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Candice L. Husson, Superintendent

# June 2026 Irish Times

**School Board Meeting**

Thursday, June 11, at 6:30pm

**Superintendent's Coffee Hour**

Tuesday, June 16 at 9:30 am

**No School**

Juneteenth

Friday, June 19

**Regents Testing**

June 9 & 10

June 17 -18

June 22-25

**Elementary ½ days**

**Dismissal at 11:30 am**

June 22-25

**Kindergarten Graduation**

Thursday, June 25 at 8:30 am

**Senior Graduation**

Friday, June 26 at 7:00 pm

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## **A Note from Mrs. Husson:**

**Summer sun is shining, bugs are biting, the lake is getting warmer...must be almost time for summer break!! The last few weeks will be full of end of the year testing, field trips, and graduations. A list of important dates are on the next page!**

**MCS will see a lot of activity over the summer months. Mr. Ken Smith, Mr. Pete Taylor and the rest of the summer crew will be busy doing projects, cleaning, and getting the school prepped for student, faculty and staff return in September. We will be hosting a Summer Success Program in the Elementary. This will be from July 7th-August 6th, 7:45am-9:45am, Monday through Thursday.**

**Congratulations to all of our tennis, baseball, and softball teams for their hard work and dedication this spring! A big congratulations to our boys varsity on their League Championship win. The sign up sheets for the fall sports are hanging up outside the coaches' office!**

**I would like to thank the community for supporting our school budget again this year. Your support of our small school and our incredible students and staff is appreciated! Congratulations to Jessica West on her re-election to another 5 year term on the board of education. Thank you Jessica for your continued dedication to MCS.**

**Congratulations to all of this year's senior graduates for successful completion of your high school career. Special congratulations to Teyah Graves, this year's salutatorian, and Caitlin Wamsley, this year's valedictorian. I hope that many of you will be able to come and help celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating seniors and the end of another very successful school year at our senior graduation ceremony on Friday, June 26th at 7:00pm in the school gym.**

**Congratulations to our kindergarten class! Kindergarten graduation will be held Thursday June 25th at 8:30am, followed by our elementary awards assembly. Please try to join us for this special event as our K's showcase some of their talents and our elementary students are recognized for a year's worth of hard work!**

**As a reminder, I will be going out on maternity leave effective June 17th, as my family welcomes our second baby, a little girl! Mr. Timothy Farrell will be returning to MCS to fill in for me and wrap up the school year.**

**Enjoy your summer!!! See you in September!**

**"A little bit of summer is what the whole year is about." - Mayer**



# Important June Dates

June 2	5th & 6th Grade Field Trip to Environmental Field Days
June 4	Special Person's Day 8:30-10:00
June 5	Spirit Day Elementary Concert 1:45pm
June 8	Finals Start
June 9	ELA Regents Exam- AM Johnsburg/Minerva Sports Banquet @ 4:30pm- Minerva Beach Pavilion
June 10	Algebra II Regents- AM Secondary Sweet Success Awards- 6:00pm
June 11	BOE Meeting @ 6:30pm
June 12	5th-8th Historical Marker Field Trip
June 15	PK-6 Field Trip to Via Aquarium 7-12 Grade Field Day
June 16	7-12 Last Day of School 7-12 Field Trip to Newcomb Beach Grand March @ 1:45pm
June 17	Algebra I Regents-AM Global Regents-PM PK-6 Field Trip to Newcomb Beach
June 18	PK-3 Field Trip to ADK Museum 4-6 Field Trip to John Brown Farm Earth Science Regents- PM
June 19	No School- Juneteenth
June 22	Elementary Dismissed @ 11:30am Elementary Field Day
June 23	Elementary Dismissed @ 11:30am US History Regents- AM Geometry Regents- AM
June 24	Elementary Dismissed @ 11:30am Chemistry Regents- AM
June 25	Elementary Last Day/Elementary Dismissed after Awards Kindergarten Graduation @ 8:30am Elementary Awards Immediately Following Graduation Senior Graduation Rehearsal @ 12:00pm
June 26	Senior Graduation @ 7:00pm

# Kindergarten Graduating 2038



Nova Dunbar



Torryn Evans



Penelope Kushi

# Senior Graduating Class of 2026



Xavier Cole



Claire Fish



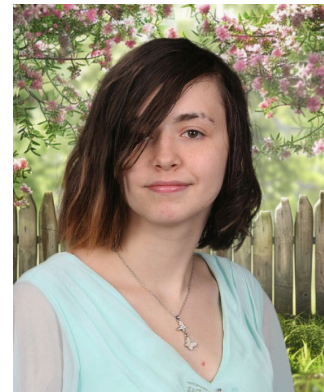
Teyah Graves



Clayton Griffen



Kaitlyn Jenks



Phoebe Fissette



Gabriella Spieler



Macaylin Taylor



Killian Vanderwarker



Caitlin Wamsley

# Minerva Central School 2026 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Valedictorian - Caitlin Wamsley

The Valedictorian for the Minerva Central School Class of 2026 is Caitlin Wamsley.

Throughout my high school career, I have participated in Ember, Student Council, Senior Chorus, Youth and Government, Yearbook, National Honor Society, and the National Technical Honor Society. I also volunteered with Crazy 8's. During my senior year I was in the BOCES New Visions Health Careers Exploration program.

I will be attending SUNY Adirondack in the fall and will be taking nursing prerequisites so I can begin nursing school in the spring.



Salutatorian - Teyah Graves

The Salutatorian for the Minerva Central School Class of 2026 is Teyah Graves.

Throughout my high school career, I have participated in softball and BOCES. I am also a member of the National Honor Society and National Technical Honors Society. I've spent my time as an intern for It's About Thyme Farm for my senior year.

I will be attending SUNY Adirondack in the fall and eventually transfer to Paul Smiths. I will be majoring in arbourists and landscaping.

# The Decline in Children’s Physical Activity—and Why It Matters

Children today are moving less than previous generations, and the effects reach far beyond physical fitness. Increased screen time, fewer outdoor play opportunities, busy family schedules, and reduced physical education in schools have all contributed to a steady decline in daily activity levels among children. Health experts warn that this trend may have lasting consequences for children’s physical, emotional, and cognitive development.

The World Health Organization recommends that children ages 5–17 engage in at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day. However, studies consistently show that many children fall short of this goal. Sedentary behaviors—especially time spent on phones, tablets, gaming systems, and television—now occupy a significant portion of children’s free time.

Physical activity plays a critical role in healthy growth and development. Regular movement helps build strong bones and muscles, improves cardiovascular health, supports healthy weight management, and reduces the risk of developing chronic conditions such as obesity and type 2 diabetes later in life. Active children are also more likely to develop good coordination, balance, and motor skills that support lifelong mobility and independence.

The impact is not only physical. Research shows that active children tend to experience better mental health outcomes, including reduced anxiety and depression and improved self-esteem. Physical activity stimulates the release of chemicals in the brain that support mood regulation and emotional well-being. It also contributes to improved sleep quality, which is essential for learning and behavior.

Perhaps most importantly, movement supports brain development. Studies have linked regular physical activity with stronger attention spans, improved memory, and better academic performance. Active play encourages problem-solving, creativity, and social interaction, helping children develop communication skills and emotional resilience. Team sports and group activities also teach cooperation, leadership, and conflict resolution.

When children are consistently inactive, the effects can continue into adulthood. Habits formed early in life often persist, increasing the likelihood of sedentary lifestyles later on. Adults who were inactive as children may face greater risks of heart disease, diabetes, mental health challenges, and reduced quality of life.

Communities can help reverse this trend by creating safe spaces for play, supporting school physical education programs, organizing recreational activities, and encouraging families to prioritize movement in everyday routines. Simple actions—walking to school, playing outside after dinner, participating in sports, or limiting recreational screen time—can make a meaningful difference.

Encouraging children to move more is not simply about exercise. It is an investment in their physical health, emotional well-being, academic success, and future quality of life. By supporting active lifestyles today, communities can help children build healthier futures for years to come.

Carly Morano  
Physical Education and Health Teacher  
Varsity Softball and Girls Modified Soccer Coach  
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# HUNGER BUSTERS

Hunger Busters have been a huge hit throughout the school year! Our class creates breakfast/lunch delights for the staff at Minerva Central School to enjoy. We plan, prepare, deliver and enjoy these wonderful meals. Everyone looks forward to a Hunger Busters Day!





# MINERVA SCHOOL DISTRICT

LIBRARY CLASS WITH MRS. BOSAN

END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

**ALL THINGS LIFE & LIBRARY**

**Please return your overdue library books, as soon as possible. Thank you!**

**SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

- Read an EBOOK
- Read a BIOGRAPHY
- Listen to an AUDIOBOOK
- Read by flashlight
- Read a book that takes place in the SUMMER



Our Minerva Central School fifth and sixth graders, led by Mr. Sear, recently went on a meaningful community service trip. The students visited both the Minerva and Olmstedville graveyards to honor our local veterans. Together, they placed approximately 200 American flags on the graves of former military personnel and added new placards where needed. Thank you to our students and Mr. Sear for ensuring our heroes are remembered!





# CELEBRATE

## GET OUTDOORS & GET TOGETHER DAY

Free guided activities: fishing, hiking, paddling, camping demos, birding, and MORE.

All locations will offer a selection of accessible activities; and use of adaptive equipment and demonstrations will be provided at many sites.

Celebrate New York's spectacular outdoor spaces in this inclusive one-day event at a location near you.

# SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2026



For more information, visit [ny.gov/GOGTDay](https://ny.gov/GOGTDay)

Scaroon Manor  
Campground

10 AM - 2 PM



Department of Environmental Conservation | Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation | Office for People With Developmental Disabilities  
Department of Veterans' Services | Office of Mental Health | Office of the Chief Disability Officer | Justice Center

# MINERVA PTO

June 2026

## Raffles

The PTO has 2 raffles this year, Summer Fun and Builders Oasis! Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any of our members, at the Sweet Success ceremony, and in Courtney Park on Minerva Day!

## Reminders

Senior and 6<sup>th</sup> graders have to turn in their completed application for the PTO award by June 5th!

## Upcoming Events

- June 5th: PTO Award applications due
- June 15th: PTO Meeting @ MCS Library 6:00 pm
- June 10th: Sweet Success and raffle sales
- July 4th: Raffle sales and drawing



Over \$700 Value!!



Over \$500 Value!!



# JUNE 2026

## Events Calendar

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
This month's character trait is tolerance	1	2	3	4	5 Spirit Day	6
7	8	<b>Regents Testing</b>		11 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13
14	15	16 MS/HS Last Day Beach Day  Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 am  Grand March at 1:45	17	<b>Regents Testing</b>		20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">No School Juneteenth</div>
21	22 ½ Day Elementary	23 ½ Day Elementary	24 ½ Day Elementary	25 Kindergarten Graduation 8:30 am  Elementary Awards	26 Senior Graduation 7 pm	27
<b>Regents Testing</b>		30				
28	29	30				

# JUNE 2026

## Breakfast/Lunch Menu

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
This month's character trait is tolerance	1 Cheese omelet and toast  Pizza crunchers, tomato & cucumber salad, celery sticks and cocoa brownie bar	2 Pancakes, sausage and syrup  Chicken and cheese quesadilla, salsa, sour cream, tortilla chips with bean dip and yellow corn	3 Danish and cheese stick  French toast sticks, cheesy egg bite or turkey sausage links, emoji fries, fresh veggies and NY apple juice and syrup cup	4 Cereal, English muffin and hard boiled egg  Walking tacos (beef, cheese, w/corn chips), steamed broccoli and baby carrots	5 Sausage, egg and cheese on a bagel  Personal cheese pizza, steamed mixed veggies, fresh veggies w/hummus, and strawberry applesauce cup	6
7	8 Cinnamon roll and yogurt  Hot dog on a bun, baked potato chips, baked beans, crunchy coleslaw and watermelon wedge	9 Ham, egg and cheese on a croissant  Popcorn chicken bites, mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, crinkle cut fries and fresh veggie cup	10 Waffles, bacon and syrup  Teryaki chicken, rice, seasoned green beans, grape tomatoes w/ ranch dip	11 Fruit parfait and granola  Meatball sub, cheesy garlic mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli, warm cinnamon pears	12 Donuts and yogurt  Cheese pizza or chicken bacon ranch pizza, steamed veggies and fresh veggies w/hummus	13
14	15 French toast sticks and syrup  Lasagna roll-up w/meatsauce, garlic breadstick, peas and carrots, cucumber coins	16 Scrambled eggs and home fries  Cheesy bean empanada, salsa, sour cream, black bean and corn salsa, rainbow pepper sticks and rice crispy treat	17 Bacon, egg and cheese on English muffin  Crispy chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries, steamed broccoli and fresh strawberries	18 Muffin and yogurt  Ultimate nachos, steamed mixed veggies, fesh veggies w/hummus and cinnamon applesauce cup	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">No School Juneteenth</div>	20
21	22 Ham, egg and cheese on English muffin  Toasted ham and cheese croissant, yogurt cup and granola, assorted fresh veggies and cherry frozen juice cup	23 Bagels w/cream cheese, peanut butter or jelly  Rotini w/meat sauce, garlic bread, roasted broccli, grape tomatoes	24 Waffles and syrup  Mini corn dogs, NY string cheese, honey glazed carrots and cucumber coins	25 Fruit parfait and granola	26	27
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