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"Home of the Broncos"

Orangeville CUSD 203 Newsletter September 2026

Dear Bronco Families:

We are excited to have you at Orangeville School District this year! As we start our new year, I would like to encourage you to get involved with our school. We have a dedicated Parent-Teacher-Organization (PTO), Sports Boosters, FFA, Alumni, and so much more to offer you and your family. To learn more, please visit our school website at orangevillecusd.com.

It has been a busy summer and an even busier start the school year. We have transitioned to one secretary for our district as of August 17th. Rachel Heck is now stationed in the elementary office. This should now serve as our main entrance for families and visitors to the school.

Thank you for your patience as we transition to a new transportation provider and a new student information system. We know that it is difficult to start the year with so many changes, but our staff is working hard to make sure everything runs as efficiently as possible. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all as we begin this new school year. If you need anything, or have any questions, please reach out to me or your grade level administrator.

It's a great day to be a Bronco!

Thomas Rude
Superintendent

Secretary

Ms. Rachel Heck – 815-789-4450 – rheck@orangevillecusd.com



Orangeville Elementary School

Orangeville Elementary Families,

Welcome to September! We have had a wonderful first few weeks of school, and our classrooms are officially buzzing with excitement, curiosity, and learning. This month, we are focusing on **building strong routines** and diving into our core curriculum.

Below you will find important updates, upcoming dates, and reminders.



Mark Your Calendar

- **Wednesday, September 2:** Bus Drill 8AM
- **Monday, September 7:** No School (Labor Day)
- **Friday, September 11:** Goodies with Grands 7:30-8:00 AM
- **Monday, September 14:** School Board 5:30 PM
- **Friday, September 18:** School Improvement - 11AM Dismissal
- **September 28-October 3:** Homecoming



School Reminders

- **Attendance Matters:** Regular attendance is crucial for your child's success. If your child will be absent, please call (815)789-4450 or email Rachel, rheck@orangevillcusd.com by 8:30 AM.
- **Dress for the Weather:** September weather can be unpredictable. Please send your child with a light jacket or sweater for outdoor recess.
- **Bookbags, lunch boxes and water bottles:** Remember to label all of your child's items.

Thank you for your continued support in making this a fantastic school year!

Mrs. Ludin

jludin@orangevillcusd.com



Orangeville Jr. - Sr. High School

A Great Start to the School Year!

September is here, and we are off to a wonderful start at Orangeville Junior/Senior High School! It has been exciting to see our students settling into their routines, reconnecting with friends and becoming involved in classroom activities, athletics and other opportunities throughout the school.

Thank you to our families and staff for helping make the beginning of the school year positive and successful. Your communication, flexibility and continued support make a meaningful difference. As we move through September, we encourage students to attend school regularly, arrive on time, stay engaged in their learning and ask for help whenever they need it.

I look forward to continuing to build relationships with our students, families and community. Please feel free to reach out with questions, concerns or ideas. By working together, we can make this a successful and enjoyable year for every student.

Parents: Please take the following survey so I can get to know your thoughts on what you would like to see:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X7LLC8Q>

Cell Phone Reminder: To help maintain a focused learning environment, students must keep their cell phones in their lockers throughout the school day. Cell phone violations will be documented, and progressive consequences will apply. Repeat offenses will require a parent or guardian to pick up the phone from the school office. We appreciate families reviewing this expectation with their students and supporting our efforts to minimize distractions during the school day.

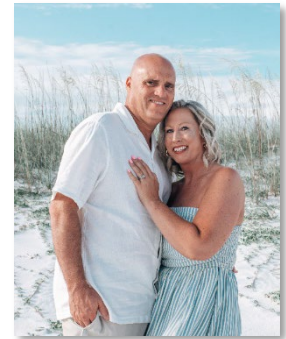
Krystal Wolfe
6-12 Principal
Orangeville School District

Last month, you learned about our new administrators, this month, learn about our new staff members!



Chad Barger (driver education / health)

This school year I begin my 25th year in education and my 1st at Orangeville. When I am not at school I enjoy golfing, officiating high school and college basketball, and spending time with family. I am also an avid Cubs, Bears and Bulls fan!



Michael Beadle (JH/HS social studies)



I am Michael Beadle, the new social studies teacher at Orangeville. I am from Galena and attended Galena High School and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville where I earned teaching certifications in social studies and Spanish. I am excited to be teaching World History, Modern US History, World Geography, American Justice, Psychology, and Sociology this year. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling and visiting our national parks and historic sites and watching the Green Bay Packers, Illinois Illini basketball and football,

Chicago Blackhawks hockey, and local high school sports. I am excited to join the team at Orangeville this year!

Dawn Carlson (4th grade)

Hello! Teaching has always been my passion. I truly enjoy helping students learn, grow, and build confidence. I have taught over 20 years, including Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade. Outside of the classroom, I am a proud mom to three sons. Next summer my oldest son will be getting married, and I am excited to welcome a daughter and bonus granddaughter in the family. In my free time, I enjoy long walks and hikes, and reading new books. I am looking forward to a wonderful new year and the learning, growth, and memories it will bring.



Della Crain (Kindergarten)



Hi! My name is Della Crain, and I'm excited to be part of the Orangeville community. I'm passionate about creating a positive, welcoming classroom where every student feels supported, valued, and encouraged to do their best. Outside of school, I enjoy coaching volleyball at Highland. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year filled with learning, growth, and memorable moments with my students!

Mekisha Harrigan (band / K-4 art)

Hi everyone! My name is Miss Harrigan, and I am thrilled to be joining the Orangeville School District this year. I will be teaching band for grades 5–12 and Art for grades K–4. I love helping students discover their creative talents and look forward to getting to know all the new faces in our classrooms.



Alyssa Hunziker (nurse)



My name is Alyssa, and I'm excited to be a part-time nurse at Orangeville this school year! I have experience being a Medical-Surgical nurse, where I have the opportunity to take care of people of all ages. I enjoy caring for others and learning new things. I'm looking forward to getting to know the students, their families, and being a part of the Orangeville school community!

Ted Michalsen (JH/HS art)

From the moment I was able to hold a pencil and make a mark I have been creating something. That desire to create led me to Eastern Illinois University where I specialized in printmaking as part of my art degree with teachers certification. After graduation I attended graduate school in St. Louis and worked in another field for 14 years before joining the teaching staff at Aquin Catholic School. I was with Aquin schools teaching art to students in grades k-12 until its closure. I am grateful to Orangeville schools for the privilege of continuing to assist students with the pursuit of their artistic vision. I am looking forward to finding and creating opportunities for our students to share their art with the Village of Orangeville and surrounding communities.





Alicea Rockey (JH/HS English)

Hi everyone! My name is Alicea Rockey and I am teaching Junior High/High School English this year! I graduated from Dakota High School and went to the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. There, I earned my Bachelor's degree in English Literature, as well as my Master's degree in Secondary Education. I am so excited to be a Bronco and cannot wait to be a part of the Orangeville community!

Meghan Stith (GS paraprofessional)

Hi, everyone! I'm Meghan, and I'm super excited to be joining Orangeville CUSD as a paraprofessional! I'm an Orangeville graduate and a proud mom of three, with two of my kiddos currently attending Orangeville schools. I'm looking forward to lots of learning, laughter, and fun while helping our students have a fantastic school year!

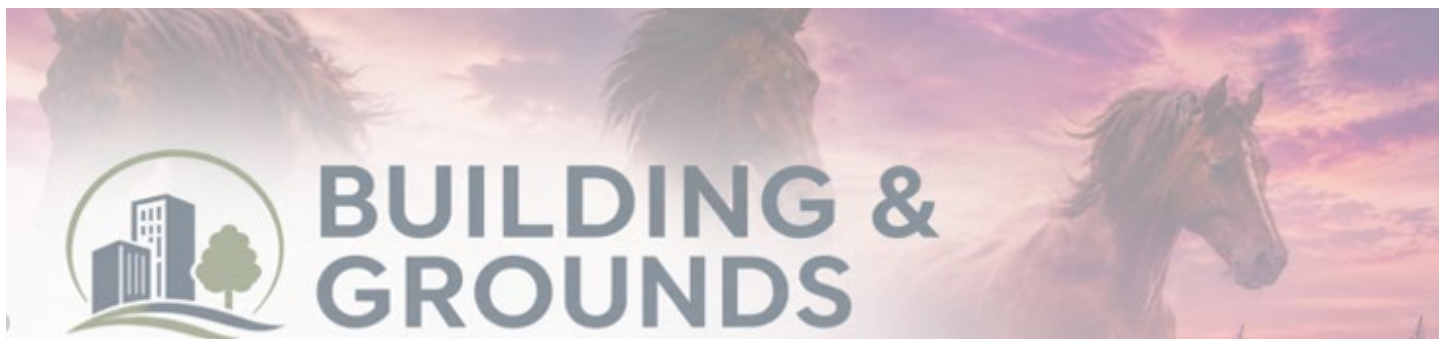


Domanic Wiegel (JH/HS math)



My name is Mr. Domanic Wiegel and I come to Orangeville with twenty years of experience teaching middle and high school mathematics and computer science. I am excited to be teaching in the classroom for the community that I live in. I am also excited to be involved in extracurricular activities including junior high school football, junior high school basketball, and high school baseball. Go Broncos!





September is here and we hit the ground running! Our team remains committed to maintaining a safe, clean, functional, and attractive facilities and outdoor spaces for all staff, students and visitors. This newsletter provides updates on current and completed projects, seasonal maintenance activities, safety reminders, and ways everyone can help care for our shared environment.

Facility Maintenance Highlights

Last month, the Building & Grounds team completed or started a variety of important maintenance and improvement tasks across our facilities, including:

- Rooftop Solar installation (In Progress)
- Preventive HVAC inspections and servicing
- Plumbing repairs and restroom fixture maintenance
- Routine custodial cleaning & preventative maintenance
- New climbing system & mulch for the playground
- New Pre-K storage shed



Safety Corner

Safety remains a top priority in all Building & Grounds operations. We encourage everyone to help maintain a safe environment. If you notice an urgent maintenance or safety issue, please report it immediately.

- Just a friendly reminder to our students who attend after school activities. School rules still apply during after school activities. Running and playing in the hallways is not allowed. Ideally, students should be in one of three places: using the restroom, getting something to eat from the concession stand, or in the area designated for that event.

Recognition

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to **Pieper Lawncare** for providing exceptional turf maintenance services, especially for our athletic fields.

The Pieper Lawncare team takes great pride in maintaining our outdoor facilities and consistently goes above and beyond to ensure our fields are safe, attractive, and ready for use. We also greatly appreciate their flexibility and ability to work seamlessly around our event schedules. Thank you!

GO BRONCOS!!!



BRONCO ATHLETICS

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



INTRODUCING YOUR 2026 FALL SPORT TEAMS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



JV VOLLEYBALL



8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL



F/S VOLLEYBALL



7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL



IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS!

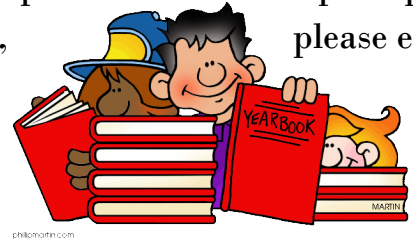
If you haven't viewed the [Parent Sports Presentation](#) on the districts website, or haven't turned in the [Required Forms and Fees](#) for your athlete, please do so as soon as possible.

Orangeville School District would like to thank Dakota School District for



scheduling the Bookmobile to come to Orangeville again this summer! The Bookmobile came on Wednesday afternoons rain or shine, and our families showed up anxious and ready to borrow new books! We appreciate everyone who helped make this possible.

The 2025-26 yearbooks have arrived! If you ordered a yearbook for your student, they have been distributed. Graduates should be contacted soon to make plans for pickup. If you have not received the yearbook you ordered in the spring, please email Ms. Rachel at rheck@orangevillecusd.com and she will check on the status. There are several extras of the elementary yearbook, and there may be a handful of extras of the JH/HS yearbook, so if you did not order last year and want to be put on a waitlist to purchase, again please email Ms. Rachel. Thank you.



Families and students – help us build the Jr./Sr. High yearbook this year! Use the QR code or web link below to upload images that will be reviewed by our yearbook staff to be included in the yearbook! Let's make this another

great year of memories!

Mercy Wilde

Jr./Sr. High Yearbook Advisor



<https://photos.jostens.com/FPTLBV>



Because we are at the start of a new school year, we want to remind everyone about two important rules:

First, parents should contact the office to make the school aware of a student's absence. Parents can call 815-789-4450 or 815-789-4289, and if it is before or after office hours, leave a message. Another option is to email the Miss Rachel, the secretary, at rheck@orangevillecusd.com. If

you wish to include your child's teacher in that email as well, that is okay, but the office is the primary place that needs to know about a student's absence. In a message, please include the student's name, the reason for absence, and the date/length of absence. More information about absence rules can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook, starting on page 21.

Second, although we're heading into fall, the weather can be summer-like for several more weeks. Our dress code begins on page 33 of the handbook and includes the following:

- **Tops:** Wear tops that cover the shoulder with at least two finger width, cover undergarments, extend over the waist of the wearer's pants or skirt, are not ripped, and do not expose the back, side, or chest. Tops should not fully cover bottoms.
- **Bottoms/dresses:** Wear pants and shorts that have a minimum out seam of 10 inches, skirts & dresses that are no less than finger-tip length, have no holes or rips higher than finger-tip length, and stay at the waist when worn.

The 26/27 Student/Parent Handbook can be found on our website at www.orangevillecusd.com under About Us > Schools, and you can choose either school. The link is on both pages.



We are a couple weeks into the start of the school year and hope that the bus issues we had the first couple days have now smoothed out. Information about the Yellow Bus procedures was emailed out to all families on Aug. 21st. A reminder that the bus garage number is 815-789-4616 and you may need to leave a

message, especially for . The emails for transportation questions can go to jjohnston@ybusgroup.com and nbruce@ybusgroup.com.

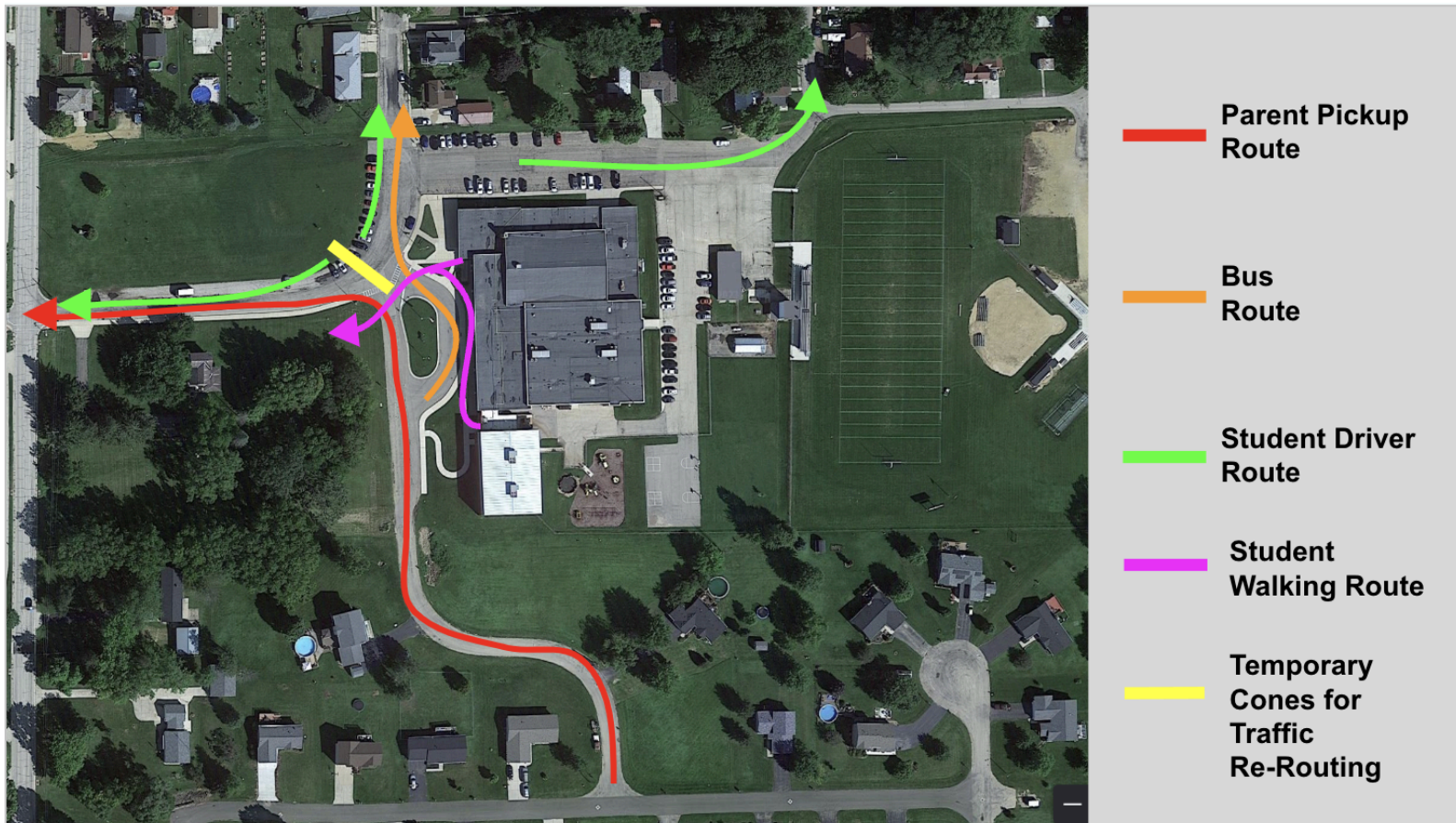
The information shared on Aug. 21st can also be found on our website www.orangevillecusd.com under Parent & Student Resources > Transportation.

Also, on the next pages are the 26-27 bus plan information.



Orangeville School District Bus Plan

For bus procedures this year, we will be utilizing the following instructions for each group of students being transported to and from the school grounds. This plan will take place for hours of drop-off and pick-up.



***All students walking home MUST cross at the crosswalk to leave school grounds. This ensures the continued safety of all students.**

For the Morning Drop- Off:

- The building will be open at 7:45 am each morning. Students will not be allowed to enter until then.
- For Elementary students PK-5, entrance to the building will be on the south end.
- For JH/HS students 6-12, entrance to the building will be on the north end.
- When dropping students off for the morning, please do **NOT** enter the bus loop in the front of the school.



For the Afternoon:

- **Afternoon pickup for students will be organized using the diagram on the following page.**
- **For Parent Pick-Up:** Please enter the pickup line on Valleyview Dr, going to Meadow Drive, and onto Quarry Lane at the south side of the school.
*Please do not come past the Elementary Entrance when lining up.
*Please do not exit your car when in the pickup line. We will call out students to the cars as they approach the fieldhouse doors.
*All measures have been put in place to increase the safe dismissal of students.
Parent Pick-Up will exit down the West side of Orange St onto Old 26.
(Red Arrow on the map)
- **For Student Walkers:** Students walking home will need to walk to the designated crosswalk in front of the High School entrance to exit school grounds. Students are not allowed to cross the street without the crosswalk.
- **For Bus Routes:** Buses will leave from the bus loop and depart with direction from the bus supervisor on duty
(Orange arrow on map)
- For all questions regarding specific pickup locations or bus inquiries, please contact Justin Harris at Yellow Bus
(815-789-4616)
- **For Student Drivers/Staff:** If driving your own vehicle, please exit the school grounds on South Johnson Street or South Orange Street.
- For students leaving after normal dismissal hours, all streets will be accessible after 3:15pm at the latest.
- Students parked at the bottom of Orange Street below the temporary traffic cones (Yellow line on map) will be allowed to exit the school grounds out to Old 26.
(Green arrow on the map)

Thank you for your commitment to student safety when entering and exiting the school grounds.

Jennifer Ludin

Transportation Liaison

BRONCOS GOT GAME!

HOCO 2026 DRESS-UP DAYS



monday

SEPTEMBER 28

Dress Up: Game Night
sweet and cozy; pajama day!



tuesday

SEPTEMBER 29

Dress Up: Uno – Wild Card
Wacky, mismatched day

wednesday

SEPTEMBER 30

Dress Up: Two of a Kind
Duo or trio day



thursday

OCTOBER 1

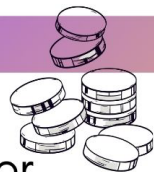
Dress Up: Monopoly
Dress your fanciest – bow ties, top hats, and absolute glamour!



friday

OCTOBER 2

Dress Up: Bronco Spirit
Dress in Bronco gear or
purple/yellow or class colors



Note: The above are listed for high school homecoming class competition, but Junior High and Elementary students are welcome to participate in the fun as well!



SEPTEMBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

ORANGEVILLE BRONCO BOOSTERS



**WE MEET
MONTHLY!**

The first Monday
of the month at
The Ville at 7PM



**LOOKING FOR
BOARD
MEMBERS!**

Help support our students,
athletes, and community.
We'd love to have you on our team!

Thank You ♥
**TO ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERS!**

♥
Your time and dedication
make a **BIG** difference!



**REMINDER:
CONCESSION
SIGNS**

via SignUp Genius

Please check SignUp Genius for
available time slots and sign up today!



Contact Us: orangevillebroncobooters@gmail.com



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ORANGEVILLE PTO PRESENTS

GOODIES WITH GRANDS



**GRANDPARENTS
YOU'RE INVITED!**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

7:15-7:45 AM

ORANGEVILLE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

(ENTER THROUGH THE ELEMENTARY DOORS)

GRANDPARENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THEIR ELEMENTARY GRANDCHILDREN
FOR BREAKFAST AND MEMORIES!

TO SHOW APPRECIATION AND LOVE OVER GRANDPARENTS WEEKEND!

HOSTED BY THE ORANGEVILLE PTO

2 ADULTS PER STUDENT

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 4TH

CHILDS NAME: _____

HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING (2 ADULTS PER STUDENT)? _____

_____ UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND

Do you know someone
in the USA Military?



The McConnell Legion Auxiliary
will be sending Christmas
gifts to active military.

Please leave name and address in
the Elementary Office or email it to
emackenzie@orangevillecusd.com
by November 1.

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Lunch Menu

September



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Grades 6-12 Mini Corn Dogs 2 nd Choice Daily		Meatball Sub Marinara Broccoli Pineapple 1	Beef Nachos Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges 2	Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Corn Breadstick Applesauce 3	Pizza Quesadilla 4 Italian Blend Veggies Baby Carrots Yogurt Strawberries	5
Grades 6-12 Mini Corn Dogs 2 nd Choice Daily 6	NO SCHOOL 7 Labor Day	Turkey Wrap Green Beans Sweet Potatoes Mixed Berries Cup 8	Chicken Nachos Baked Beans Mixed Fruit 9	Popcorn Chicken Bowl Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Applesauce 10	Biscuit and Gravy 11 Sausage Patty Hashbrown Wango Mango Juice Peaches	12
Grades 6-12 WG Pizza 2 nd Choice Daily 13	Beef Nacho Tots 14 Refried Beans WG Breadstick Cherry Star Juice Pineapple	Mini Corn Dogs 15 French Fries Jello Applesauce	Chicken Patty on bun 16 Baby Carrots Green Beans Peaches	Pork Rib on bun 17 Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Ice Cream Cup	NO LUNCH 18 DISMISSAL @ 11:00	19
Grades 6-12 WG Pizza 2 nd Choice Daily 20	Cheeseburger on Bun 21 Potato Wedges Peaches Pudding	Chicken Nuggets 22 Cucumbers Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	Grilled Chicken on 23 Romaine Mix Salad Apple Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar	Chicken Alfredo 24 WG Garlic Toast Corn Pineapple	Turkey Sub 25 Baby Carrots Celery Sticks Applesauce Baked Chips	26
Grades 6-12 WG Pizza 2 nd Choice Daily 27	Taco in a Bag 28 Refried Beans Pineapple	Hot Dog on Bun 29 Green Beans Fries Watermelon (if still available) Bug Bites	Cheese Pizza 30 Cucumbers Roasted Sweet Potato Pears	31		32

All meals include 1% white milk or fat free chocolate milk.

WG = Whole Grain

*Menu subject to change.

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Activity Calendar

September

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		HSVB vs West Carroll 5:00 JHFB @ S Beloit 5:30 JHVB @ Pearl City 5:30 FFA Section Meet & Greet @ Pearl City PTO Mtg. 6:30	JHVB vs. Dakota 5:30	HSVB vs. S Beloit 5:00 FFA Chapter Mtg 7pm	Vars. HSVB @ Oregon Tourn. HSFB vs. Milledgeville 5:00	Vars. HSVB @ Oregon Tournament
FFA Trapshooting Team Event 12-4	NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY OAA meeting. 6 pm @ The Ville Bronco Boosters mtg. 7 pm @ The Ville	HSVB @ Durand 5:00 JHFB vs. S. Beloit 5:00 JHVB @ Shirland 5:00 FFA Chapter mtg 6 pm	JHVB @ Durand 5:30 pm OAA Volleyball vs. Le-Win 4:45		Grandparents Day for K-5 sponsored by PTO 7:15-7:45 am HSFB @ Highland HS (WI) 7:00 pm	JHVB @ Durand Tournament OAA Volleyball @ Eastland Tourn. 9 am – 2 pm
NWI Coyotes youth FB games 9:30 am start FFA Trapshooting Team Event 12-4	JHVB vs. South Beloit 5:30 Tentative Budget Hearing 5:15 Board Meeting 5:30	JHVB @ Forreston 4:30 HSVB @ Pecatonica 5:00 JHFB vs. West Carroll 5:00 FFA Alumni mtg. 7 pm	FFA Greenhand Conference	HSVB vs. Le-Win 5:00 pm JHVB @ W. Carroll 5:00 pm	SIP – 11:00 dismissal FFA Dairy Shrine Skills Contest HSFB @ West Carroll 7:00 pm	Vars VB @ Scales Mound Tournament JV VB @ Stillman Valley Tournament
FFA Trapshooting Team Event 12-4	JHVB @ Lena 5:30	HSVB @ Dakota 5:00 JHFB @ West Carroll 5:30 JHVB @ Dakota 5:30 FFA Job Interview	FFA Land Use	FFA Land Use (rain date) HSVB vs. Pearl City 5:00 JHVB @ Immanuel Lutheran 5:00		JHVB @ Galena Tournament HSFB vs. Polo 1:00
HOMECOMING WEEK → FFA Trapshooting Team Event 12-4	JHVB vs. Durand (8th gr. Recognition night) 5:30	FFA at World Dairy Expo HSVB @ Forreston 5:00 JHVB @ Chadwick 5:30	JHVB @ South Beloit 5:30			

HSFB- High School Football

JHFB- Jr. High Football

HSVB- High School Volleyball

JHVB- Jr. High Volleyball

 Event schedules subject to change. For most current and updated information go to [Events Calendar](http://www.orangevillecusd.com/) at <http://www.orangevillecusd.com/>