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# January 2026 Irish Times

**Classes Resume**

Monday, January 5

**School Budget Meeting at 6:00 pm  
Followed by School Board Meeting**

Thursday, January 8, at 6:30pm

**Superintendent's Coffee Hour**

Tuesday, January 13 at 9:30 am

**No School**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Monday, January 19

**Regents Testing**

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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 wonderful holiday, and my best wishes for a Happy New Year!

December was a very busy and fun-filled month. The annual Christmas Bazaar was one of the busiest yet, with vendors, shoppers, singers, and the Clauses! Many thanks to the Alumni Association for organizing this year's event. Thanks to Mrs. Lynn Green and her soup kitchen team, which brought in about \$500 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

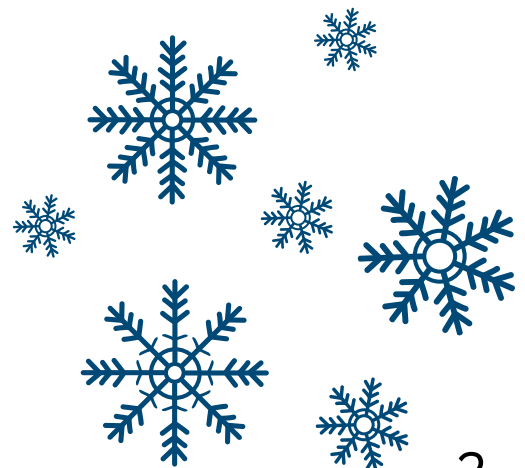
Basketball and Nordic are in full swing. The game/race schedules are on our website, or you can contact the school with any questions. We hope to see you at a home game soon!

### 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 8th, @ 6:00 pm, followed by our regular monthly board meeting.

### Important Dates to Remember

January 5	Back to School
January 8	Budget Workshop @ 6:00 pm BOE Meeting @ 6:30pm
January 13	Superintendent's Coffee Hour @ 9 am
January 19	No School
January 20-23	Regents Exams





# **BIG NEWS** **PRE-K**

MINERVA CENTRAL SCHOOL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT BEGINNING IN THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR, OUR PRE-K PROGRAM WILL TRANSITION TO A FULL-DAY PROGRAM, RUNNING FROM 7:45 AM TO 2:30 PM. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL WILL BE PROVIDED, AS WELL AS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH EACH DAY.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED IN THE COMING MONTHS, INCLUDING DETAILS ABOUT AN IN-PERSON PARENT NIGHT AND SCREENING DATE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS!

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT  
ASHLEY ORDWAY AT  
[LOOMISA@MINERVASD.ORG](mailto:LOOMISA@MINERVASD.ORG)



## COUNSELING CORNER WITH MRS. GALKIEWICZ

Greetings and Happy Holidays!

The School Counseling Department has been very busy in the first half of the year. This Fall, I was joined by Michelle Minier, who was an intern for the semester. Michelle has been a wonderful addition to MCS. She has built relationships with students and has had a positive impact here at MCS, and we will miss her when she leaves us on December 19th.

In September, Seniors went to SUNY Adirondack for a campus tour. While there, students were able to complete the application for immediate college acceptance. This is a crucial step for students making significant decisions about their future. College is an option, and with automatic acceptance, students don't have to worry if they get in or not. While some may choose to go to SUNY Adirondack, others might find a better fit somewhere else. Still others may find employment. This tour helped show students what college life can be like and the many opportunities they may have if they choose a post-secondary education pathway.



Senior walking  
on the SUNY ADK  
campus tour



## Guidance News

I am excited to share a new opportunity that MCS is proud to offer to students and families. MCS has been approved to be an Online Knowledge Test Application (OKTA) location for the DMV. This means students may now arrange a time with the School Counselor to take the online permit test here at MCS. This provides a means for students to test in a familiar environment with a familiar face. If students pass, they are given a ticket indicating they passed, where they may then make an appointment at the DMV to bring in their official documents and test ticket so they may be issued a Driver's Permit. We are so proud to offer this service beginning in January. Please see Mrs. Galkiewicz for more information.



### SENIOR CHECKLIST: USE THIS GUIDE TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR NEXT STEPS:

✓	Apply to Colleges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Seniors who attended the SUNY Adirondack Field Trip in September were able to apply and be accepted on the spot.</li> <li>• Research additional schools of interest</li> <li>• Apply to schools – Ways to apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ College Board</li> <li>○ SUNY Application Portal</li> <li>○ Directly through the school webpage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
✓	Complete the FAFSA	<p>The FAFSA is the Federal Assistance For Student Aid which provides grants and loans based on income. What you need to know about the FAFSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is income based.</li> <li>• Both the student and the parent must complete the FAFSA</li> <li>• You must have an FSA ID prior to completing the FAFSA</li> <li>• Talk to colleges of interest about questions regarding the FAFSA and financial aid. They are available for help even if you do not attend their institution.</li> </ul>
✓	Apply for Scholarships	<p>Do you want free money to go to college? Apply to those scholarships! National Scholarships are open all year, a simple Google search will direct you to scholarship sites. Local scholarships typically come out in the spring. Your counselor will send you scholarships as they become available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is your responsibility to complete scholarships.</li> <li>• Be mindful of deadlines, they are typically hard deadlines.</li> <li>• Your School Counselor will not chase you down to make sure you complete a scholarship. If you want it, you must be proactive.</li> <li>• Scholarship information will be available to students in the Scholarship folder outside the Counselors office. Seek this resource for additional copies if needed.</li> <li>• If you need assistance in turning a scholarship in, the School Counselor is happy to assist but you must make sure you complete the application and you are within the deadline.</li> </ul>

✓	Alternative Future Plans	<p>Not going to college? No problem... what are you going to do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a plan for your future goals</li> <li>• Attend a trade school</li> <li>• Join a Union with an Apprenticeship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Most Unions have apprenticeship programs</li> <li>◦ Most require applicants to be 18 years or older and have a drivers license</li> <li>◦ Most have a 5 year apprenticeship program where apprentices will earn 50% wages their first year and increase up to full pay by the end of the apprenticeship</li> <li>◦ Most offer benefits</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Find a job: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Need help finding a job? Your School Counselor can help you job search, build a resume, or practice interview skills.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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#### January Regents Test Dates:

Students are given multiple chances to pass the Regents Examination. In January, students may retake a failed Regents exam or retake for an improved grade. Please find the dates for upcoming Regents exams below.

Jan 2020	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	Jan 2023
ELA @ 8:00 am	Geometry @ 8:00 am  US History & Govt. @ 8:00 am	Global History & Govt. @ 8:00 am	Earth and Space Science @ 8:00 am  Earth Science @ 8:00 am
Life Science Biology @ 12:00 pm  Living Environment @12:00 pm	Algebra I @ 12:00 am  Physics @ 12:00 pm	Algebra II @ 12:00 pm	

\*Students who are required to take/retake an exam are notified in advance. If you elect to take a Regents exam you must inform the School Counselor immediately so additional answer sheets can be ordered in advance. We no longer receive extra answer sheets from NYS as a precaution. If we don't have an answer sheet to test on, your student may be unable to take the exam.

\*Students who are absent on a test day will miss the testing period for the exam and will have to sit for the exam during the next testing period which will be in June. Please be aware of graduating seniors as this may impact graduation status.

# Class of 2028 Fundraisers

## Concessions

All Games at the Minerva School  
Hot Dogs - Snacks - Candy - Beverages

Holiday Concert: Baked Goods Available  
Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Christmas Candy Cane Candy Grams:  
Delivered to Students & Staff  
December 18, 2025

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS  
SUPPORT!

HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS TO YOU!

From: The Class of 2028 & Mrs. Bosan



Minerva Community Scholarship Fund Wishes All of  
OurCommunityMembersaVeryMerryChristmasand  
Happy Holiday Season!

***Thank you to all who participated in the 100 Squares Raffle during the  
Month of November/December. We sold all 100 squares and raised \$650  
for the Minerva Community Scholarship Fund!***

Congratulations to our prize winners:  
First Prize \$200 – Jack Halloran-Donaldson  
Second Prize \$100 – Katy Smith  
Third Prize \$50 – Jessica West

**Note to students grades 9-12 – To qualify for this scholarship you must  
meet the volunteer requirements. See Ms. Galkiewicz for MCSF verification  
forms and list of qualified events. You can fulfill your requirements anytime.  
DON'T WAIT!**

***We are still IN NEED OF NEW MEMBERS. Please consider helping the stu-  
dents of MCS by volunteering a very small part of your time to join our com-  
mittee!***

**If you would liketohelpourgraduatesanddonatetowards scholar-  
ships, please use the form below.**

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### **Donation Form**

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***Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized in the MCS Gradua-  
tion Program.***

***Contribution is enclosed in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_***

***Mail to: Minerva Community Scholarship Fund, c/o Gary West –  
Treasurer***

***145 West Road, Olmstedville, NY 12857***

***From: Name \_\_\_\_\_***

***Address \_\_\_\_\_***





We hope your  
holidays were  
merry and bright!



# January 2026

## Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
This months trait is: Integrity				1	2	3
				Holiday Recess - No School		
4	5 Classes Resume	6	7	8 Budget Meeting 6:00 pm Board Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Spirit Day	10
11	12	13 Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 am	14 Quiz Bowl	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	20	21	22	23	24
		Regents Testing Days				
25	26	27	28	29	30 Report Cards	31
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# January 2026

## Breakfast/Lunch Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
			Holiday Recess - No School	
5	6	7	8	9
Donuts and graham crackers  Chicken nuggets, ranch mashed potatoes, steamed peas and carrots cocoa brownie bar	Waffles and syrup  Baked potato bar (pulled chicken, queso & bacon), garlic knot, seasoned green beans, salsa and sour cream	Bagels, cream cheese, jelly or peanut butter  Ultimate nachos (taco meat & cheese) salsa, sour cream, refried beans, rainbow pepper sticks	Fruit parfait and granola  BYO burrito bowl w/ cilantro lime rice, salsa cup, sour cream, guacamole, olives, jalapenos, and yellow corn	Bacon, egg and cheese on a croissant  Sausage pizza, steamed mixed veggies, mango peach applesauce cup
12	13	14	15	16
French toast sticks, sausage and syrup  Cheesy breadsticks with marinara sauce, roasted broccoli, fresh veggies and hummus	Danish and yogurt  Cheesy empanada, crispy tater tots, roasted mixed vegetables, cinnamon churro	Pancakes and syrup  Egg and cheese bagel, yogurt and granola, home fries, baby carrots, apple juice and winter berry fruit salad	Scrambled eggs with cheese and home fries  Tortellini alfredo with chicken, garlic bread, seasoned green beans, fresh assorted veggies	Blueberry muffin and cheese stick  Personal cheese pizza, steamed mixed veggies, cinnamon apple sauce
19	20	21	22	23
Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	Bagels, cream cheese, jelly or peanut butter  Toasted ham and cheese croissant, tomato soup, string cheese, cucumbers with ranch	Sausage, egg and cheese on an English muffin  Chicken nuggets, warm garlic knot, cheesy mashed potatoes, fresh veggies with hummus	Fruit parfait and granola  Rotini with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, roasted broccoli, warm cinnamon apples	French toast and syrup  Pepperoni pizza, steamed mixed veggies, blue raspberry apple sauce cup
26	27	28	29	30
Bagels, cream cheese, jelly or peanut butter  Pizza crunchers, steamed broccoli, fresh veggies with hummus, chocolate Scooby Doo graham	Waffle sticks, bacon and syrup  Soft taco (beef, cheese, lettuce) salsa, sour cream, corn and bean cowboy caviar	Scrambled eggs and English muffin  Cheeseburger, sweet potato fries, rainbow pepper sticks, cinnamon roasted pears	Bacon, egg and cheese on a croissant  Chicken Tinga quesadilla, salsa, sour cream, guacamole, olives, jalapenos, rainbow pepper sticks, mango peach applesauce	Donut and yogurt  French bread pizza, steamed mixed veggies, cherry emoji slush cup

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