

### Ossining Union Free School District



#### All Children Can Learn

Diversity is one of the Ossining Union Free School District's greatest strengths as well as one of its greatest challenges. The Superintendent, Board of Education, administration, staff, parents and community at large commit themselves to focus on the success of all students as their number one priority.

A great deal of attention has been placed upon ensuring the success of all students. As a parent or guardian, you are the school's most important partner in your children's success. You are your children's first teachers. By entrusting your children to the Ossining School District, you have recognized that education involves helping children to become lifelong learners. One of the District's main goals is to prepare students for success.

While the Ossining School District is committed to the success of each child in our schools, it also recognizes that parents, guardians, families and the community at large are essential to ensure the success of every student. Regardless of the gender, race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, abilities, talents and individual needs of each child, the District is committed to high standards for all.

### Ossining Schools Mission Statement

The Ossining Public School District:

- recognizes the value and importance of familyschool-community partnerships in educating all students;
- places emphasis on high standards, quality instruction and significant pupil achievement, because all children can and will learn;
- holds high expectations for each individual student; educates each child to his/her potential recognizing individual student needs;
- provides equal educational opportunities expecting equitable outcomes for all;
- fosters respect for and appreciation of both individual differences and cultural diversity;
   and
- prepares students for informed and active participation as responsible citizens in our American democracy.

The Mission Statement of the Ossining School District stands as a major force behind the philosophies, visions and action plans underway.

A number of additional efforts have been initiated to involve staff and community members in the education of the Ossining School District students. Our website (www.ossiningufsd.org) continues to grow in scope and effectiveness. It has quickly become one of the District's top information sources, and a tool for those with children in our schools. In addition, the District encourages active participation by the community at all of our regular board meetings. We continue to hold community meetings, parent sessions and staff meetings to share ideas within the school and the community. We invite the public to become involved, knowing that the greater the number of individuals within the community who are involved in the school system, the greater the educational benefit to our children.

Why is there such an interest in school improvement? The Ossining School District wants to be sure that our students are prepared to meet the challenges they will face. Through the efforts of the District's faculty and staff, parents, community, administration, Superintendent and Board of Education, students in the Ossining School District will receive an excellent education, laying the groundwork for positive, productive, fulfilling lives.



#### 2018-2019 Board of Education

Board Member	Term of Office
Lisa Murray, President 4 Parker Drive, Ossining	2019
Katherin Crossling 1337 Fairhills Drive	2021
Graig Galef 47 Overton Road, Ossining	2020
Bill Kress 11 Gates Ave., Ossining	2019
Frank Schnecker 64 Revolutionary Road, Ossining	2020
Lisa Rudley	2020
1001 Pleasantwoods Road, Briarcliff Mand	or
Diana Lemon	2021
52 Revolutionary Road, Ossining	

District Clerk

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400 Executive Blvd., Ossining, NY 10562
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The Ossining Board of Education meets in the Ossining High School Library, 29 South Highland Ave., Ossining

The schedule of meetings is on our website (www.ossiningufsd.org)



### Ossining Union Free School District Administrative Staff

Central Office Address:

400 Executive Blvd. Ossining, NY 10562

FAX (914) 941-7291

Unless otherwise indicated, administrators may be contacted

at 941-7700.

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Raymond Sanchez, Ext. 1318

**Assistant Superintendent for Business:** 

Ms. Alita McCoy Zuber, Ext. 1338

Director of Secondary Teaching and Leadership:

Dr. Brian Alm, Ext. 1252

**Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning:** 

Ms. Carrieann Sipos, Ext. 1340

Director of Technology: Mr. Michael Hanna, Ext. 1413

Director of Human Resources: Ms. Joan Garone, Ext. 1323

Director of Cultural Arts: Mr. Bradley Morrison, 762-5760,

Ext. 2351

Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics:

Mr. James Dennett, 762-5760, Ext. 2359

**Director of Pupil Personnel Services:** 

Ms. Maureen Boozang-Hill, Ext. 1346

Director of English as a New Language, Bilingual and Funded

Programs:

Ms. Nancy de la Cruz-Arroyo, Ext. 1415

**Director of Operations and Maintenance:** 

Mr. Kenneth Waldron, 762-5740, Ext. 3366

Transportation Supervisor: Mr. James Minihan, Ext. 1336

### Ossining Council of Parent-Teacher Associations

Officers 2018-2019

President: Beth Sniffen

Vice President: Rene McCormack

Treasurer: Bela Magalhaes

Secretary: Miriam Risko

### 2018-2019 Ossining Parent-Teacher Association

**Unit Presidents** 

Early Childhood PTA

Co-President: Paige Chaves & Cassandra Girao

Upper Elementary PTA

Co-Presidents: Kanita Bisnauth & Jenelle Persaud

Anne M. Dorner Middle School PTA

President: Rorie Caparelli

Ossining High School PTSA

Co-Presidents: Terri Potillo & Beth Sniffen

### Ossining MATTERS Education Foundation

P.O. Box 1012

Ossining, NY 10562

www.ossiningmatters.org

Contact: Kimberly Case

Email: info@Ossiningmatters.org

Phone: (914) 510-9320

### **AUGUST 2018**

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12	Varsity Football and Varsity Cross Country Start	14	15	16 Summer Regents Exams at AMD	17 Summer Regents Exams at AMD	18

19	20 All Other Fall Varsity/JV Sports Start	21	<b>22</b> Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 AMD Grade 6 Orientation 8:30-10:30 am	31	







### SEPTEMBER 2018

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9	10 Schools Closed	11 Schools Closed	12 C Book Fair P Pre-K First Full Day with Pre-K busing	OHS Grade 9 Parent Night, 7 pm R Welcome Back Family Picnic, 6 - 7:30 pm C Book Fair	14 C Book Fair C Family Picnic, 6:30 pm	15

16	OHS Grade 12 Parent Night - The Financial Aid Process, 7 pm C Book Fair	18 C Book Fair	19 Schools Closed	OHS Underclass & Faculty Portraits R Back to School Night, 6:30 pm	OHS Underclass & Faculty Portraits P Parky Picnic, 6 pm	22
23	24 OHS Spirit Week B Grade 1 Class Parent Tea, 2 pm	25 OHS Spirit Week R Picture Day B Grade 2 Class Parent Tea, 2 pm	26 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm OHS Spirit Week	27 OHS Spirit Week OHS Back to School Night, 7 pm	28 OHS Spirit Week OHS Pep Rally and Homecoming AMD Field Day C Spirit Day C Family Learning Breakfast, 8:15 am	29
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# OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	C Grade 4 Picture Day	2 C Grade 3 Picture Day	3 AMD Back to School Night, 7 pm	4 AMD Field Day Rain Date	OHS Outdoor Movie Night, 7 pm AMD/OHS Quarter 1 Progress Reports AMD Grade 6 Picture Day	6 SAT Exams
7	8 Columbus Day Schools Closed	AMD Star Session 1 Begins	Doard of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm OHS PSAT Day	R Hispanic Heritage Celebration C Hispanic Heritage Celebration, 6:30 pm	12 OHS Outdoor Movie Night Rain Date, 7 pm AMD Grade 7 Picture Day	13
14	OHS Underclass & Faculty Portraits Retakes B Hispanic Heritage Night Dinner, 6:30 pm	OHS Underclass & Faculty Portraits Retakes B First Grade Picture Day P K Back to School Night, 6:30 pm	OHS Senior Portrait Retakes OHS College Fair B Second Grade Picture Day B First Grade Back to School Night, 6:30 pm	18 OHS Senior Portrait Retakes C Grade 3 Back to School Night, 6:30 pm	OHS Senior Portrait Retakes AMD Grade 8 Picture Day R Family Learning Breakfast, 8 - 8:45 am	20

21	22 AMD Book Fair	AMD Book Fair P Pre-K Picture Day P Pre-K Back to School Night, 6:30 pm	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm  AMD Book Fair  AMD Unity Day  B Second Grade Back to School Night  P Kindergarten Picture Day	25 AMD Book Fair C Grade 4 Back to School Night, 6:30 pm	26 AMD Book Fair C Family Learning Breakfast, 8:15 am B Moonlight Story Night, 6:30 pm	27 ACT Exams
28	29 AMD Spirit Week	30 AMD Spirit Week	31 AMD Spirit Week R Spirit Day C Spirit Day B Halloween Festival			

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11	12 Veterans Day Observed Schools Closed	13	14	OHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 7 pm B Stone Soup Grade 2	16 AMD/OHS First Marking Period Ends	17

18	19 Modified Winter Sports Start	20 B Thanksgiving Feast, Grade 1	Half Day Teacher Institute Day P/B/C/R Dismissal 11:20 am AMD/OHS Dismissal 10:39 am Emergency Management Plan Drill, All Students Dismissed 15 Minutes Early R Spirit Day C Enrichment/Spirit Day	Thanksgiving Recess Schools Closed	23 Thanksgiving Recess Schools Closed	24
25	26	27 B Picture Day Makeup	28 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm	29	30	



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9	10	11	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm	13	14	15

16	17 OHS Winter Concert 1	18	19 OHS Winter Concert 2 P Pre-K Many Holidays Clebration	20 B Holiday Festival	AMD/OHS Quarter 2 Progress Reports R Spirit Day C Spirit Day B Holiday Festival Snow Date	22
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### JANUARY 2019

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		Holiday Recess Schools Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 AMD Star Session 2 Begins R Grade 5 Winter Concert	9	AMD Chorus Concert, 7 pm AMD Orchestra Concert, 7:30 pm	R Winter Wonderland Dance, 6:30 - 8 pm Elementary First Marking Period Ends	12
13	14 Elementary Second Marking Period Begins	AMD Winter Band Concert, 7 pm	16	17 OHS Grade 11 Parent Night Intro. to the College Process, 7 pm	18 C Snowflake Dance, 7 pm	19

20	21 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Schools Closed	OHS Regents and Mid-Term Exams C Grade 4 Winter Concert, 7 pm	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm OHS Regents and Mid-Term Exams	24 OHS Regents and Mid-Term Exams	25 R Spirit Day C Spirit Day	26
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### FEBRUARY 2019

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					Elementary Parent Portal Report Cards Distributed	
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Rivertowns Band and Orchestra Festival Snow Date		Winter Concert Snow Date			R Winter Dance Snow Date P Sweetheart Dance, 6:30 pm	
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10	11	12	OHS Grade 10 Parent Night,	R Spirit Day		10
			7 pm B Black History Night Dinner,	C Spirit Day		
			6:30 pm			

17	18 Winter Recess Schools Closed	19 Winter Recess Schools Closed	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 B First Grade APTT Meeting 2 P New Kindergarten Parent Information Night, 6 pm	27 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm B Second Grade APTT Meeting 2	R/C Grades 3-5 Black History Celebration, 6:30 pm B First Grade APPT Meeting 2 Snow Date		



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### **MARCH 2019**

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					B Second Grade APTT Meeting 2 Snow Date	2 Saturday Board of Education Budget Workshop
3	4 OHS Varsity/JV Sports Begin	5	6	AMD Star Session 2 Ends P Pre-K Information Night , 6 pm	AMD/OHS Quarter 3 Progress Reports C Family Learning Breakfast, 8:15 am	9
10	11	R Capstone Parent Information Night 7 - 8 pm	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm P New Kindergarten Building Tours, 10 am and 2 pm	14	R Spirit Day C Spirit Day B Wear Green Day	16

17	18 C Reading Week R Reading Week	R Reading Week C Reading Week	20 R Reading Week C Community Read, 7 pm C Reading Week	R Reading Week C Reading Week P Pre-K Building Tours, 10 am and 2 pm	R Reading Week C Reading Week B Grade 2 Art Show	23
24	25 Modified Spring Sports Start B Read Across the Globe Week	26 B Read Across the Globe Week	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm B Read Across the Globe Week	28 OHS Spring Musical B Read Across the Globe Week	29 OHS Spring Musical B Read Across the Globe Week	30 OHS Spring Musical

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### **APRIL 2019**

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	B Nature Month Begins	Grades 3-8 ELA State Exam AMD Star Session 3 Begins	Grades 3-8 ELA State Exam	Grades 3-8 ELA State Exam OHS Incoming Grade 9 Parent/ Student Orientation, 7 pm	5	6
7	8 R Book Fair	Superintendent's Conference Day (Elementary and AMD Only) Parent/Teacher Conferences, Elementary Only R Book Fair B APTT Meeting 3	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm NYSESLAT Speaking Exam OHS Alumni Day R Book Fair	NYSESLAT Speaking Exam R Book Fair	12 AMD/OHS 3rd Marking Period Ends R Book Fair	13
14	15 Spring Recess Schools Closed	16 Spring Recess Schools Closed	17 Spring Recess Schools Closed	18 Spring Recess Schools Closed	19 Spring Recess Schools Closed	20

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	Spring Recess Schools Closed	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm		AMD Incoming Grade 6 Orientation, at AMD, 7 pm	R Spirit Day C Spirit Day B Arbor Day Tree Planting	
28	29 OHS Concert 1	30 OHS Concert 2			PRUE	



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### **MAY 2019**

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			Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm Grades 3-8 Math State Exams	2 Grades 3-8 Math State Exams	Grades 3-8 Math State Exams	4 SAT Exams
5	NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, and Writing OHS AP Exams	NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, and Writing OHS AP Exams C Grade 3 Spring Concert, 7 pm	NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, and Writing OHS AP Exams AMD Chorus Concert, 7 pm AMD Orchestra Concert, 7:30 pm	9 OHS AP Exams	10 OHS AP Exams	11
12	Candidates' Debate OHS AP Exams	Board of Education Meeting, Mandatory Budget Hearing, 7:30 pm OHS AP Exams	15 OHS AP Exams R Spring Concert	16 OHS AP Exams AMD Spring Band Concert, 7 pm	OHS AP Exams C/R Grades 3-5 Movie Under the Stars, 7 pm C Family Learning Breakfast, 8:15 am	18

19	OHS Spirit Week OHS Gimme the Mic Concert AMD Book Fair B 1st Grade Orientation, 6:30 pm	Budget Vote and Board of Education Election, 7 am to 9 pm Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm OHS Spirit Week AMD Book Fair C Grade 4 Spring Concert, 7pm	Grades 4 and 8 Science Performance Assessment OHS Spirit Week OHS Gimme the Mic Concert #2 OHS Junior Awards Ceremony, 2 pm AMD Book Fair	OHS/AMD Quarter 4 Progress Reports OHS Day OHS Spirit Week Grades 4 and 8 Science Performance Assessment AMD Book Fair R Spirit Day C Spirit Day B Wear Red, White & Blue Day	24 Memorial Day Recess Schools Closed	25
26	27 Memorial Day Recess Schools Closed	28 Memorial Day Recess Schools Closed	29 OHS Piano Night Grades 4 and 8 Science Performance Assessment	30 OHS Science Symposium, 7pm Grades 4 and 8 Science Performance Assessment AMD 8th Grade Dance	Ossining LIVE! Grades 4 and 8 Science Performance Assessment	



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2	OABC Senior Sports Banquet, 6:30 pm Grades 4 and 8 Science Written Exams OHS Global History and Geography Regents (New Framework)	4 B Grade 2 Spring Concert	OHS Cultural Arts Awards Night AMD Science 8 Make-Ups R Incoming Families Orientation, 7 pm	OHS Senior Awards Night, 7 pm AMD National Junior Honor Society Induction, 5:30 pm AMD Star Session 3 Ends	C/R Grades 3-5 Movie Under the Stars, Rain Date, 7pm Elementary Second Marking Period Ends	8 ACT Exams
9	10	C Incoming Gr 3 Family Orientation 6:30 pm P Kindergarten Field Day	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm P Kindergarten Field Day Rain Date	13	14 AMD Capstone Celebration	15

16	17	18 OHS Regents and Final Exams	19 OHS Regents and Final Exams	20 OHS Regents and Final Exams R Field Day Rain Date B Field Day Rain Date	OHS Regents and Final Exams R Field Day R Spirit Day C Field Day B Field Day P Kindergarten Musical Moving Up Ceremony	AMD Moving Up, 10 am OHS Graduation, 2 pm
23	24 OHS Regents and Final Exams R Talent Show C Field Day Rain Date	25 OHS Regents and Final Exams	Half Day of School Last Day of School for Students AMD/OHS Fourth Marking Period Ends OHS Rating Day Elementary Parent Portal Report Cards Distributed	27	28	29
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### **Emergency School Closings**

Inclement weather may cause school closings, delayed openings or early dismissals. Information will be announced on the district's website, www.ossiningufsd.org, social media and by the following news outlets:

- · WHUD Peekskill 100.7 FM
- WRNN-TV
- · www.lohud.com
- · Channel 12 Westchester

### Cierre de escuelas por emergencia

Las inclemencias del tiempo pueden llevar a que las escuelas cierren, a que abran más tarde o a que se disponga la salida anticipada de los estudiantes en los meses de invierno.

Para más detalles relativos al cierre de las escuelas, por favor visite nuestro sitio web:

www.ossiningufsd.org.

Entre las radioemisoras que difundirán información relativa a cierres, demoras en el horario de entrada o salida anticipada en las Escuelas de Ossining se incluyen:

- · WHUD Peekskill 100.7 FM
- WRNN-TV
- www.lohud.com
- · Canal 12 Westchester



### Student Absence Call-In System

If your child is going to be absent, please call and notify us. During school hours, the attendance office will take calls. At all other times, an answering machine will record your message.

Park 762-5850, Ext. 6370

Brookside 762-5780, Ext. 5321

Claremont 762-5830, Ext. 4304

Roosevelt 762-2682, Ext. 1365

AMD 762-5740, Ext. 3309

OHS 762-5760, Ext. 2401

Please give your child's full name, grade and class, reason for absence and expected duration.

### Sistema de llamadas para comunicar ausencias

Si su hijo va a estar ausente, por favor, llame y notifique la falta. Durante el horario de clases, la oficina de asistencias atenderá sus llamadas. Fuera de este horario, un contestador automático registrará su mensaje.

Park 762-5850, Ext. 6370

Brookside 762-5780, Ext. 5321

Claremont 762-5830, Ext. 4304

Roosevelt 762-2682, Ext. 1365

AMD 762-5740, Ext. 3309

OHS 762-5760, Ext. 2401

Al dejar el mensaje, diga el nombre de su hijo, el año y la clase que cursa, el motivo de la falta y el tiempo estimado que durará la ausencia.

### Conduct and Discipline

The Ossining Board of Education is dedicated to providing a safe educational environment that encourages and guides all children to reach their potential.

In order to effectively deal with inappropriate behavior, the district uses a variety of preventive behavioral interventions and, when appropriate, disciplinary consequences. All

actions will be governed by state education law and in accordance with the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act (SAVE) and Dignity Act. Open communication with the child, parents/guardians, teachers, guidance counselors, administrators, and other school district professionals is imperative. Support by the home is essential both in avoiding inappropriate behaviors and resolving them when they do occur. The Code of Conduct is reviewed periodically and revised as appropriate.

Parents and guardians will receive additional information regarding student discipline at Back-To-School Nights. To request additional copies of the Code of Conduct, please contact the Registrar's Office at 941-7700.

### Prohibition of Smoking on School Property

In accordance with state and federal laws, smoking is prohibited in all school buildings and on school property. This includes outdoor as well as indoor sporting events, PTA functions, school concerts, etc. The laws pertain to everyone, not just students. Individuals found smoking in a non-smoking area are in violation of Article 13 of New York's Public Health Law and/or the federal Pro-Children Act of 1994.

#### Admission of Non-Resident Students

If you are anticipating moving from the Ossining School District and you would like your child to continue attending Ossining High School, please be aware of our policy:

- Regularly enrolled children of families that have moved out of the school district after May 1 of the school year may complete that school year.
- Children of families that have moved out of the school district after the first semester of their junior year and are in good standing may be eligible to complete grades 11 and 12 without payment of tuition under certain circumstances. Parents/guardians must petition the high school principal in writing. The principal will make a recommendation to the Superintendent.

For more details on the policy, please contact the Ossining High School Guidance Office at 762-5760, ext 2301.

### Breakfast Program

The Ossining public schools are pleased to offer a healthy breakfast program for students. All students are entitled to a free breakfast.

### Lunch Program

The Ossining public schools offer a healthy and nutritious lunch program in cooperation with Aramark Educational Services. The Board of Education subscribes to the policies and practices of the National School Lunch Program, and as such, makes available on a daily basis a Type A lunch, which includes milk, fruit, vegetable, bread and protein. In addition, there are alternate choices available at each of our schools. These choices are printed on the monthly menu, a copy of which is on our website: www.ossiningufsd.org.

Lunch Prices for 2018-2019 will be as follows:

- -Elementary Schools \$2.15
- -Secondary Schools \$2.25
- -Milk 50 cents
- -Reduced-Price Lunch is free

Prepaid meals are available in each school. You can prefund your child's account by sending a check, payable to the Ossining Union Free School District, to your child's school. You can also pre-pay online through mySchoolBucks.com or go to the District website, click on Food Services, and then click on mySchoolBucks.com. Meals must be paid for before a child can receive the meal.

Eligibility for free and reduced-price lunches is based on family income. Applications and information will be distributed through a districtwide mailing in late summer 2018. They are available in the schools and on the District's website: www.ossiningufsd.org. A new application is required each school year, and applications are due by the end of September. For further information, or to have an application mailed to you, please call 941-7700, ext. 1338.

### Programa de desayuno

Las Escuelas Públicas de Ossining se complacen en ofrecer a los estudiantes un programa de desayuno saludable. Todos los estudiantes tienen derecho a desayuno gratis.

### Programa de almuerzo

Las Escuelas Públicas de Ossining ofrecen un programa de almuerzo saludable y nutritivo, en cooperación con Aramark. La Junta de Educación se adhiere a las políticas y prácticas del Programa Nacional de Almuerzo Escolar, y como tal, diariamente tiene disponible el almuerzo Tipo A; el cual incluye leche, fruta, vegetales, pan y proteína. Además, hay otras opciones disponibles en cada una de nuestras escuelas. Estas opciones son publicadas en el menú mensual. Puede encontrar una copia de este menú en nuestro sitio de Internet: www.ossiningufsd.org.

Los siguientes serán los precios del almuerzo para el año 2018-2019:

- -Escuelas elementales \$2.15
- -Escuelas secundarias \$2.25
- -Leche 50 centavos
- -Almuerzo a precio reducido es sin costo alguno

Las comidas prepagadas están disponibles en todas las escuelas. Usted puede depositar fondos con anticipación en la cuenta de su hijo, enviando a la escuela de su hijo, un cheque a nombre de Ossining Union Free School District. También puede pagar por anticipado en línea, visitando el sitio Web mySchoolBucks.com o visite el sitio Web del Distrito, haga clic en Food Services, luego haga clic en mySchoolBucks.com. Las comidas deben pagarse antes de que su hijo las reciba.

La elegibilidad para almuerzos gratis o a precios reducidos se basa en el ingreso familiar. Las solicitudes e información se encuentran disponibles en las escuelas y en el sitio Web del Distrito, www.ossiningufsd.org, así como también, se enviarán por correo a todo el Distrito a finales del verano de 2018. Es necesario llenar una nueva solicitud para cada año escolar y debe tramitarse para finales de septiembre. Para mayor información, o para recibir una solicitud por correo, por favor llame al 941–7700, Ext. 1338.

### The Ossining School District: Academics and Examinations

New York State and the Ossining School District have the highest expectations for our students. Throughout your child's school career, we are working together to ensure that all of our students attain a New York State Regents diploma upon graduation. This goal requires many assessments along the way. These assessments: (1) measure how students are doing, (2) help identify students who might benefit from additional services (whether academic intervention or enrichment), and (3) help our schools identify strengths and needs in the curricula.

The New York State Board of Regents adopted the Common Core Learning Standards, which list and describe what children must know and be able to do at the elementary, intermediate and commencement levels. State assessments provide a measure of how well our students and schools are attaining the standards.



### What Do the New York State Common Core Assessments Measure?

The New York State Common Core assessments measure the degree to which students are meeting the learning standards. The state assessments administered in grades 3 through 8 are considered benchmark assessments rather than pass-fail. Benchmark assessments provide teachers, parents/guardians and students with valuable information regarding children's potential for success on the Regents examinations required for graduation. Achievement scores on the assessments indicate what students need to accomplish before taking Regents exams.

### What Can Parents Do to Help their Children?

The state assessments measure students' learning over time, thus students cannot "cram" for the tests. However, parents may help their children in many ways:

- Encourage children to do their best
- · Read with children every day at home
- · Ask children about their schoolwork
- · Review homework
- · Provide a time and place for study
- Encourage children to develop good study habits
- Encourage reading
- Limit television viewing and playing video and computer games
- · Require children to complete homework assignments
- · Discuss children's studies with them
- · Be involved in the schools
- Speak with children's teachers

#### Websites of Interest to Parents

www.ossiningufsd.org www.nysed.gov www.rif.org www.engageny.org

### ¿Qué tipo de preguntas se incluyen en las pruebas estatales?

En las pruebas aparecen formuladas distinto tipo de preguntas, entre las que se incluyen, entre otras, las siguientes:

- · Opción múltiple
- Preguntas de interpretación abierta (también llamadas de repuesta elaborada)
- · De rendimiento (los estudiantes realizan una actividad)
- · De respuesta escrita extensa
- Ensayos

## ¿Qué pueden hacer los padres para ayudar a sus hijos?

Los exámenes estatales evalúan lo que los estudiantes han aprendido a través del tiempo, de modo que no sirve que los alumnos se "atosiguen estudiando" para las pruebas.



Sin embargo, los padres pueden ayudar a sus hijos de diversas formas:

- · Alentarlos para que se esfuercen al máximo
- · Leer con ellos todos los días en el hogar
- Preguntarles acerca de los trabajos que realizan en la escuela
- · Revisar sus tareas domiciliarias
- · Proporcionarles un tiempo y un lugar para poder estudiar
- Motivarlos para que desarrollen buenos hábitos de estudio
- · Fomentar la lectura
- Limitar el uso de la televisión, de juegos de computadora y de video
- · Exigirles que completen sus tareas
- · Analizar con el niño los temas de estudio
- · Interesarse en los asuntos escolares
- · Hablar con los maestros de sus hijos

## ¿Qué significa el puntaje obtenido por su hijo?

En las evaluaciones de los niveles primario e intermedio, los puntajes oscilan entre 1 y 4. Los puntajes de 3 y 4 indican que los estudiantes han alcanzado los niveles estatales exigidos. Puntajes de 4 revelan que los estudiantes tienen un nivel excelente de conocimientos, en tanto que puntajes de 3 demuestran que tienen un nivel satisfactorio. Un puntaje de 2 indica que los estudiantes están haciendo lo necesario a fin de aprobar el examen *Regents* para graduarse. En los exámenes *Regents* los puntajes de 65 o más altos indican que los estudiantes han aprobado los exámenes.

#### **FERPA**

According to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), some information about students is considered "directory information" and may be released by the district without prior consent of the parents. Directory information includes a student's name, parents'/guardians' names, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in school activities or sports, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent previous school attended. Parents/guardians have the right to restrict the release of directory information.

#### Student Records

Parents/guardians of a student under 18, or a student 18 or older, have a right to inspect and review any official records, files and data directly related to the student, including all material in a cumulative record folder and intended for school use or to be available to outside parties. It specifically includes identifying data; academic work completed; level of achievement; attendance data; scores on standardized intelligence, aptitude and psychological tests; interest inventory results; health data; family background information; teacher or counselor ratings and observations; and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns.

A parent or guardian of a student under 18, or a student 18 or older, shall make a request for access to school records in writing to the Superintendent of Schools. Upon receipt of such request, arrangements shall be made to provide access to such records within 45 days.

Such parents or guardians and students are also entitled to a hearing to challenge the content of such records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy or other rights of students. Any questions concerning the procedure for requesting such a hearing should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools.

Student records, and any material contained therein which is personally identifiable, are confidential and may not be released or made available to persons other than parents or guardians or students without their written consent.



There are exceptions to this rule, such as other school employees and officials, and certain state and federal officials, who have a legitimate educational need for access to such records.

Further, records may be released without parental consent to officials of another school district in which a student intends to enroll.

In accordance with federal law, upon request, the Ossining School District must disclose a high school student's name, address and telephone number to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning unless the parent/guardian or student 18 or older prohibits release of this information. Contact the Guidance Office at Ossining High School at 762-5760, Ext. 2301, for further information.

#### **Pesticides**

New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

In the event of an emergency application, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications, please contact Mr. Kenneth Waldron at: 100 Van Cortlandt Ave., Ossining, NY 10562.

### Program Accessibility Policy

The Ossining Board of Education affirms its compliance with those sections of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 dealing



with program accessibility. Section 504 of the law prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in federally assisted programs or activities solely on the basis of disability. The district shall make its programs and facilities accessible to all its pupils with disabilities. The district's compliance officer for Section 504 is the director of pupil personnel services. This official shall provide information to any person who feels his or her rights have been violated.

#### Interscholastic Athletics

To register your student for interscholastic athletics, you must use FamilylD (www.familyid.com), a secure, user-friendly platform that provides the district with necessary student information for sports clearance. Registrations are open 30 days before the season starts. For assistance, contact FamilylD at support@familyid.com or 888-800-5583, Ext. 1. The service is available seven days a week.

#### 2018-19 OHS V/JV season start dates:

Fall season: August 14 (except tennis 8/21 start)

Winter season: November 6 Spring season: March 5

#### 2018-19 AMD modified season start dates:

Fall season: September 7 Winter season: November 20 Spring season: March 19

#### Notification of Nondiscrimination

The Ossining Union Free School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational educational opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or handicap. Contact one of the compliance officers below for inquiries about the policy and information on grievance procedures:

#### Title IX Compliance Coordinator

Ms. Joan Garone



#### Section 504 Compliance Coordinator

Ms. Maureen Boozang-Hill Director of Pupil Personnel Services

#### Both are located at:

Ossining Union Free School District 400 Executive Blvd. Ossining, NY 10562

A copy of the secondary vocational education courses offered is available to District residents and may be obtained on our website, www.ossiningufsd.org, or by calling Ossining High School at 762-5760.

### School Bus Transportation Information

Pupil transportation is vital to the operation of the Ossining School District, and to the other schools to which we transport students. All school bus transportation regulations are sent to parents prior to the opening of school.

All pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first- and second-grade students must be met by an authorized adult unless a release form is signed and submitted to the Transportation Office. These forms are available at your child's school.

An adult must be at the appropriate bus stop to meet Pre-K, kindergarten, first- and second-grade students. If an adult is not present at the bus stop, the student will not be let off the bus. If time permits, once the route is completed, another attempt will be made to meet an adult at the child's bus stop. If a return is not possible or no one is at the bus stop, the child will be returned to school.



All requests for bus changes due to day care must be submitted in writing to the Transportation office at 400 Executive Blvd, Ossining, NY 10562 or by fax (914) 941-7291.

Please notify the Transportation Department of changes of address or phone number.

The Transportation Department can be reached at 941-7700 ext. 1336 or ext. 1393 (Spanish speaking).

#### **Bus Rules:**

#### Getting picked up and dropped

off—Students shall be at the bus stop five minutes before the bus arrival time and wait off the road in an orderly fashion. Students who cross the road when they get on or off the bus must do so 10 feet in front of the bus. Students may only ride the bus they have been assigned to. They are picked up and dropped off at designated stops only.

Boarding the bus—Students should find a seat as quickly as possible and they may not save a seat for a friend or sibling if it delays the bus. No person, other than pupils, school officials and those authorized by the school administration, are permitted to ride the school bus.

While on the bus—The following are prohibited: fighting; smoking; throwing objects; damaging the bus; distracting the bus driver while

the bus is moving; standing up while the bus is in motion; and being involved in any action that interferes with the passengers' or bus driver's safety. Students must keep their hands and other parts of the body inside the windows. Any student who vandalizes a bus will be expected to pay for damages.

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**Missing the bus**—Parents and guardians are responsible for getting children to school if they miss the bus.

**Private school students**—Families with children who attend a private or parochial school must petition the district in writing before April 1 each year to maintain eligibility for transportation. Applications are available from the Transportation Office.

### Información sobre transporte escolar en autobús

El transporte de los alumnos resulta esencial para el funcionamiento del Distrito Escolar de Ossining y de las

otras escuelas a cuyos estudiantes brindamos transporte. Todas las regulaciones administrativas en materia de transporte escolar en autobús se envían a los padres con anterioridad al inicio de las clases.

Es obligatorio que a todos los estudiantes de prekinder, kinder, primero y segundo grado los espere un adulto en la parada del autobús a menos que un documento de exoneración sea firmado y enviado a la Oficina de Transportación. Dichos formularios de exoneración están disponibles en las escuelas.

Se requiere que un adulto se encuentre en la parada del autobús indicada para recoger a los estudiantes de prekinder, kinder, primero y segundo grado.

Si no se encuentra presente un adulto en la parada del autobús, no se permitirá al estudiante descender del autobús y el conductor continuará con su ruta. Si el tiempo disponible lo permite, una vez que la ruta se haya

completado se realizará otro intento de encontrar a un adulto en la parada del autobús del niño. Si no es posible regresar o si nadie está en la parada del autobús, el niño será devuelto a la escuela.

Todas las solicitudes para cambio de autobús debido a la guardería infantil (day care), tienen que ser enviadas por escrito a la Oficina de Transportación a la siguiente dirección: 400 Executive Blvd. Ossining, NY 10562, o también pueden ser enviadas por fax al siguiente nr. 941-7291.

Por favor notifique a la Oficina de Transportación de algún cambio en su dirección o número de teléfono.

La Oficina de Transportación puede contactarse a llamando al 941-7700, Ext. 1336 o Ext. 1393 (se habla español).

#### Reglamento del autobús escolar

Recogida y dejada—Los estudiantes deberán estar en la parada del autobús cinco minutos antes de la hora de llegada del autobús y esperar a una distancia prudencial de la calle, de manera ordenada. Los estudiantes que deban atravesar la calle cuando vayan a subir o a bajarse del autobús, debarán hacerlo cruzando a 10 pies por delante del autobús. Los estudiantes solo podrán viajar en el autobús que les ha sido asignado y serán recogidos y dejados únicamente en las paradas asignadas.

Abordaje del autobús—Los estudiantes deben hallar un asiento lo más rápido posible y no reservarán asientos para un amigo, hermana o hermano, si ello ocasiona un retraso del autobús. No se permitirá viajar en el autobús escolar a ninguna personal que no sean los alumnos, los funcionarios escolares o aquellas personas debidamente autorizadas por la administración escolar.

Mientras estén en el bus—Está prohibido lo siguente: pelear, fumar, lanzar objetos, dañar objetos, distraer al conductor mientras el bus está en marche, e involucrarse en cualquier acción que interfiera con la seguridad de los pasajeros o del conductor. Los estudiantes deben permanecer sentados mientras el autobús está en marcha, y mantener sus manos y otras partes del cuerpo dentro de las ventanillas del autobús. Se espera que cualquier estudiante que cometa un acto de vandalismo en el autobús pague por todos los daños que haya ocasionado.

Perder el autobús—Si un estudiante pierde el autobús, será responsabilidad de los padres llevar al alumno a la escuela.

Estudiantes de escuelas privadas—Las familias que tengan hijos que asistan a escuelas privadas o parroquiales deben hacer una petición por escrito cada año, antes del 1 de abril para mantener la eligibilidad para recibir servicios de transporte. Las solicitudes estan disponibles en la Oficina de Transportación.

### Ossining Union Free School District



PARK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
PreKindergarten and Kindergarten

22 Edward Street Ossining, NY 10562

Tel: (914) 762-5850 Fax: (914) 941-4335

Cynthia Bardwell, Principal Melisa Stoller, Assistant Principal **School Hours:** 9:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.



**CLAREMONT SCHOOL** 

Grades 3 & 4

2 Claremont Road Ossining, NY 10562

Tel: (914) 762-5830 Fax: (914) 941-4964

Kate Mathews, Principal Ferzeen Shamsi, Assistant Principal School Hours: 9:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.



ANNE M. DORNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6, 7 & 8

100 Van Cortlandt Avenue Ossining, NY 10562

Tel: (914) 762-5740 Fax: (914) 762-5246

Regina M. Cellio, Principal Dulce Barker, Assistant Principal Craig Dreves, Assistant Principal Elizabeth Mercado, Assistant Principal School Hours: 8:04 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.



**BROOKSIDE SCHOOL** 

Grades 1 & 2

30 Ryder Road Ossining, NY 10562

Tel: (914) 762-5780 Fax: (914) 941-4674

Dr. Ann E. Dealy, Principal

Margaret Callagy, Assistant Principal **School Hours:** 9:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.



ROOSEVELT SCHOOL

Grade 5

190 Croton Avenue Ossining, NY 10562

Tel: (914) 762-2682 Fax: (914) 941-5341

Michelle Grier, Principal

School Hours: 9:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.



#### OSSINING HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

29 South Highland Avenue Ossining, NY 10562

Tel: (914) 762-5760 Fax: (914) 762-4011

Stephen Hancock, Principal Christopher DeMattia, Assistant Principal Alexandra Greenberg, Director of Math & Engineering Kimberly Mauricio Director of School Counseling Mirla Puello, Director of Student Academics School Hours: 8:04 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

