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Candice L. Husson, Superintendent

January 2025 Irish Times

Classes Resume

Monday, January 6, 2025

School Board and Budget Meeting

Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 pm

Superintendent's Coffee Hour

Tuesday, January 14th at 9:30 am

No School

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 20

Regents Testing

January 21-24

No School

Lunar New Year'
Wednesday, January 29

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A Note from Mrs. Husson:

The holiday season is behind us and another year is quickly coming to a close. It's a great time of the year to set new goals and start fresh as we tackle the next six months of the school year. I hope that everyone had a restful holiday and my best wishes for a Happy New Year!

December was a very busy and fun-filled month. The annual Christmas Bazaar was busy with vendors, shoppers, singers, and the Clauses! Many thanks to the Sleeping Giants for organizing this year's event. Thanks to Mrs. Lynn Green and her soup kitchen team, which brought in over \$700.00 this year! This money is used to help families purchase holiday gifts for some of our secondary level students.

The holiday concert was once again a magical night! It was wonderful to welcome so many parents, family, and community members who came to support all of our musicians. A huge thanks to Ms. Katy Smith for all of the work she did with our musicians to prepare for the concert, and for all of the extra work behind the scenes that's necessary to put this event together.

Athletics

Basketball and Nordic are in full swing. The game/race schedules are on our website or you can contact the school with any questions. We hope to see you at a home game soon!

New Face at MCS

Dr. Kerri Zappala-Piemme will begin as our Interim Director of Student Services/Curriculum and Instruction starting Monday January 6th, 2025. Dr. Zappala-Piemme is replacing Ms. Jody Hyatt for the remainder of the year as Ms. Hyatt has taken a new position outside of the district. We wish Ms. Hyatt all the best as she takes on this new role. We are excited to welcome Dr. Zappala-Piemme to Minerva, with her extensive knowledge and experience in the field of education.

Budget Workshops

We have begun our budget workshops for this year. The workshop is open to the public for anyone interested in being part of the budget development process. Our next one will be Thursday, January 9th @ 6:00 pm followed by our regular monthly Board meeting.

Important Dates to Remember

January 6	Back to School
January 9	Budget Workshop @ 6:00pm BOE Meeting @ 6:30pm
January 14	Superintendent's Coffee Hour @ 9am
January 20	No School
January 21-24	Regents Exams
January 29	No School

MCS Cell Phone Policy- Adopted by Board of Education December 2024

The increased student use of cell phones has had a damaging effect on learning, school culture and climate, and mental health. Minerva Central School is adopting what will be known as the “Off and Away” policy for student cell phones and all Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs). Personal Electronic Devices include cell phones, earbuds/AirPods, smartwatches, and any other electronic communication device.

For grades pre-K-6, such devices must be turned off and stored in a student’s backpack, a locker, or secured with a classroom teacher during the school day. Students in grades 7-12 are not permitted to use personal electronic devices during instructional time in classrooms, in the cafeteria, or in locker rooms. In addition, personal electronic devices are not permitted during detention, in-school suspension, or during the disciplinary process. Due to confidentiality, the use of personal electronic devices is not permitted in the health office, counselor’s room, main office, or guidance office.

All student PEDs including cell phones will be turned off and put away at all times during academic instruction, study halls, and activity period. At the discretion of the study hall or activity period teacher, PEDs/cell phones may be used during study hall or activity period provided the student is otherwise eligible (not behind on work, failing a class, etc.).

PEDs must be powered fully off and not in airplane mode. Put away does not mean turned over on the desk. The use of PEDs including cell phones for any reason in school is a privilege. The use of PEDs/cell phones is defined as, but not limited to, talking, messaging, Internet usage, game playing, and any other software usage found on a PED/cell phone.

Inappropriate use of PEDs/cell phones will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to, cheating, sending disruptive messages, searching for inappropriate content, taking and sending unauthorized photos or videos, acts of bullying, threatening, harassing, or menacing in any manner. Students who fail to comply with these rules or refuse to hand their PEDs/cellphones to a staff member when directed to do so will receive additional consequences ranging from detention to suspension from school.

Students seen using their PEDs/cell phones during unauthorized times will be subject to disciplinary action and/or face the loss of the PED/cell phone.

1st offense: Electronic device turned into the main office for the remainder of the school day

2nd offense: Electronic device turned into the main office, parent/guardian must pick-up device and loss of privilege for 10 days

3rd offense: Loss of electronic device and parent/guardian must pick up the device and meet with administration before privileges are restored

Electronic devices required for medical purposes or other special needs will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The school is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to any cell phones or any other electronic devices.

A committee of teachers, board of education members, administration, and students will discuss additional restrictions and/or changes to the personal electronic device policy as needed.

What Makes a Good Life?

It is important to treat people the way THEY want to be treated. If you do then your friendship will grow stronger. A super strong friendship can turn into a brother-bond which means knowing someone, hanging out with them, spending a lot of time together, and caring for and about each other.

Making alliances is a good thing to do in life. "Together we stand and together we fall". We have each other's backs. It makes us feel like we are never alone.

Getting exercise helps our bodies stay healthy. When we are healthy we are able to be there for our friends and family.

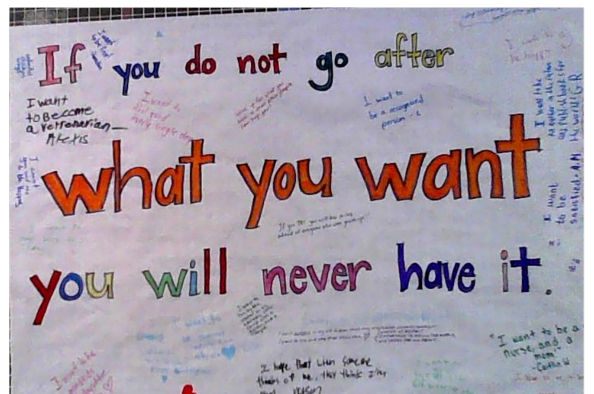
Because we will all work, our work should be something we enjoy doing. It should make us happy, satisfied, and feel like we are making a difference.

Spending time with your family doing things that you all like is important. Practicing hobbies and sports at home with parents and siblings helps us get better at the things we like to do.

Good relationships, of all kinds, keep us happier and healthier.

Written by Home and Careers Students:

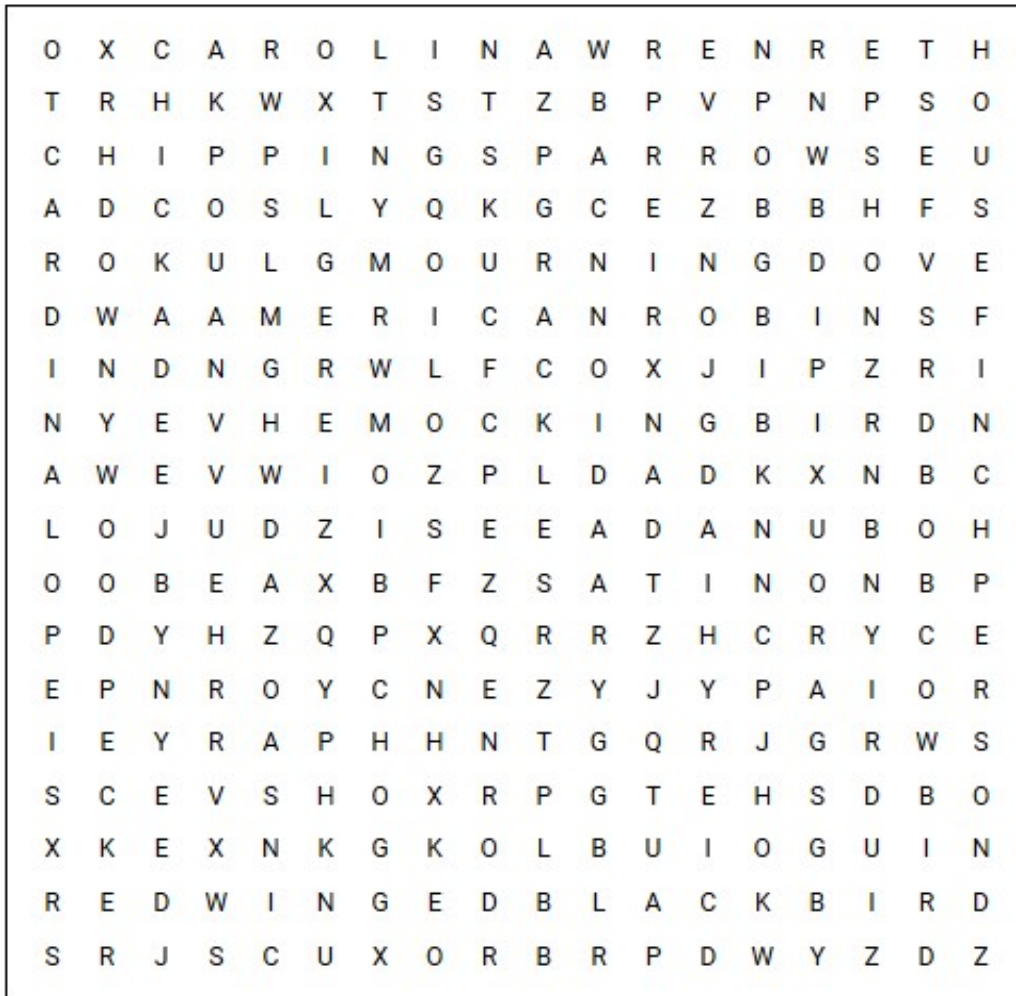
Clark Griffen, Clayton Griffen, and Thomas Ball



Bird is the Word in Ms. Lucas's Classroom

If you were to walk past Ms. Lucas's classroom, there's a good chance you'll see a live video of birds on the big screen! The class loves checking in on the live bird feeder camera that is streamed from Ithaca, NY all day and night by the Cornell Lab. **To see the live feed at home or to learn more about birds in our area, visit: <http://AllAboutBirds.org/CornellFeeders>**

In the meantime, enjoy the word search below featuring many of the birds we see on the live cam!



Word Direction: → ↓ ↘ ↗

Clues

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| <input type="radio"/> American Robin | <input type="radio"/> Chickadee | <input type="radio"/> Grackle | <input type="radio"/> Oriole |
| <input type="radio"/> Blue Jay | <input type="radio"/> Chipping Sparrow | <input type="radio"/> House Finch | <input type="radio"/> Red-Winged Blackbird |
| <input type="radio"/> Cardinal | <input type="radio"/> Cowbird | <input type="radio"/> Mockingbird | |
| <input type="radio"/> Carolina Wren | <input type="radio"/> Downy Woodpecker | <input type="radio"/> Mourning Dove | |



Pull Tabs for a Sweet Cause

The National Honor Society is organizing a collection of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald house during the months of January and February. Pull tabs can be found on any canned drink. It doesn't cost you anything and the proceeds they earn go directly to Ronald McDonald House charities.



The Ronald McDonald House provides accommodations and care for families during difficult times of a child illness or need of healthcare. This support is essential for families so they do not have to stress about the cost of staying close to a loved one, they can instead focus on getting the care the child needs.

As an added incentive to turn in pull tabs for this cause, the National Honor Society will reward a class in elementary and secondary who brings in the most tabs with a donut party. So bring in those tabs and help us with this sweet cause!





Little Caesars® Fundraising

Little Caesars Pizza Sale

The Class of 2026 will be selling Little Caesars pizza kits

January 1st to January 20th

Students will be taking in person orders, or contact
Ashley Christian Class Advisor at 518-251-2000 to submit an order

For online orders go to

<http://pizzakit.com/>

Use fundraiser ID # 448873.

Orders will be available February 4th



PIZZA

TIME

**Super
Bowl**



FEBRUARY 9, 2025
AT MCS CAFETERIA
518-251-2000
ORDER PIZZA AND WINGS

2 PM
THROUGH
6 PM

Class of 2027

Class Advisor: Molly Rascoe; mrascoc@minervasd.org

Super Bowl Pizza & Wings Fundraiser for the Class of 2027|

ORDER FORM

Pre-Order Option:

Complete and return this order form to Ms. Rascoe by *February 5, 2024*.

Day-of Ordering Option:

Phone orders will be accepted on Super Bowl Sunday (February 9th) from *1:30 pm-5:30 pm*.

To order the day of, please call the school, (518) 251-2000

Pre-order and Day-of orders can be picked up at Minerva Central School February 9th between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Bone-in Chicken Wings		
One order includes 12 bone-in wings with your choice of dipping sauce (Blue Cheese/Ranch).		
Cost: \$16/dozen		
<u>Flavor Options</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Dipping Sauce</u>
Mild	_____ dozen	Blue cheese/Ranch
Hot	_____ dozen	Blue cheese/Ranch
BBQ	_____ dozen	Blue cheese/Ranch

PIZZA

Costs

Plain (cheese and red sauce, 8-cut): \$16

Additional toppings: \$2 for each additional topping.

Below, please check your choice of additional toppings or check "no extra toppings".

Pepperoni, Sausage, Peppers, Onions, Black Olives

Pizza #1	<input type="checkbox"/> No extra toppings <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> Peppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Onions <input type="checkbox"/> Black Olives <input type="checkbox"/> Pepperoni
Pizza #2	<input type="checkbox"/> No extra toppings <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> Peppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Onions <input type="checkbox"/> Black Olives <input type="checkbox"/> Pepperoni
Pizza #3	<input type="checkbox"/> No extra toppings <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> Peppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Onions <input type="checkbox"/> Black Olives <input type="checkbox"/> Pepperoni
Pizza #4	<input type="checkbox"/> No extra toppings <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> Peppers	<input type="checkbox"/> Onions <input type="checkbox"/> Black Olives <input type="checkbox"/> Pepperoni

\$ _____ Pizza + \$ _____ Wings = Total Order: \$ _____

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____ **Pick-up Time:** _____

For Questions, please contact Molly Rascoe - Class Advisor: mrascoe@minervasd.org / 518-251-2000

January 2025

Events Calendar

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	
			Holiday Recess—No School				
5	6	7	8 Quiz Bowl	9 Budget Meeting 6 pm Board Meeting to Follow	10 Spirit Day	11	
12	13	14 Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 am	15	16	17	18	
19	20 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25	
			Regents Testing				
26	27	28	29 No School Asian Lunar New Year	30	31 Report Cards		

January 2025

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4
5	6 Donuts and yogurt Chicken patty on bun with lettuce, tomato and onion	7 Chocolate chip pancakes w/syrup Tacos, refried beans, lettuce, tomato and onion	8 Ham, egg and cheese on a biscuit Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy and corn	9 Bagels and cream cheese Fish fillet sandwich, tater tots and carrots	10 Waffles and bacon Cheese or veggie pizza and green beans	11
12	13 Cinnamon buns and yogurt Chicken Alfredo and sliced red peppers	14 Danish and hard boiled egg Corndog, corn and mozzarella sticks	15 Bagels and cream cheese Lasagna, roasted kale and garlic bread	16 Fruit parfaits Roasted chicken, baked beans and peas	17 Waffles w/syrup Sausage or cheese pizza and green beans	18
19	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day</div>	21 Scrambled eggs, home fries and bacon Chicken and cheese wraps, lettuce, tomato, onion and creamy potato bacon soup	22 Donut and yogurt Baked potato bar with cheese, sour cream, chives, bacon bits, with chili, cornbread and broccoli	23 Bagels with cream cheese Hamburg gravy over rice and roasted asparagus	24 French toast sticks and sausage Buffalo or cheese pizza and peas	25
26	27 Assorted muffins Loaded nachos with meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion	28 Fruit parfaits Turkey and cheese sandwich with , lettuce, tomato and onion, beef barley soup	29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">No School Lunar New Year</div>	30 Bagels with cream cheese Mac 'n' cheese with pulled pork, sweet potato fries and corn	31 Bacon, egg and cheese on a croissant Meat lovers or cheese pizza with celery and hummus	

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