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Candice L. Husson, Superintendent

September 2025 Irish Times

Classes Resume

Wednesday, September 3

School Board Meeting

Thursday, September 11, at 6:30 pm

Back to School BBQ

Friday, September 12, 5-7 pm

Bring your family and friends!

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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.

As many of you have seen this summer, MCS underwent some major updates! Roof work, new bathrooms, new sidewalk, new parking lot, some work in the gym, electrical and fire alarm system updates!

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd- PK-12 First Day

(PK start time is 10:45am. BOCES students programs start Thursday, Sept. 4th.)

Friday, Sept. 12th- Back to School BBQ 5-7pm

Friday, Oct. 3rd- Superintendent's Conference
Day- NO SCHOOL

Mrs. Husson

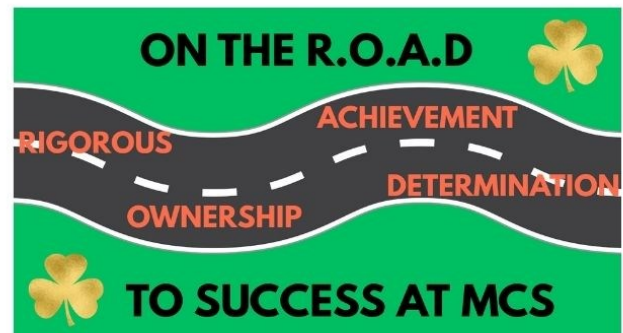
SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL



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518-251-2000



NEW FACULTY/STAFF

Mr. Eric McCauliffe- Coordinator of Student Services/Dean of Students

Mr. Kevin Stockman- Spanish(Returning from Retirement - Part Time)

Mrs. Rebecca Pless- Teacher's Aide

WELCOME TO MCS!!



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

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MINERVA CENTRAL SCHOOL 2025- 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

HOME OF THE
FIGHTING IRISH

JULY 2025						
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JUNE 2026						
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July	4	Independence Day Observed
September	1	Labor Day
September	2	Supt. Conference Days
September	3	Classes Begin
October	3	Supt. Conference Day
October	13	Columbus Day
November	10	Emergency Release Day
November	11	Veterans' Day
November	26-28	Thanksgiving Recess
December	22	Holiday Recess Begins
January	5	Classes Resume
January	19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January	20-23	Regents Testing Days
February	3-4	1/2 Day for Students
February	16-20	Parent Teacher Conferences
March	20	Mid-Winter Recess
April	3-10	Supt. Conference Day
April		Spring Recess
April		NYS Grades 3-8 ELA Tests
May		NYS Grades 3-8 Math Tests
May	25	Memorial Day
June	9-10	Regents
June	17-26	Regents Testing Days
June	19	Juneteenth
June	26	Regents Rating Day
June	25	Kindergarten Graduation
June	26	Senior Graduation



Classes Not in Session



Regents Testing Days



Supt. Conference Day

September	20
October	21
November	16
December	15
January	19
February	14
March	21
April	16
May	20
June	19

Total Number of Pupil Days 181

Supt. Conference Days 4

TOTAL DAYS 185

Marking Period 1	Sept. 4 - Nov. 7
Marking Period 2	Nov. 10 - Jan. 23
Marking Period 3	Jan. 26 - Apr. 2
Marking Period 4	Apr. 13 - Jun. 26

Employee List

2025-2026



Accardi, Peter - Math 7-12
 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
 Camara, Joseph - Head Bus Driver/Mechanic
 Christian, Ashley - Teacher Assistant
 Corcoran, Edward - Art Teacher
 Drake, Raynie - Special Education Teacher
 Fink, Christopher - 7-12 Social Studies Teacher
 Fuller, Colleen - Grade 1 Teacher
 Gaddis, Faith - Grade 3 Teacher
 Galkiewicz, Sherry - School Counselor
 Galusha, Alison - Teachers Aide
 Gosselin, Amy - Grade 5 Teacher
 Green, Lynn - Secretary to the Superintendent/
 District Clerk/Records Manager
 Green, Robin - Cafeteria Manager/Cook
 Hodgson, Bruce - 7-12 Math/STEM Teacher
Hodgson, Jill - OT Services
 Husson, Candice - Superintendent
 Johnson, Mikaila - Teachers Aide
 Kirker, Robert - 7-12 English Teacher
 Knierim, Eric - Speech Language Therapist
 LeVeille, Edith - Cleaner

McCauliffe, Cortney - Business Manager/Treasurer
 McCauliffe, Eric - Coordinator of Student Services/
 Dean of Students
 Millington, April - Teacher Assistant
 Morano, Carly - Physical Education
 Mulligan, Amber - Food Service Assistant
 Ordway, Ashley - Pre-K and Kindergarten Teacher/
 Curriculum Coordinator
 Ordway, Lizbeth - Grade 6 Teacher/
 Athletic Director
 Pless, Rebecca - Teachers Aide
Putney, Denise - PT Services
 Rascoe, Molly - Special Education 12-1-1
 Riley, Kathleen - Technology Teacher
 Scott, 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
 Vanderwalker, Ruth - Food Service Assistant/
 Cleaner
 Viele, Bethanie - 7-12 Science Teacher
Wilk, Steve - Psychologist
 Williams, April - Account Clerk
 Wood, Joanna - Custodian / Bus Driver

Italics denote part-time employees

Annual Notifications for 2025-2026

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 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 which require 48-hour notification.



Connect With Us

School Lunch Director: Jason Bowers

Email: jason.bowers@neric.org

Phone: (518) 948-5396

Program Specialist: Susan Frank

Email: susan.frank@neric.org

Phone: (518) 464-5133

Free Meals for All Students

During the current school year, our school district will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision program, which provides no-cost meals to all students.

CEP is a federal provision that allows qualifying schools to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students. This option increases school meal participation by removing stigma, maximizes federal reimbursements, and eliminates unpaid school meal debt, all while upholding nutrition standards and meal quality.

Food Service Family Portal

LINQ Connect allows families to view menus and manage student meal accounts. You can set up one-time payments, set spending limits, transfer funds between students, set low-balance notifications, and more. It's an easy way to manage meal payments without the hassle of sending cash into school. If you have any difficulties accessing your LINQ account, please contact LINQ support at support@linqconnect.com.



Local Sourcing

We strive to support New York State food producers. Our school district endeavors to utilize as many local farms and vendors as possible.

Complete
school meal
program forms
here

New York State requires CEP schools to collect information from families through the **CEP Household Income Eligibility Form**. The information gathered on this form is used for state education funding purposes. Also, individual families may be eligible for certain benefits based on the data collected through these forms. **Complete the form by scanning the QR code:**



Our school district is supported by the Capital Region BOCES Shared Food Services Team. Our participation in this service provides many benefits to our students and school community, including:



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BOCES**

- Increased access to a wide variety of wholesome food choices.
- Optimized quality and customer service in our food service programs.
- Shared staff with expertise in school nutrition, including a registered dietitian and program specialists.

Dining at Our District

The café provides dining services for students through the use of their student ID numbers. All the meals offered exceed the nutrition standards set by federal guidelines. The menu follows a seasonal rotation, with variations for fall, winter, and spring. The grain products served are whole grain rich, and there are daily vegetarian choices available for both breakfast and lunch. Every meal includes fresh fruits and vegetables, and students must select at least one at each meal. Milk is offered but is not required to K-12 students. Full meals are available, as well as daily à la carte choices.



School Breakfast

Students may select three to five breakfast items each day. All students must select a fruit and/or 100% fruit juice at breakfast. Please refer to the website for daily menus.

School Lunch

Daily entrée choices are a balance of traditional student favorites and global flavors to introduce students to new foods and cultural foodways. All students must select a fruit or vegetable at lunch. Alternate lunch options are available daily. Please refer to the website for daily menus.

If your child requires menu modifications due to allergies or other concerns, please contact your food service director.



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 12th

5:00-7:00

MCS Gym

Questions? Call 251-2000

Back to School Back to Community BBQ

Friday: Sept 12, 2025

5:00 PM

Meet the Organizations That Make Minerva Home



RING
TOSS



CORNHOLE



POPCORN



POTATO
SACK RACE



LEARN ABOUT
YOUR COMMUNITY
SCAVENGER
HUNT

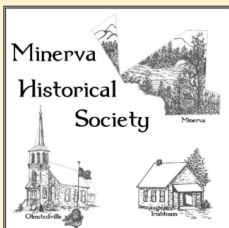


BBQ

Brought to you by
Minerva PTO

Minerva Central School
Minerva Historical Society

History, Hometown and Hot Dogs!



Library News

Hello families!

The library is open and ready for another exciting year of reading, learning, and exploring! This month, all students will be visiting the Library Media Center for orientation, where they'll learn how to check out books, care for materials, and use library resources responsibly.

We're also launching a *Fall Into Reading* challenge to kick off the year with a love for books—ask your child what they're reading!

Don't forget: our library is more than just books. Students will also be learning research skills, using technology tools, and participating in fun library lessons that connect with classroom learning.

Check the school website for library hours, book fair dates, and more. Let's make it a great year of reading!

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Ellen Bosan
School Library Media Specialist. PreK-12



The Clothes Corner

Free gently used clothes and shoes for anyone interested.

We will have them displayed at the back to school BBQ.

Please come take a look and go home with any items that you like.

Everyone is welcome to shop!

First come first served.

September 12th from 5-7 pm





Welcome Back from the Minerva PTO



Upcoming events:

Minerva Irish Day (9/6/25) - Selling coffee and cookies, cookie decorating station, removable tattoo station



Back to School, Back to Community BBQ (9/12/25) – Offering popcorn, cotton candy, and carnival games! We will also have more information on our senior and 6th-grade awards!

Cooking club – Information will be sent home soon!



Concession sign-ups - Volunteers needed for home soccer games. Great opportunity for seniors and 6th graders to earn PTO Award qualifications.

Our next meeting will be 9/8/25 @ 5pm in the MCS Library!



Mabel Jones Scholarship for Academic Excellence Award

The Minerva Historical Society is pleased to award a \$10,000 Mabel Jones Scholarship for Academic Excellence to Valedictorian Addison McCall, Class of 2025

Addison graduated at the top of her class from Minerva Central School, where she distinguished herself through both academic achievement and outstanding leadership. During her high school years, she participated in Academic Bowl, Youth and Government, National Honor Society, chorus, Culture Club, yearbook, and numerous class fundraising efforts.

A dedicated student leader, Addison was elected Class President all four years of high school. She will attend SUNY Plattsburgh this fall, where She is enrolled in a rigorous five-year program that combines undergraduate and graduate studies in Adolescent Education, with a concentration in English, culminating in both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree The Society congratulates Addison on her many accomplishments and is proud to support her continued academic journey through this award.

Minerva Historical Society Scholarship and Award Opportunities

Mabel Jones Scholarship Award

The Mabel Jones Scholarship is awarded to a graduating Minerva Central School student who has a minimum GPA of 90 and formal acceptance for admission to an accredited college with a declared intention to complete a minimum of 120 credit hours towards a Bachelor's Degree. An application for this scholarship is not required. Recommendations are made by the MCS Guidance office.

Post Secondary Award

The Post Secondary Award a qualified applicant to submit an application declaring their post-secondary goals which will include an explanation as to how this award will help them to further their educational goals. Two letters of recommendation are required as well. The MHS Scholarship Committee will review all applications and determine recipients and the amount of the award.

For further information, please contact

The Minerva Historical Society, PO Box 1, Olmstedville, NY 12857

Attention Scholarship Committee

All applications must be received by Jun 3, 2024

A Place That Shaped Us

by Sharon Stone—MCS Librarian – 1997-2022

On 6/29/25, Minerva Central School's retired faculty & staff came home.



Linda Williford, Susan Greene,
Laura West

This year's museum theme and exhibit Minerva Schools: A Century of Memories set the backdrop for the memories and the feels. There were smiles, laughter, and even a few choked-back tears as this crew—spanning more than 50 years of dedication to Minerva's students and community—gathered to share time and space once again.

Jack Alexander was our "senior" in this class of lifelong learners. Hired in 1963 and retiring in 1995 Jack spent 32 years at MCS. Not far behind Jack in the lineup was Kristine Perryman, whose name is still spoken with fondness—and the occasional chuckle of frustration—by former students and parents alike.

From administrators to faculty, bus drivers to cafeteria staff, and school board members past and present. Together this group represented the backbone of our tiny Adirondack school.

Imagine being that teacher who found a thank-you note she'd written to a student back in 1996, tucked into a binder. A student who has since graduated—and is now sending *her* son off to kindergarten this fall. That was just one moment in a sea of many during the reception.

- Hands reached out, touching photos as if they were the students themselves.
- "OMG, where did you find that?"
- Oh, I remember this!
 - These words were echoed again and again as people revisited the moments that built their lives and careers.

By far, the best part was the sharing circle. Stories of time spent at MCS, favorite memories, and the joy of simply being together again created an atmosphere of warmth and gratitude. One clear, consistent message came through:

MCS is special, MCS is family, MCS is home. It is. It truly is.



Heidi Kelly, Timothy Farrell,
Raymond Ciccarelli Candice Husson



Raymond Ciccarelli, Jack Alexander, Jamie McNally,
Michael Leddick



Jack Alexander, Nancy Shaw



Timothy Farrell, Laura West



Jamie McNally, Gemma
McNally, Gabrielle McNally



Kristine & Arthur
Perryman



Kim Monthony, Glenn Lang

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

THE MINERVA BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Minerva Backpack Program provides bags of food for children over weekends and school holidays. The program is supported by local donations and corporate and non-profit grants. Volunteers from the Minerva Service Organization and Minerva Central School pack the bags each week. Each child receives non-perishable foods for breakfast, three dinners and snacks. Also included, if requested, are Stewarts milk and egg cards. There is no charge for the program and names of students are confidential. For further information or to register for the backpack program, please contact the school nurse or the Main Office at Minerva Central School at 518-251-2000.



September 2025

Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School Labor Day	2 Superintendent's Staff Day	3 Classes Resume	4	5 Spirit Day	6
7	8	9	10	11 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Back to School BBQ 5-7 pm	13
14	15	16 Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 am	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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September 2025

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Alternate meal Breakfast: Cereal Lunch: PB&J or Cheese sandwich	1 No School Labor Day	2 Superintendent's Staff Day	3 Cereal, graham cracker, fruit Cheeseburger, fries, lettuce, tomato, onions	4 Confetti pancakes and apple slices Chicken nuggets, garlic knots, mashed potatoes, veggies and hummus	5 Waffles, fruit Cheese pizza, steamed veggies, mango peach apple sauce cup	6
7	8 Bagel w/cream cheese and orange wedges French toast sticks, turkey sausage or cheese omelet, sweet potato tots, OJ, syrup	9 Cinnamon rolls, cheese, fruit Ultimate nachos, salsa, sour cream, refried beans dip, yellow corn, rainbow peppers	10 Sausage, egg, cheese, on a croissant, fruit Popcorn chicken, mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, fries, veggies and ranch	11 Confetti pancakes and apple slices Macaroni and cheese, corn muffin, breaded broccoli bites, warm cinnamon apples	12 Blueberry muffin, fruit Cheese pizza, steamed veggies, blue raspberry applesauce cup	13
14	15 Bagel w/cream cheese and orange wedges Ham and cheese croissant, tomato soup, goldfish crackers, steamed green beans	16 French toast sticks, string cheese, fruit Rotini with meat sauce, garlic breadsticks, veggie with hummus, watermelon	17 Sausage, egg, potato breakfast burrito, fruit Hot dog on bun, pasta salad, corn on the cob, grape tomatoes	18 Confetti pancakes and apple slices Cherry blossom chicken, fried rice and dumplings, steamed broccoli and fortune cookie	19 Scrambled eggs, fruit Cheese pizza, steamed veggies, watermelon applesauce cup	20
21	22 Bagel w/cream cheese and orange wedges Chicken & waffle, sweet potato fries, syrup	23 Danish, string cheese, fruit Cheesy bread sticks with marinara, broccoli & ranch, baby carrots, cocoa brownie bar	24 Cereal, graham cracker, fruit Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, smiley fries, veggie and hummus	25 Confetti pancakes and apple slices Tortellini alfredo with chicken, Texas toast, peas and carrots, grape tomatoes	26 Bacon, egg and cheese on a biscuit, fruit Cheese pizza, steamed veggies, cinnamon applesauce cup	27
28	29 Bagel w/cream cheese and orange wedges Cheeseburger, fries, rainbow pepper sticks, chocolate chip cookie	30 Donuts, string cheese, fruit Soft tacos (beef or turkey, cheese, lettuce), salsa and sour cream, tortilla chips w/bean dip,				

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