student to consequences as determined by the head coach, athletic director, advisor, or principal where applicable. Consequences may lead to suspension from school, removal from a team, or consequences, as well as referral to law enforcement where appropriate.

*The Code of Conduct can be found online at: www.mcgrawschools.org

NOTICE UNDER TITLE IX, SECTION 504, AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

Prior to the beginning of each school year or academic semester, the District shall issue an appropriate public announcement which advises students, parents, employees and the general public that career and technical education opportunities will be offered without regard to sex, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, political affiliation, age, marital status, military status, disability or use of a recognized guide dog, hearing dog or service dog. Included in such announcement will be the name, address, and telephone number of the person designated to coordinate Title IX/Section 504/ADA activities. Title IX Coordinator: Troy Bilodeau, (607)836-3640, 10 W. Academy St., McGraw, NY 13101; Section 504/ADA Coordinator: Karen Genzel, (607)836-8619, 10 W. Academy St., McGraw, NY 13101

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS POLICY SUMMARY

Parents have the right to inspect all instructional materials that will be used for a survey analysis or evaluation as part of a US Department of education—funded program. In addition, no minor student may, without parental consent, take part in a survey analysis or evaluation funded in whole or in part by the United States Department of Education that reveals information concerning:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parents;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations or belief of the student or the student's parents;
8. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Parents have the right to inspect upon their request any instructional material which is used as part of the educational curriculum. It does not include tests or academic assessments.

Parents who wish to inspect and review instructional material shall submit a request in writing to the building principal. This request will be made within 30 calendar days.

Parents shall have the option upon provision of written notice to the district to opt the student out of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening of their student which is required as a condition of attendance administered by the school or school personnel. The term invasive physical examination means any medical examination that involves exposure of private body parts or any act during such exam that includes incision, insertion or injecting into the body but does not include a hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening. Further, it does not include any exams necessary to protect the immediate health or safety of the student or other students.

PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

Under Federal "No Child Left Behind" Legislation, it is the right of the parent of any student attending McGraw Schools to request information regarding their child's classroom teacher and paraprofessional staff assigned to teach their children. Minimum information parents may request includes:

- whether the teacher has met state qualification & licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- the Baccalaureate degree major of the teacher, any other graduate certification or degree held and the field of discipline of the certification or degree;
- whether the child is provided services by professionals and their qualification.

Any questions regarding a teacher's specific baccalaureate or advanced degrees should be sent in writing to the Superintendent of Schools .

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION REGARDING DIRECTORY INFORMATION and DISCLOSURE

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*, a Federal law, requires that McGraw School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, McGraw School, may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the McGraw School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- ◇ A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- ◇ The annual yearbook;
- ◇ Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- ◇ Graduation programs; and
- ◇ Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks.

The District is notifying parents of high school students of their right, and the right of their student (if the student is at least 18 years of age), to request that the district not release the student's name, address and telephone listing to military recruiters or institutes of higher education without prior written consent.

If you do not want McGraw School District to disclose some or all directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 11, 2023. McGraw School District has designated the following information as directory information: [Note: a School District may, but does not have to, include all the information listed below.]

- ◇ Student's name
- ◇ Address
- ◇ Telephone listing
- ◇ Student's Image, including video
- ◇ Date and place of birth
- ◇ Major field of study
- ◇ Dates of attendance
- ◇ Grade level
- ◇ Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- ◇ Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- ◇ Degrees, honors, and awards received
- ◇ The most recent educational agency or institution attended

ATTENDANCE POLICY SUMMARY

All students are required to attend school according to the adopted school calendar for the district. Under New York State Law, every individual between the ages of six and sixteen must be in regular attendance in school unless he/she has a legal reason for absence. Individuals must attend school until the end of the school year after the individual's sixteenth birthday. According to this law, the only reasons for excused absence are: illness, religious observance, quarantine, court, sickness, or death in the family, impassable roads, hazardous weather conditions, health treatment, or attendance at a clinic. All other absences, unless authorized by the school, are considered unexcused. By law, neither the parent nor the school may excuse students for such activities as hunting, fishing, helping with chores at home, going shopping, or missing the bus.

Immediately upon return to school following an absence, the student must present a note from his or her parents/guardians to the school nurse explaining his or her absence.

If a student must be excused from school early for medical appointments or other reasons, the student must bring a note to the school nurse prior to the first class of the day. The student must sign out in the Health Office when they leave for the appointment. If the student returns after the appointment, he/she must sign in with the school nurse.

Attendance is important; being on time to an assigned location is equally important. Students who are late for school in the morning or who come in during the course of a day, must report first to the health office for a pass. This pass will admit the student to class. Chronic tardiness and/or absence are disruptive to both teachers and fellow students.

Missing class time can also be detrimental to a student's academic success. At the middle school/senior high school level, any student with more than 30 absences in a 1 credit course may not receive credit for the course. Students are encouraged to attend school on a daily basis. If a student is absent he/she should make every effort to make up the work that has been missed.

HOMELESS STUDENTS

The Board recognizes the unique challenges that face students in temporary housing (i.e., homeless children and youth) and will provide these students with access to the same free and appropriate public education, including public preschool education, as other students, as well as access to educational and other services necessary to be successful in school. The District will ensure that these students are not separated from the mainstream school environment. The Board is also committed to eliminating barriers to the identification, enrollment, attendance, and success of students in temporary housing.

The District will provide services to students in temporary housing comparable to those offered to other students in the District, including: transportation services; educational services for which the child or youth meets the relevant criteria, such as services provided under Title I or similar state or local programs; educational programs for students with disabilities; educational programs for English learners; programs in career and technical education; programs for gifted and talented students; and school nutrition programs. The school counselors are the district's Homeless Liaisons.

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FREE Breakfast and Lunch for Students 2023-24 School Year

McGraw Central School District will be implementing a meal certification option, CEP (Community Eligibility Provision), available to schools participating in National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2023-24.

All students enrolled at McGraw Elementary School and McGraw Middle/High School are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to their household each day of the 2023-24 school year. No further action is required. School children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.