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Candice L. Husson, Superintendent

March 2025 Irish Times

**School Budget Meeting and
School Board Meeting**
Thursday, March 13 at 6pm

Progress Reports
Friday, March 14

Irish Pride Week
Monday, March 17 to Thursday March 20th

Superintendent's Coffee Hour
Tuesday, March 18 at 9:30 am

No School for Students
Superintendent's Day
Friday, March 21

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A Note from Mrs. Husson:

Athletics

Winter athletics have come to a close. Our athletes dedicated many hours and late nights to games and meets over the last four months. A few weeks off before spring sports is much needed and well deserved. Spring sports will begin March 17th.

Budget Workshops

The workshops are open to the public for anyone interested in being part of the budget development process. The second draft of the budget will be presented at our next meeting, on Thursday, March 13th @ 6:00 pm, this will be followed by our regular monthly board meeting.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend the recent parent-teacher conferences. I am very happy to report that 93% of our elementary students had parents or guardians attend and 53% of our secondary students had parents or guardians in attendance. Thank you very much to our faculty and kitchen staff for your participation and helping during the conferences. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher(s) throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns.

Student Achievement

We are officially halfway through the school year. Our elementary students continue to show success and growth in all academic areas. On Friday February 7th we recognized our secondary students' success at our Awards Ceremony and Honors Breakfast. This marking period about half of our students achieved at the merit, honor, or emerald level. We also were able to recognize 11 students at the elementary level and 11 students at the secondary level for perfect attendance in the second marking period. We also recognized two students for student of the quarter. Carter Pratt was the Student of the Quarter for 7-9th grades and Aby Goldsmith was the student of the quarter for 10-12th grades.

Important Dates to Remember:

- 13 Budget Workshop/BOE Meeting @ 6:00pm
- 17 Spring Sports Start
- 17-20 Irish Pride Week
- 18 Superintendent's Coffee Hour - 9:30am
- 21 Superintendent's Conference Day - no school for students





Parents of Incoming Pre-K Students and New Incoming
Kindergarten Students

There will be an in-person meeting

Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 pm

to discuss the Pre-K/Kindergarten screening process and fill
out paperwork.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Mrs. Ashley Ordway, Pre-K/K Teacher
Minerva Central School
loomisa@minervasd.org



CLASS OF 2027

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



MARCH 17, 2025

4:30 - 7:00PM



MCS CAFETERIA



TICKETS: \$12 ADULTS/ \$7 STUDENTS

**CORN BEEF, CABBAGE, POTATOES,
CARROTS, DESSERTS**

DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE

**TICKETS: EMAIL OR CALL MOLLY RASCOE
MRASCOE@MINERVASD.ORG
(518) 251 - 2000**



March



IRISH PRIDE WEEK HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

MONDAY 3/17 - IRISH PRIDE DAY - Show your Irish pride or wear green/white

Classroom door decorating competition Begins - sponsored by the Minerva PTO

Irish theme lunch: Fish n' chips

Shamrock hunt begins

Create posters for the elementary basketball game - tech room

Activity period: nitro ball tournament in the gym

TUESDAY 3/18 - Grade color theme (assigned class color is written below)

Take your stuff to school in anything but a backpack day

Irish theme lunch: Cottage pie

Activity period: volunteering project

7th Grade: Gray

8th Grade: Black

9th Grade: White

10th Grade: Orange

11th Grade: Green

12th Grade: Navy Blue

WEDNESDAY 3/19 - Dress up like your favorite TV show/ movie/ book character

Irish theme lunch: beef stew

1:15 - 2:36 Amazing Race

THURSDAY 3/20 - Comfortable casual day

Irish theme lunch: chicken and gravy

8:15 - 2:00 Field trip to The Fun Spot, Queensbury

FRIDAY 3/21 - No School/ Superintendent Day

March



IRISH PRIDE WEEK ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

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Irish theme lunch: Fish n' chips

Shamrock hunt begins

Create posters for the elementary basketball team for their game.

Adirondack experience

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Take your stuff to school in anything but a backpack day

Irish theme lunch: Cottage pie

Bingo with Mrs. Husson

Community in the classroom

PK/K: Yellow

1st Grade: Pink

2nd Grade: Red

3rd Grade: Teal

4th Grade: Brown

5th Grade: Purple

6th Grade: Light Blue

WEDNESDAY 3/19 - Dress up like your favorite TV show/ movie/ book character

Irish theme lunch: bag lunch

8:15 - 2:00 Field trip to The Fun Spot, Queensbury

THURSDAY 3/20 - Comfortable casual day

Irish theme lunch: chicken and gravy

Elementary Dance: 1:30 to 2:15 in Gym

FRIDAY 3/21 - No School/ Superintendent Day



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Minerva Central School

Gymnasium

Monday, March 24th

1:00 - 6:00 pm

Contact information:

Lynn Green

518-251-2000



FEBRUARY 2025 EDITION

BOX TOPICS

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Buy 2, Earn 5 on Cinnamon Toast Crunch products*†



Buy 4, Earn 20 on ALL participating Box Tops products**†



EARNINGS GOAL



Goal: \$500.00 to help fund classroom art supplies

\$54.26



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Your support is greatly appreciated

Minerva Youth Commission's Upcoming Events



Adirondack Thunder Hockey Game

Saturday, March 29th

The first 1,000 adult fans get a free t-shirt!

Stick it to cancer weekend!

Permission slips are due Friday, March 14th

Sky Zone

Saturday, April 26th

Watch for permission slips!



Regatta

Sunday, May 18th

Thank you to everyone that attended our January and February sledding & ice-skating party!

Make sure to get your card punched for the 2025 season!

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month on the top floor of the

Town Hall at 7pm. All are welcome!

WANT TO JOIN THE MINERVA PTO?

**SHARE YOUR IDEAS. SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS.
STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.**



MONDAY, MARCH 10TH
@ 5 pm
Minerva Central School Library



Keep an eye out for our very first raffle!
We will be raffling off 2 poly resin ADK Chairs and a Fire Pit!



Looking for ways to give back to your community?

Please consider joining the Minerva Service Organization.

The MSO provides support in a variety of ways to members of the Minerva community.

Some of our service projects include:

- Goodwill assistance to people in need
- Back to school sneakers and supplies to MCS students
- Minerva Backpack Program
- Minerva Food Pantry
- Minerva Youth Commission
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library

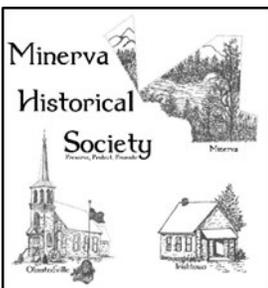
Additionally, The MSO hosts the annual Spring Garden Workshop, the Harvest Soup and Pie Sale and delivers welcome baskets to new community members.

Past projects include:

- The Minerva Bicentennial Quilt
- The Minerva Veterans Memorial
- The Memorial Adirondack chairs at Courtney Park and Donnelly Beach.

The work we do is extremely important and very gratifying, but to continue our efforts, we need new members. Please consider joining. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 24 at 7:00 pm at the Minerva Community Center.

**Come and find out more, bring a friend!
We hope to see you there.**



BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MINERVA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The **Minerva Historical Society** needs you to help it preserve

and document all aspects of the unique history of the town of Minerva. The Society invites you to become a member and help support these efforts.

Member Benefits -

The Quarterly helps keep our history alive, from Minerva's early settlement to yesterday's lifestyle, The Quarterly is emailed or mailed or to all members quarterly.

Programs. Notices of periodic programs of historic interest and social events.

Join us for the annual Minerva Day Celebration in July for a wonderful social/historic event as well as our Museum Opening.

The Annual Holiday/Christmas Bazaar the first Friday in December, make some history with our local organization and crafters.

You can find us at the annual Irish Day Celebration in Irishtown, held the first Saturday in September.

Minerva Historical Society, P.O. Box 1, Olmstedville, NY 12857

For more information visit the Society's website at www.minervahistoricalsociety.org.

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Membership Application

Annual Membership runs from January 1 through December 31.

(New memberships after August 1 are considered paid through following calendar year.)

Mail to/payable to: Minerva Historical Society, P.O. Box 1, Olmstedville, NY 12851

Check

___ Individual/Couple 20.00 ___ Life (Individual only) \$1000

Member Name(s) _____

Business Name (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____ Town _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

I would like to make an additional donation of \$ _____

Total Enclosed: _____ * Your e-mail address helps us communicate with you. By providing your address you are giving us tacit consent to inform you of upcoming events and notices quickly via e-mail.

Date: _____ (Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.)

“MINERVA SCHOOLS”
A CENTURY OF MEMORIES
(1925 - 2025)

The Minerva Historical Society (MHS), Minerva School alumni, and Minerva Central School staff have joined forces to prepare for the 100th-anniversary celebration of Minerva Schools. Two meetings have been held to date and were filled with energy, ideas and commitment to celebrate the rich educational history in our community.

After much discussion, “Minerva Schools” A Century of Memories (1925 - 2025) was decided upon. This theme will help to determine the events and projects developed throughout the year to engage alumni and community members in this celebration.

It is apparent that our alumni are going to play an important role through providing their memories and stories which will help us to generate rich and meaningful displays, projects and events. The Alumni Committee will be working to update their database which includes a memorial listing of deceased graduates. Alumni representatives from each graduating class will be reaching classmates, encouraging them to participate in the festivities and to contribute memorabilia for the museum display.

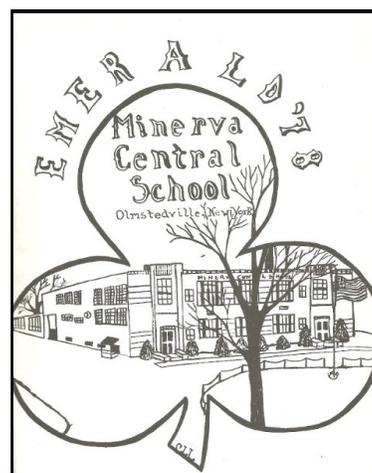
Although the events calendar has yet to be finalized, the plan is to host a variety of new as well as beloved events. The June 2025 graduation ceremony will play an important role in kicking off the festivities. Our beloved Minerva Day celebration will include several activities highlighting this special anniversary. The traditional Alumni Brunch will be held at the Minerva Lake Pavilion and hopefully we will be enjoying the MCS Alumni Band during the parade. Other possible activities include

- ◆ Video clips of alumni sharing memories
- ◆ MCS Back to School BBQ
- ◆ Tours of the building
- ◆ Opportunities to honor the oldest alumni
- ◆ Guided bus tours of former one-room schoolhouses
- ◆ Self guided tours with maps.

The museum exhibit will be centered around this theme as well. If you have something you would like to share, please contact Cynthia Perkins, Museum Director at croseperk@yahoo.com. She will be looking for your help in locating and borrowing memorabilia as well as some other exciting possibilities.

The committee is determined to make this centennial celebration both meaningful and memorable. Updates on plans will be shared in future newsletters, social media and email blasts. Alumni are encouraged to start gathering their memorabilia for display. As the community comes together to celebrate its past, Minerva’s 100-year legacy of learning promises to shine brightly in 2025.

May
the
wind
at
ways
be at
your



"Minerva Schools"
A Century of Memories
(1925 - 2025)



Museum Opening
Minerva Day
July 5, 2025
2:00 PM

Memories

Musicals

Sports

Memorabilia

Yearbooks

Old Photos

Senior Trip

Memorabilia

Classmates



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

As you all know, the cost of higher education can be a daunting financial burden for students and families. The MCSF Committee is dedicated to providing financial scholarships to ALL college/occupational education-bound graduates who reside within the Minerva Central School District; meet our District requirements; meet the volunteer requirements within their 4 years of high school **and** follow the application process in their senior year.

With the help of our community, MCS alumni, MCS students, parents, teachers and our dedicated committee members; we have been able to give scholarships to deserving students since 1968. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED!**

*This month show your **"IRISH PRIDE"** by giving a donation in honor of a teacher, student, faculty, family member or even an MCS memory.*

Information is *always* available from Mrs. Galkiewicz in the guidance office or by contacting Lizbeth Ordway, President at 518-796-2214 or ordwayl@minervasd.org

If you would like to help our graduates and donate towards scholarships, please print off the form below and submit.

Donation Form

Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized the MCS Graduation 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 _____





Winter athletics are done for the season. Thank you to everyone who supported our programs, we appreciate it. Spring sports will start March 17th.



Senior Spotlight:

Akio Iwayama, Lucia Lopez Shin, Jimmy Fish, and Clark Griffen

Congratulations to our MCS All Stars:

Second Team– Jimmy Fish and Michelle Ordway

Honorable Mention– Clark Griffen

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athletes:

Akio Iwayama, Michelle Ordway, Jimmy Fish, and Xavier Cole

NYSAA conference representative-Michelle Ordway, SAAC member, she is also a member of the a select group of student athlete leaders who meet routinely to help build comradery, spirit, leadership, and cohesion within sports programs as well as school and community interactions.

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Current promotion is 20% off \$75 or more! Or scan the QR code below!



March 2025

Events Calendar

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Spirit Day	8
9	10	11	12 Sweethearts and Heroes SAT Exam	13 Budget and Board Meeting 6:00 pm	14 Progress Reports	15
16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 Superintendent's Coffee Hour 9:30 am	19	20	21 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Superintendent's Day No school for students</div>	22
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Spirit Week</div>					
23	24 Blood Drive 1-6 pm	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

March 2025

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Breakfast/lunch daily fruit choices: Applesauce Peaches Pineapple Mixed fruit	Breakfast/lunch daily fresh fruit choices: Banana Orange Apple	Fresh fruit and vegetable program snacks provided for grades K-6 on Mondays and Fridays	Salad bar on Tuesdays and Thursdays			1
2	3 Donuts and yogurt Chicken nuggets, tater tots and carrots	4 Ham, egg and cheese on a biscuit Meatball sub, potato wedges and broccoli	5 Chocolate chip pancakes Puled pork sandwich, fried rice and snow peas	6 Waffles and ham Fajita chicken, rice w/peppers and black beans bowl	7 French toast sticks and sausage Cheese or pepperoni pizza and peas	8
9	10 Scrambled eggs, diced ham and English muffin Lasagna, garlic bread, cucumbers and hummus	11 Assorted muffins and hard-boiled egg Hot dog, waffle fries and corn	12 Bagels and cream cheese Chicken tenders, potato wedges and broccoli	13 Fruit parfaits French toast, sausage and red peppers	14 Sausage, egg, cheese on croissant Chicken bacon ranch or cheese pizza and carrots	15
16	17 Cinnamon buns and yogurt Fish and chips, carrots and hummus	18 Bagels and cream cheese Cottage pie (ground beef, mashed potato and vegetables) green beans	19 Danish and yogurt Beef stew and corn	20 Ham, egg and cheese on a bagel Chicken and gravy on a biscuit, and spinach	21 Superintendent's Day No school for students	22
23	24 Cheesy eggs and biscuit Chicken patty on bun, fries and baked beans	25 Cinnamon rolls and hard-boiled egg Loaded nachos with meat, lettuce, tomato and onion	26 Pancakes and ham Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread and corn	27 Bacon, egg and cheese on English muffin Chili, corn bread and broccoli	28 Fruit parfait Veggie or cheese pizza and carrots	29
30	31 Ham, egg, cheese on a biscuit Cheeseburger, potato wedges and broccoli					

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