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Candice L. Husson, Superintendent

September 2026 Irish Times

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Welcome Back

DEAR MCS FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY:

Welcome Back to all of our students, families, faculty and staff!! I hope that you all have had an excellent summer full of relaxation, swimming, adventuring and family time!

We are excited to start a new school year and to see our students grow academically and socially, make new memories, and participate in extra-curriculars.

We had a great summer here at MCS, with a successful Elementary Summer Success Program and our custodians cleaning and preparing the building for a new year!

Our office staff, teachers, and support staff also spent time during the summer working to prep for the new year!

Fall Sports began August 24th! We are excited to continue our partnership with both Johnsbury and North Warren (Girls Soccer/Cross Country) and to see all our teams and athletes have a successful season! Be sure to check the school website for the game schedule!

NEW FACULTY/STAFF

Mr. David Pede- 9-12 Math

Mrs. Amy Gosselin- Now 7th and 8th
Grade Math/Science

Ms. Kris Nusskern- 5th Grade

Mr. Donald Bullen- 9-12 Science

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, Sept. 8th- PK-12 First Day

(BOCES students programs start

Wednesday, Sept. 9th.)

Friday, Sept. 18th- Back to School

BBQ 5-7pm

Friday, Oct. 2nd- Superintendent's

Conference Day- NO SCHOOL

WELCOME TO MCS!!

Mrs. Husson

SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL

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Check out our website for up-to-date information,
lunch menu, documents, etc.

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Minerva Central School 2026-2027 School Calendar

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July 2026						
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July 6	Independence Day Observation
September 3	Supt. Conference Day
September 7	Labor Day
September 8	Classes Resume
October 2	Supt. Conference Day
October 12	Columbus Day
November 10	Emergency Release Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Recess
December 23	Holiday Recess Begins
January 4	Classes Resume
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 26-29	Regents Testing Days
February 1	Parent Teacher Conferences
February 15-19	Mid-Winter Recess
March 26-2	Spring Recess
April 14-15	NYS Grades 3-8 ELA Tests
April 28-29	NYS Grades 3-8 Math Tests
April 30	Supt. Conference Day
May 5	NYS Grades 5&8 Science Tests
May 31	Memorial Day
June 15-25	Regents Testing Days
June 18 & 25	Regents Rating Days
June 24	Kindergarten Graduation
June 25	Senior Graduation

Classes Not In Session

----- Regents Testing Days

Supt. Conference Day

Emergency Release Drill

September	17
October	20
November	17
December	17
January	19
February	14
March	19
April	19
May	20
June	19
Total Number of Pupil Days	181
Supt. Conference Days	4
TOTAL DAYS	185

Marking Period 1	Sept. 8 - Nov. 6
Marking Period 2	Nov. 9 - Jan. 22
Marking Period 3	Jan. 25 - Apr. 16
Marking Period 4	Apr. 19 - Jun. 25

Employee List 2026-2027



**Alexander, Elizabeth - Special Education 6-1-1/
CPSE/CSE Chairperson**

Arnold, Kathleen - Teacher Assistant

Bosan, Ellen – Library Media Specialist

**Brannon-Strohmeyer, Theresa - School Nurse/
Attendance Officer**

Bromley, Claire - School Social Worker

Brown, Matthew - Grade 4 Teacher

Bullen, Donald – Science Teacher

Camara, Joseph - Head Bus Driver/Mechanic

Christian, Ashley - Teacher Assistant

Corcoran, Edward - Art Teacher

Drake, Raynie - Special Education Teacher

Farrell, Hunter - RSO

Fink, Christopher - 7-12 Social Studies Teacher

Fuller, Colleen - Grade 1 Teacher

Gaddis, Faith - Grade 3 Teacher

Galusha, Alison - Teacher's Aide

Gosselin, Amy – Math/Science Teacher

**Green, Lynn - Secretary to the Superintendent/
District Clerk/Records Manager**

Green, Robin - Cafeteria Manager/Cook

Harris, Bryan - Cleaner

Hodgson, Jill - OT Services

Husson, Candice - Superintendent

Johnson, Mikaila - Teacher's Aide

Kirker, Robert - 7-12 English Teacher

Knierim, Eric - Speech Language Therapist

Krzemien, Jordan - School Counselor

McCauliffe, Cortney - Business Manager/Treasurer

**McCauliffe, Eric - Coordinator of Student Services/
Dean of Students**

Morano, Carly - Physical Education

Mulligan, Amber - Food Service Assistant

Nusskern, Kristina – Grade 5 Teacher

O'Hara, Faye - Food Service Assistant/Cleaner

**Ordway, Ashley - Pre-K and Kindergarten Teacher/
Curriculum Coordinator**

**Ordway, Lizbeth - Grade 6 Teacher/
Athletic Director**

Pede, David – Math Teacher

Pless, Rebecca - Teacher's Aide

Putney, Denise - PT Services

Rascoe, Molly - Special Education 12-1-1

Riley, Kathleen - Technology Teacher

Scott, April - Teacher Assistant

Scott-Packard, Amy - Grade 2 Teacher

Secor, Joliene - Teacher Assistant

Smith, Katherine - Music Teacher

Smith, Kenneth - Head Custodian/Bus Driver

Stockman, Kevin - Spanish Teacher

Stone, Sharon - Data Specialist

Sullivan, Kayla - Cleaner

Taylor, Deborah - Business Teacher

Taylor, Peter - Bus Driver / Custodian

Wilk, Steve - Psychologist

Williams, April - Account Clerk

Wood, Joanna - Custodian / Bus Driver

Italics denote part-time employees

Annual Notifications for 2026-2027

Asbestos Management Plan

Minerva Central School District submitted on **July 5, 2016**, information regarding asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) in the central school district to the New York State Education Department. This information is documented in the school district's Asbestos Management Plan, which is in accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987 (40 CFR Part 763). **This memorandum is intended to fulfill annual notification requirements.**

The Minerva Central School has complied with the AHERA regulation by conducting the three-year re-inspection of asbestos-containing building materials on **May 7, 2025**. Additionally, known and assumed ACBM's are visually inspected every six months. The next re-inspection must be conducted no later than **May 7, 2028**.

The Asbestos Management Plan for Minerva Central School is available in the Main Office for public review during Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Additionally, the LEA Designee is required to have a copy of the plan. For more information, contact **Kenneth Smith, District LEA Designee at (518) 251-2000**.

District Emergency Management Plan

The Minerva Central School District has developed the Emergency and Disaster Management Preparedness plan as required by New York State Education Law Section 155.13. The regulation requires that each public school district have Emergency Management Plans in place, and that information on emergency procedures be provided to all students and staff. The district will provide training throughout the year and conduct at least eight (8) evacuation drills, four (4) lockdown drills, as well as a "GO HOME" drill to test transportation and communication systems. Emergency evacuation information is posted in each classroom. For more information concerning the Emergency Management Planning, please contact **Candice L. Husson, Superintendent, at 518 251-2000**.

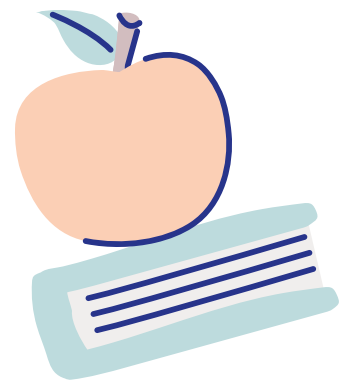
Initial Pesticide Neighbor Notification

The use of pesticide products may be applied periodically throughout the school year at the Minerva School District. Under the Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law, the District is required by the New York State Education Department to maintain a list of parents/guardians and school personnel who wish to receive 48 - hour advanced written notice of an actual pesticide application in the facilities or on school grounds. You may register for 48-hour notification by contacting **Lynn Green**, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at (518) 251-2000. To obtain additional information on the Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law, contact Candice L. Husson, School Superintendent, at **(518) 251-2000**.

The Minerva Central School is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning and work environment. Please note that integrated pest management practices are utilized whenever possible and that, to date, the district has not used any pesticides that require 48-hour notification.



MS. NUSSKERN 5TH GRADE



I am excited to be joining Minerva Central School as your 5th grade teacher! Before coming here, I taught in Schenectady, South Glens Falls and Glens Falls, and in preschool, 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades. Each grade has its perks, but 5th is my favorite! I live in Queensbury with my two kids and our cat. When I'm not at school or driving to the dance studio, I spend as much time as I can kayaking, hiking, reading, or experimenting with various arts and crafts. I can't wait to meet everyone!

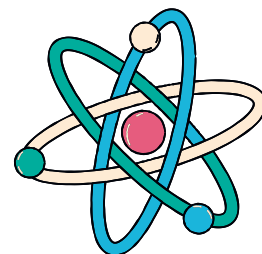
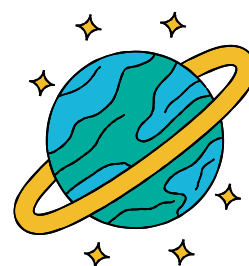
MR. BULLEN

SCIENCE

My name is Donald Bullen, and I am pleased to be joining the Minerva community as a science teacher! I have a passion for the Adirondacks, and doing my part to make our community the best that it can be. A quality education where students are encouraged to learn, recognized for their achievements, and challenged to think critically is something I strongly believe will help them achieve their dreams. That is the kind of classroom I aim to create here at Minerva.

I have six years of professional experience as a maritime meteorologist supporting the shipping, cruise, and offshore wind industries. My background as a meteorologist will help me to provide a lot of real world examples of what we will be discussing in class, and to show students how the scientific method and intellectual discourse are applied in the real world. The Adirondacks are a wonderful place to learn science, as it is all around us! From the unique weather systems, to our ample bodies of water, to our old growth forests - it is truly an unmatched learning environment.

Outside of school, I spend a lot of my free time outdoors. I am an avid fly fisherman, hiker who is an Adirondack 46er, and snowmobiler. I also enjoy watching football.



MRS. KRZEMIEN

Guidance Counselor

My name is Jordan Krzemien, and I am excited to join the Minerva Central School District as the new School Counselor. I have grown up in Upstate New York my entire life and am proud to continue serving students and families within the local community. I graduated from Saratoga Springs High School in 2017, earned my Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Siena College in 2021, and completed my Master's degree in School Counseling and Counseling Services from Russell Sage College in 2023.

Over the past three years, I have gained experience working in education through a variety of roles, including a year at a private school, leave-of-absence positions, and substitute work across multiple school districts. These experiences have allowed me to work with students of different ages, backgrounds, and needs while developing a strong passion for supporting students academically, socially, emotionally, and personally.

I am truly looking forward to getting to know and working alongside all of the students, faculty, staff, and guardians of the Minerva Central School District. I am grateful for the opportunity to become part of such a wonderful school community and look forward to a successful year together!



It's Back!

Be Our Guests!

Minerva Central School

Back to School Barbeque

All community members are cordially invited to help us celebrate the beginning of a new school year!

Friday, September 18

5:00-7:00

MCS Gym

Questions? Call 251-2000



JOIN MRS. HUSSON FOR
**COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION**

**TUESDAYS FOLLOWING THE
BOE MTG @ 9:30AM
MCS CAFETERIA**

STOP IN AND SEE MRS.
HUSSON TO DISCUSS A
VARIETY OF SCHOOL
TOPICS!

**SEPTEMBER 15
OCTOBER 15(THURSDAY)
NOVEMBER 17
DECEMBER 15
JANUARY 19
FEBRUARY 21
MARCH 16
APRIL 13
MAY 18
JUNE 15**



MCS Monthly.
Pajama Day.

**Friday, September 25
Friday, October 23
Friday, November 20
Friday, December 18
Friday, January 29
Friday, February 26
Friday, March 19
Friday, April 23
Friday, May 28
Friday, June 18**



The Minerva Backpack Program: Supporting Our Kids, Together!

We want to make sure every child in our community has full bellies and happy weekends! The Minerva Backpack Program offers free bags of delicious, easy-to-prepare food for students to enjoy over weekends and school holidays.

What is inside each bag?

- Tasty breakfast items, snacks and three dinners.
- Free Stewarts milk and egg cards (available upon request).

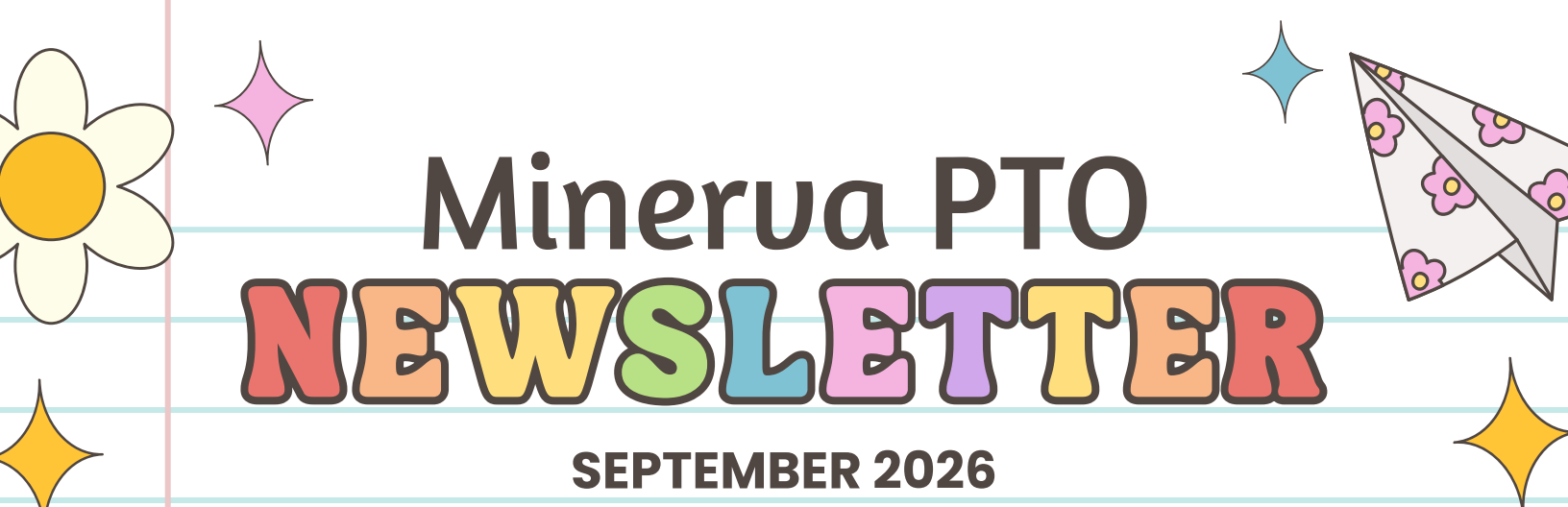
Things to know:

- **100% Free:** There is absolutely no cost to participate.
- **100% Confidential:** Student privacy is always protected.
- **Community Powered:** This program is run by volunteers from the Minerva Service Organization and MCS, using local donations and grants.

How to sign up:

Joining is simple and private. To register or ask questions, please reach out to the school nurse or contact the MCS office at 518-251-2000. We are here to help!





Minerva PTO NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

WHO ARE WE?

The Minerva PTO is a dedicated group of parents, teachers, students, and community members committed to supporting our school and enriching the educational experience of all students. We work together to give back through volunteer efforts, fundraising, and programs that strengthen the connection between school and community.

6TH AND 12TH GRADE AWARD

The PTO wants to give back by offering an opportunity to apply for an award when you are in 6th or 12th grade! Ask us for more information!

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

We are always looking for volunteers!

- Concessions
- Cooking Club
- Christmas Bazaar
- Santa's Workshop
- Someone Special Dance
- and Many More!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Cooking Club
- Christmas Bazaar
- Santa's Workshop
- Someone Special Dance

CONTACT INFO

Email: minervapto25@gmail.com



Soccer Field Locations

Chazy

2 fields at school
609 Miner Farm Rd. Chazy, NY 12921

Crown Point

2 fields at school
2758 Main St. Crown Point, NY 12928

Boquet Valley (E-Town /Lewis)

Camp Dudley
126 Camp Dudley Rd, Westport, NY 12993

Johnsburg

2 fields at school (Girls field on the hill)
165 Main St. North Creek, NY 12853

Indian Lake

2 fields at school
28 West Main St. Indian Lake, NY 12842

Keene Central

2 fields at school in Keene Valley
33 Market St. Keene Valley, NY 12943

Lake Placid

Games played at the Horse grounds
5514 Cascade Road, Lake Placid, NY 12946

Lake Pleasant

1 field at school in Speculator
120 Elm Lake Rd. Speculator, NY 12164
Field at Wells is used also

Long Lake

20 School Rd, Long Lake NY 12847
Soccer field is just before the school
Kickerville field (modified)

Minerva

1 field at school
1466 County Rte 29. Olmstedville, NY 12857

Newcomb

1 field at school
5535 State Rte 28N. Newcomb, NY 12852
Little League field (Softball) Rte 28N

Schroon Lake

2 fields at school
1125 US Rte 9 Schroon Lake, NY 12870

Wells

2 fields at school
1571 Rte 30 Wells, NY 12190

Willsboro

2 fields at school



TOWN OF JOHNSBURG LIBRARY EVENTS

We have some wonderful kid-friendly programs this month, especially our Friday Story Hours (10 AM to 11 AM) focusing on woodland animals and outdoor problem-solving, and our Family Movie Night featuring Minions & Monsters on Thursday, September 17th!

Here is our full chronological schedule for the month:

Wed, Sept 2 (5:00 PM): Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Thu, Sept 3 (5:00 PM): September Book Club (Discussing Yesteryear)

Fridays (10:00 AM): Woodland Story Hour (Special Early Access!)

Fridays (3:00 PM): Experienced Mahjong Play

Wednesdays (2:00 PM): Cozy Knitting Group

Thu, Sept 10 (4:00 PM): Book 2 Movie & Author Talk with Joe Connelly

Thu, Sept 17 (5:00 PM): Family Movie Night (Minions & Monsters)

Thu, Sept 24 (5:00 PM): Community Trivia Night!



SEPTEMBER 2026

Events Calendar

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This month's Character Trait is		1	2	3 Superintendent's Conference Day	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 Classes Resume	9 BOCES Classes Resume	10 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Spirit Day	12
13	14	15 Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 am	16	17	18 Back to school BBQ 5-7 pm 	19
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SEPTEMBER 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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 Assorted danish and yogurt French toast sticks, cheese egg bite or turkey sausage, sweet potato bites and apple juice	9 Breakfast sandwich with ham, egg and cheese on a croissant Bonelss chicken wing and mozz stick basket, fries, veggie cup, side salad	10 Waffles and bacon and syrup Mac 'n' cheese with kielbasa bites, garlic breadstick, honey ginger greenbeans and grape tomatoes	11 Scrambled eggs and toast Cheese pizza, steamed yellow corn, fresh veggies w/hummus and cinnamon applesauce	12
13	14 Donuts and hard boiled eggs Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, ranch/cheesy mashed potatoes, yellow corn and honey/maple glazed carrots	15 Bagels with cream cheese or jelly Soft tacos, beef, cheese, lettuce, salsa, sour cream, cilantro lime rice and veggie pinto beans	16 Pancake bar, assorted fruit toppings and syrup Cheeseburger, sweet potato edges, rainbow pepper sticks and seasonal fruit salad	17 Eggs, sausage and biscuit Cherry blossom chicken, fried rice, broccoli and cucumbers and fortune cookie	18 Parfait with berries, yogurt and granola French pizza, NY peas and carrots, fresh veggies w/hummus and blue raspberry applesauce	19
20	21 French toast sticks, ham and syrup Cheesy breadsticks w/marinara sauce, steamed broccli, rainbow peppers and mini rice crispy treat	22 Assorted whole grain pop tart and yogurt Popcorn chicken & waffles, emoji fries, cucumber slices, orange juice and syrup	23 Waffle bar with assorted fruit toppings and syrup Meatball sub, au gratin potatoes, corn on the cob, grape tomatoes and chocolate chip coookie	24 Breakfast burrito, egg, potaotes, sausage and cheese and salsa Lasagna, garlic breadsticks, parmesan peas and side salad	25 Assorted whole grain muffin and cheese stick Cheese pizza, pizza grean beans, fresh veggies w/hummus and mango peach applesauce cup	26
27	28 Assorted danish and hard boiled egg Crispy chicken tenders, tortellini pasta salad, yellow corn and grape tomatoes	29 Scrambled eggs, toast and fruit smoothie Loaded nachos, beef, tex mex black beans, chili roasted sweet potatoes, salsa cup, sour cream and NY grape slushie	30 Breakfast sandwich, bacon, egg and cheese on a croissant Mozzerella pizza crunchers, roasted broccoli, rainbow peppers and warm cinnamon apples/pears			