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ROME

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2027



2026-2027 CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

September

3	Schools Open - First Day of Classes
7	Labor Day

October

8	PreK-6 Professional Learning (Half Day)
9	Superintendent's Conference Day (Schools Closed)
12	Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day (Schools Closed)
30	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conference Day (Half Day)

November

11	Veterans Day (Schools closed)
6,13,20	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conference Day (Half Days)
25-27	Thanksgiving Recess

December

23-31	Winter Recess (Schools Closed)
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January

1	Winter Recess (Schools Closed)
18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools Closed)
26-29	Regents Exams
29	PreK-6 Professional Learning (Half Day)

February

15-19	Mid-Winter Recess (Schools Closed)
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March

18	PreK-6 Professional Learning (Half Day)
19	Superintendent's Conference Day (Schools Closed)
26-29	Easter Recess (Schools Closed)

April

19-23	Spring Recess (Schools Closed)
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May

18	School Budget Vote
31	Memorial Day (Schools Closed)

June

11	Elementary Half Day	25	Elementary Half Day/Rating Days
15-17	Regents Exams	25	RFA Rehearsal/Graduation
18	Elementary Half Day/ Rating Days		
21-24	Regents Exams		

COMMON ACRONYMS

ACT	American College Test
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AIS	Academic Intervention Services
AP	Advanced Placement
AUD	Auditorium
BAC	Budget Advisory Council
BOE	Board Of Education
CBO	Community-Based Organization
CSE	Committee on Special Education
CPSE	Committee on Preschool Special Education
CTE	Career and Technical Education
DPAC	District Parent Advisory Council
ELA	English Language Arts
ELL	English Language Learners
ENL	English as a New Language
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individualized Education Program
NYSED	New York State Education Department
LOTE	Languages Other Than English
NHS	National Honor Society
NJHS	National Junior Honor Society
NMSQT	National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
NYSSMA	New York State School Music Association
PARP	Parents As Reading Partners
PLC	Professional Learning Community
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test
PTG	Parent Teacher Group
PTO	Parent Teacher Organization
SAT	Scholastic Assessment Test
SIT	School Improvement Team
SNT	School Nurse-Teacher
TBD	To Be Determined
UPK	Universal Prekindergarten

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Superintendent's Message



Dear Rome Families, Staff, and Community,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! There is something special about the beginning of a new school year. It is a time filled with excitement, fresh opportunities, new friendships, and the promise of new discoveries. As we open our doors for another year of learning and growth, we are filled with optimism and enthusiasm for all that lies ahead for our students, families, staff, and community.

Over the past several months, we have worked with purpose and care to prepare for a meaningful year of learning and growth. At the heart of our work is a simple belief: Every child deserves to be known, every student deserves to feel that they belong, and every family deserves to be heard. Together, we remain committed to ensuring every student has the support, opportunities, and meaningful learning experiences needed to grow, succeed, and thrive.

Our schools are strongest when we work together. When families, staff, students, and community members come together, we create environments where children feel safe, valued, challenged, and inspired to learn. Together, we will continue building schools where every child has the opportunity to explore their strengths, discover their potential, and experience success.

Thank you for the trust you place in the Rome City School District. Serving this community is an honor, and we look forward to the many moments of learning, growth, connection, and celebration we will share throughout the year. Here's to a joyful, healthy, and successful 2026–2027 school year filled with curiosity, kindness, and achievement!

Warmly,

Ms. Nerlande Anselme
Superintendent of Schools



Shaping tomorrow, one student at a time

STRATEGIC PLAN - OUR PILLARS

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Pillar One: Student-Centered Learning and Academic Engagement for Excellence

The Rome City School District is committed to delivering engaging, high-quality, and rigorous instruction that ignites curiosity, fosters exploration, and develops the skills necessary for success in college, careers, and the world of work.

2

Pillar Two: Nurturing Safe and Inclusive Communities for Learning

The Rome City School District is committed to cultivating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment by prioritizing mental health supports, social-emotional learning, and clear, consistently applied expectations that ensure students feel valued, supported, and ready to learn.

3

Pillar Three: Empower Success Through Access and Support

The Rome City School District is committed to ensuring that every student, employee, and school has the people, time, and resources needed to thrive. This includes advancing equitable outcomes through the recruitment, development, and support of a talented, diverse workforce, as well as allocating staffing, funding, and facilities based on identified needs.

4

Pillar Four: Community-Driven Learning and Partnerships for Lifelong Success

The Rome City School District is committed to building strong, meaningful partnerships with families, community leaders, local businesses, and organizations to support student success—both now and in the future. Through these collaborations, we foster active community engagement and provide extended, real-world learning experiences that build confidence, deepen skills, and bring our Portrait of a Graduate to life.



2026-2027 Board of Education



Jennifer Yoxall
President
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Term expires 2027



Sue Carvelli
Vice-President
scarvelli@romecsd.org
Term expires 2029



Jeff DeMatteis
jdematteis@romecsd.org
Term expires 2031



Kristin Safin
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Term expires 2027

About the BOE

The Board of Education of the Rome City School District constitutes a corporate body. Since all powers of the Board of Education lie in its collective actions, individual Board members exercise authority over District affairs only when they vote to take action at a legal meeting of the Board. Board members acting individually have no authority over school affairs or personnel. An individual Board member, including the President, has power only when the Board, by vote, delegates authority to that member.

Committee of the Whole

The seven members of the Board, with the President serving as chairperson, shall constitute a Committee of the Whole. Four Board members present at all regularly scheduled and special meetings shall constitute a quorum.

District Policies

District Policies are accessible from the district website at <https://www.romecsd.org/page/important-links>



Nadia Rashid
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Term expires 2027



Johnathan Roland
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Rocky Capponi
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Term expires 2029



Sandra Russell
District Clerk
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BOE Schedule and Voter Information



2026-2027 Board of Education Meetings

5:30 pm - Board Room - 409 Bell Road, Rome NY 13440

Meetings will be recorded and posted on our website at

www.romecsd.org.

July 16, 2026	(Reorganizational Meeting)
August 3, 2026	Regular Meeting
August 17, 2026	Regular Meeting
September 8, 2026	Regular Meeting
September 21, 2026	Regular Meeting
October 5, 2026	Regular Meeting
October 19, 2026	Regular Meeting
November 9, 2026	Regular Meeting
December 7, 2026	Regular Meeting
January 11, 2027	Regular Meeting
January 25, 2027	Regular Meeting
February 8, 2027	Regular Meeting
March 1, 2027	Regular Meeting
March 15, 2027	Regular Meeting
April 5, 2027	Regular Meeting
*April 27, 2027	MOBOCES Vote/Regular Meeting
**May 10, 2027	Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting
***May 19, 2027	Accept Election Results/Regular Meeting
May 24, 2027	Regular Meeting
June 7, 2027	Regular Meeting
June 21, 2027	Regular Meeting

*BOCES vote

**Budget Hearing

*** Accept election results

Budget Vote and Board Election - Tuesday, May 18, 2027

Budget Vote and Board Election

May 18, 2027

Each May, eligible voters have the opportunity to vote on the proposed school budget and to elect members to the Board of Education. Board members in Rome serve as volunteers for three-year, at-large terms.

To be eligible to vote, a person must be: a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the election, and registered to vote. Property ownership within the district is not required to vote.

The next Budget Vote and Board Election will be Tuesday, May 18, 2027.

On voting day, the school district will require all voters to provide their printed name, address, and signature. If there are concerns about the eligibility of any voter, challenges may be made in accordance with the provisions of Education Law and the regulations associated with Policy 2120.2.

This information will be shared again in the weeks leading up to the vote, along with the proposed budget, board candidates and other relevant information.



Administrative Directory



GENERAL INFORMATION 315-338-6500

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Nerlande Anselme, Superintendent 315-338-6521
Sandra Russell, Executive Secretary.....315-338-6521

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Jennifer DePerno, Assistant Superintendent 315-338-6512
Dana Benzo, Director of Elementary Programs 315-338-6512
Melissa Sisco, Director of Secondary Programs..... 315-338-6512
Monica Dearnmore, Executive Secretary..... 315-338-6512

STUDENT SERVICES

Amanda Jones, Director..... 315-338-6518
Jacquelyn Gazaille, Principal Clerk..... 315-338-6515

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Dr. Cristin Checchia, Director.....315-338-6581
Sherry Drake, Administrative Assistant.....315-338-6581
Kristin Lopata, CSE Chair.....315-338-6586
TBD, CSE Chair.....
Joshua Nitti, CSE Chair 315-338-6502
Maggie Wright(ClearTrack).....315-338-6505
Kelli Rutledge.....315-338-6507

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

Patrick Sullivan, Director 315-338-6506
Bradley Barth, PC Tech.....315-338-6528
Michael Bates, LAN Tech.....315-338-7293
Paul Hurlburt, Network Administrator.....315-338-6523
Rebecca Krasko, Network Administrator 315-338-6545

ATHLETICS/HEALTH SERVICES

Aaron Carey, Director 315-338-6571
Joanne Polivka, Secretary 315-338-6571
Carolyn Getchell, Nurse Practitioner.....315-338-6576
Sierra Raux, Trainer.....315-338-6572

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Shaylyn Hook, Registrar 315-338-6569

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

Dr. Georgia Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations.....315-338-6542
Martha Schaller, Secretary.....315-338-7267
Jeff Sessions, Deputy Treasurer.....315-338-6551
Gino Rocco, Accounts Payable 315-338-6553
Jesse Simonds, Purchasing Agent.....315-338-6522
Christine Coonrod, Payroll..... 315-338-6564
Christine Sullivan, Health Insurance.....315-338-6534
Kelsey Barbato, Health Insurance..... 315-338-6554

HUMAN RESOURCES AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Dr. Shaun Carney, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources & Strategic Initiatives..... 315-338-6541
Rebecca Hands, Executive Secretary.....315-338-6541
Kelly Nash, Assistant Personnel Director.....315-338-6562
Michele Van Slyke, Personnel Assistant.....315-338-6530
Katherine Grosso, Personnel Assistant.....315-338-6532
Jaime Ciciarelli, Personnel Assistant.....315-338-6531

FACILITIES

Alex Rodriguez, Director 315-334-7270
Tim Safin, Maintenance Supervisor.....315-334-7266

TRANSPORTATION

Brian Warn, Bus Dispatcher.....315-338-6549
Justin Rutz, Bus Dispatcher.....315-334-7279

FOOD SERVICES

Chelsea Byrd, Assistant Director 315-338-6557
Lori Whitmore, Secretary..... 315-338-6555

DISTRICT SAFETY AND SECURITY

James Sojda, Director of District School Safety & Security.....315-334-7264
Paul Yanik, Security Officer.....315-334-7242

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Eugenio Mercurio 315-338-6535
Taylor Manley.....315-338-6529



School Directory at a Glance



CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM



Molly Mytych
Principal
mmytych@romecsd.org

409 Bell Road
Rome, NY 13440
315-334-1250
Fax: 315-334-7371

Hours: 9:10 am - 3:10 pm

Nurse: Kim Dobransky
315-334-1253

GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)



Jennifer Pouliot
Principal
jpouliot@romecsd.org

758 W. Liberty Street
Rome, NY 13440
315-334-5180
Fax: 315-334-7352

Hours: 9:10 am - 3:10 pm

Sarah Trunfio, Assistant Principal
John Seifts, Dean of Students

Nurse: Wendy Armstrong
315-334-5194

STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)



Wendy Hutchings
Principal
whutchings@romecsd.org

9095 Turin Road
Rome, NY 13440
315-334-1220
Fax: 315-334-7399

Hours: 9:10 am - 3:10 pm

Garrett Janes, Dean of Students

Nurse: Mary Pike
315-334-1234

BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)



Jodi Marchione
Principal
jomarchione@romecsd.org

7118 Brennon Avenue
Rome, NY 13440
315-338-5260
Fax: 315-334-7472

Hours: 9:10 am - 3:10 pm

Joanne Lalonde, Assistant Principal

Nurse: JoAnn Foster, RN
Jen Ceraulo, RN
315-338-5274/5272

JOHN E. JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)



Rebecca Kiley
Principal
rkiley@romecsd.org

8194 Bielby Road
Rome, NY 13440
315-334-1260
Fax: 315-334-7362

Hours: 9:10 am - 3:10 pm

Michael Stalteri, Dean of Students

Nurse: Lisa Angle, RN
315-334-1274

STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)



Tracy O'Rourke
Principal
torourke@romecsd.org

801 Laurel St.
Rome, NY 13440
315-338-5200
Fax: 315-334-7465

Hours: 7:15 am - 2:05 pm

Tonia Davis, Assistant Principal - 8th
Kristen Ball, Assistant Principal - 7th
Alyssa Zito, Dean of Students

Nurse: Jennifer Sancomb, Nicole Gerber
315-338-5220/5221
Attendance Office: 315-338-5203

DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)



Karen Peek
Principal
kpeek@romecsd.org

1001 Ruby Street
Rome, NY 13440
315-338-5360
Fax: 315-334-7528

Hours: 9:10 am - 3:10 pm

Meghan Longo, Assistant Principal

Nurses: Sarah Eggan
Anne Mack
315-338-5374/5366

RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)



Jennifer Hummel
Principal
jhummel@romecsd.org

7841 Ridge Mills Road
Rome, NY 13440
315-334-1280
Fax: 315-334-7382

Hours: 9:10 am - 3:10 pm

Nurse: Carolyn McMahon
315-334-1294

ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12)



Kristie Boisen
Interim Principal
kboisen@romecsd.org

95 Dart Circle
Rome, NY 13441
315-334-7200
Fax: 315-334-7451

Hours: 7:15 am - 2:05 pm

Martin Nemecek, Assistant Principal - 12th
TBD, Assistant Principal - 11th
Eric Vernold, Assistant Principal - 10th
Allison Johnson, Assistant Principal - 9th

Nurse: Jennifer Paul, Samantha Randall
and Alexis Brady: 315-334-7222/7225
Attendance Office: 315-334-7219/7220



September 2026 at a Glance



CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

- 2** Back to School Night - 4-5 pm
- 17** Touch a Truck - 5-6 pm

GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 1** Open House - (Grades 1-6) 
- 5:30-7 pm
- 10** PTG Meeting - 3:30 pm - Library
- 11** Spirit Day - Wear Green and Gold
- 24** PTG Event - Ice Cream Social - 6-7 pm

STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 11** Picture Day 
- 14** PTG Meeting - 5:30 pm
- 16** Open House 
- 18** Spirit Day

Parent Alerts and Notifications

Please visit the district website at www.romecsd.org regularly to view parent alerts and special notifications. These alerts are posted as needed to highlight important announcements and emergency information. Updates may include event postponements, school closings, and other special notices. When active, notifications will appear in a pop-up box as soon as the website loads. Once clicked, the alert will remain at the bottom right of the webpage until it is no longer active.

ParentSquare is our platform for school-to-home communication. To sign up, please visit: <https://www.romecsd.org/o/res/page/parent-square>.



BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 2** Open House - 4- 5:30 pm 
- 14-18** Scholastic Book Fair - 5-6:30 pm
- 15** PTO Meeting - 6 pm

JOHN JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 10** Open House - 5-6:30 pm 

STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)

- 9** PTSO Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 10** Back to School Night - 5:45-7:30 pm
- 10-11** Fall Bus Safety Drills - PE Classes
- 10-18** Book Fair
- 14-18** Homecoming Spirit Week
- 17** Picture Day 
- 28-2** PBIS Spirit Week

DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 10** PTO Meeting - 6 pm
- 17** Open House (Grades 1-6) - 5 pm 

RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 2** Open House 
- Back to School Bash - 4-6 pm
- 10** PTG Meeting - 6 pm
- 21-25** Scholastic Book Fair
- 25** Spirit Day - Wear Red and White
- 30** Picture Day 

ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12)

- 16** Open House - 5 pm 
- 16-17** Picture Days 
- 18** Homecoming Football Game - 6:30 pm
- 19** Homecoming Dance

SEPTEMBER 2026

Rome is Home Shaping Tomorrow...One Student at a Time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Superintendent's Conference Day SCHOOLS CLOSED	2 Superintendent's Conference Day SCHOOLS CLOSED	3 SCHOOLS OPEN FIRST DAY OF CLASSES	4	5
6	7 Labor Day SCHOOLS CLOSED	8 BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road	9	10	11 Rosh Hashanah	12
13 Grandparents Day	14	15	16	17	18 Homecoming Football Game - 6:30 pm	19 Homecoming Dance
20 Yom Kippur	21 BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	August 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		October 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



October 2026 at a Glance

CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

- 5** Stomp out Bullying (Wear Blue)
- 19-20** Picture Days ☞☞
- 20** Trick-or-Treat Street - 5-6 pm

GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 1** PTG/Title I Meeting - 3:30 pm - Library
- 5** STOMP Out Bullying - Wear Blue
- 13** Spirit Day - Pink Out - Breast Cancer Awareness
- 14** Picture Day ☞☞
- 22** PTG Events - Trunk-or-Treat - 6-7 pm
- 23** STAR Citizen Awards
- 30** Spirit Day - Everyone Counts (Jersey/ Shirt with a Number Day)
Half-Day: Parent-Teacher Conferences

STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 5** World Day of Bullying Prevention - Wear Blue
- 5** PTG Meeting - 5:30 pm
- 6** Fire Safety Day
- 16** Spirit Day
- 29** Picture Retake Day ☞☞



BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 13** PTO Meeting - 6 pm
- 15** Picture Day ☞☞

JOHN JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 2** Picture Day ☞☞
- 5-9** Book Fair
- 22** Trunk or Treat (**29** - Rain Date)

STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)

- 5** #BlueUp - World Day of Bullying Prevention - Wear Blue
- 7** PTO Meeting (Title I) - 6:30 pm
- 15** NJHS Induction Ceremony - 6 pm
- 23** Breast Cancer Awareness Day - Wear Pink and Denim
- 29** Picture Retake Day ☞☞
- 30** School Dance - Dress in Costume - 7-9 pm



DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 1** PTO Meeting - 6 pm
- 21** Picture Day ☞☞

RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 1** PTG Meeting - 6 pm
- 30** Spirit Day - Wear Red and White

ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12)

- 2** Senior Photos Retakes ☞☞
- 7** College Night - 6:30 - 8 pm
- 22** RFA Band Concert (Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Wind Ensemble) at RFA - 7 pm
- 28** Photo Retakes & Club Photos



OCTOBER 2026

Rome is Home Shaping Tomorrow...One Student at a Time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	November 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	STOMP Out Bullying Wear Blue BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road			PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PreK Dismissal: 12 pm Elementary Dismissal: 12:10 pm ELEMENTARY HALF-DAY: PREK-6	Superintendent's Conference Day SCHOOLS CLOSED	SAT's RFA Large Cafeteria 7:30 a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day SCHOOLS CLOSED					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road			<i>RFA Band Concert (Concert Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble) at RFA - 7 pm</i>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					Parent/Teacher Conference PreK Dismissal: 12 pm Elementary Dismissal: 12:10 pm ELEMENTARY HALF-DAY: PREK-6	Halloween



November 2026 at a Glance



CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

- 10** Ice Cream Social - 5-6 pm
- 13** World Kindness Day

GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 5** PTG Meeting - Library - 3:30 pm
- 6** Spirit Day - Wear Green and Gold
- 13** World Kindness Day
- 18** School Picture Retake Day 📷
- 19** Dinner & Family Game Night - 5-7 pm
- 20** Spirit Day - Wear Flannel
- 24** STAR Citizen Awards

STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 2** PTG Meeting - 5:30 pm
- 10** Veterans Day Ceremony
- 10** Spirit Day - Wear Red, White and Blue



BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 7** Turkey Trot
- 10** Veterans Day Ceremony
- 10** PTO Meeting - 3:45 pm
- 19** Picture Day Retakes 📷

JOHN JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 5** Veterans Day Ceremony - 1:30 pm
- 18** Picture Day Retakes 📷

STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)

- 10** Spirit Day - Wear Red, White and Blue
- 12** PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 13** Spirit Day - Knight Pride - Wear Black and Orange
- 18** Winter Concert I (Instrumental) - 7pm
- 24** PBIS Pep Rally



DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 2-6** Book Fair
- 5** PTO Meeting - 6 pm
- 30** Holiday Shop begins

RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 4** Picture Day Retakes 📷
- 5** PTG Meeting - Library - 6 pm
- 20** Spirit Day - Wear Red and White

ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12)

- 6** Senior Photos Due for Yearbook
- 19** National Honor Society Induction Ceremony - RFA Auditorium - 6 pm
- 20-21** Sr. High Area All State at Oswego High School



NOVEMBER 2026

Rome is Home Shaping Tomorrow...One Student at a Time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Parent/Teacher Conference PreK Dismissal: 12 pm Elementary Dismissal: 12:10 pm ELEMENTARY HALF-DAY: PREK-6	7 SAT's RFA Large Cafeteria 7:30 a.m.
8 Daylight Saving Time Ends	9 BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road	10	11 Veterans Day SCHOOLS CLOSED	12 Strough Winter Concert (Choral) at Strough - 7 pm	13 World Kindness Day Parent/Teacher Conference PreK Dismissal: 12 pm Elementary Dismissal: 12:10 pm ELEMENTARY HALF-DAY: PREK-6	14
15	16	17	18 Strough Winter Concert (Instrumental) at Strough - 7 pm	19 National Honor Society Inductions at RFA - 6 pm	20 Area All-State - Oswego High School	21
22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	26 Thanksgiving Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	27 Thanksgiving Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	28
29	30				October 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



December 2026 at a Glance



CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

- 1** Picture Retake Day 📷
- 21** Holiday Celebration - 5-6 pm

GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 3** PTG Meeting - Library - 3:30 pm
- 4** Spirit Day - Wear Green and Gold
- 9** Winter Concert at Strough - 6 pm
- 14-17** Scholastic Book Fair
- 17** PTG Event - Holiday Family Festival 5-6:30 pm
- 16-22** Holiday Spirit Week
- 18** STAR Citizen Awards

STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 7** PTG Meeting - 5:30 pm
- 4** Winter Spectacular
- 16** Stokes Winter Concert at Strough - 6 pm
- 17-22** Winter Spirit Days

BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 8** PTO Meeting - 3:45 pm
- 9** Winter Concert at RFA - 6 pm

JOHN JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 1** National Grinch Day
- 10** Winter Concert at Strough - 6 pm
- 16-20** Spirit Week
- 17** Holiday Event

STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)

- 2** Winter Concert (Choral) - 7 pm
- 9** PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 14-22** Student Council Spirit Week
- 17** BRAVE Awards Ceremony
- 18** Retention Concert - Strough to RFA

DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 30-4** Holiday Shop
- 2** Picture Day Retakes 📷
- 3** PTO Meeting - 6 pm
- 10** Winter Concert at Strough - 7:30 pm

RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 3** PTG Meeting - 6 pm
- 16** Winter Concert at Strough - 7:30 pm
- 18** Spirit Day - Wear Red and White

ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12)

- 8** Winter Concert 1 - RFA - 7 pm
- 15** Winter Concert 2 - RFA - 7 pm

Connected Community Schools

The Rome City School District's "Connected Community Schools" model ensures every student and family has access to essential resources and support by linking community services to schools, transforming Public Schools into Community Schools. The initiative addresses various community needs, such as mental health support and food insecurity, while fostering meaningful collaborations that strengthen the community. Since expanding from Bellamy Elementary to 55 Connected Community Schools across 13 districts, the Connected Initiative has distributed 1.2 million pounds of food and connected thousands of students and families to crucial services. Connected Community has 'opened the doors' of public schools, expanding family engagement and providing support to the broader community.



DECEMBER 2026

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January 2027 at a Glance



CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

29 Super Bowl Party (Day Event)

GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

7 PTG Meeting - Library - 3:30 pm
8 Spirit Day - Wear Green and Gold
19-22 Spirit Council Spirit Week
22 STAR Citizen Awards

STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

4 PTG Meeting - 5:30 pm
6 Elementary All-County Selection Meeting at Sauquoit - 5 pm
15 Spirit Day

BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

12 PTO Meeting - 3:45 pm

JOHN JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

17 Bocce "Tiger Tournament"
25-29 Book Fair

STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)

13 Jr. High All-County Auditions at Utica
13 PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm
15 Spirit Day - Knight Pride - Wear Black and Orange
15 Winter Dance - 7 pm
29 Spirit Day - Winter White-Out Day

DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

6 Elementary All-County Selection Meeting at Sauquoit - 5 pm
7 PTO Meeting - 6 pm

RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

7 PTG Meeting - 6 pm
29 Spirit Day - Wear Red and White

ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12)

13 8th Grade Parent Transition Meeting - 6:30 pm
26-29 Regents Exams

Supporting Our Children

- Get involved with the parent group at your child's school. Opportunities are available for parents of students at all levels, including Strough and RFA.
- Read with your child regularly. As they grow, let them see you reading to set a positive example. Obtain a library card for your child to encourage their reading habits.
- Attend your school's Open House or Parent Night in the fall to stay informed.
- Ensure your child maintains good attendance to support their academic progress.
- The District participates in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), providing free breakfast and lunch to every child, regardless of income.



JANUARY 2027

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day SCHOOLS CLOSED					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road	← REGENTS EXAMS: January 26-29, 2027 →				PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PreK Dismissal: 12 pm Elementary Dismissal: 12:10 pm ELEMENTARY HALF-DAY: PREK-6



February 2027 at a Glance

CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

11 Family Gala - 5-6 pm

GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

4 PTG Meeting - Library - 3:30 pm
5 National Wear Red Day for Women's Heart Health
13 PTG Event -Grades 4-6 Dance - 6-7 pm
14 Spirit Day - Wear Green and Gold
28 STAR Citizen Awards

STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

1 PTG Meeting - 5:30 pm
9 February Dance
26 Spirit Day

BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

9 PTO Meeting - 3:45 pm

JOHN JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

10 Sweetheart Bingo

STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)

4-7 Strough Musical - 7 pm
5 Spirit Day - National Wear Red Day
10 PTSO Meeting - 6:30 pm
12 Spirit Day - Show Valentine Spirit - Wear Red, White and Pink
25 PBIS Award Ceremony

DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

4 PTO Meeting - 6 pm

RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

4 PTG Meeting - 6 pm
26 Spirit Day - Wear Red and White

ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12)

RFA Students Can Earn the Seal of Biliteracy

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, district, or state in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.

By mastering multiple languages, students enhance their communication abilities, cognitive development, and cultural understanding. This program highlights the school's commitment to promoting multilingualism and diversity.

Students earning the Seal receive recognition on their diplomas and gain a competitive edge in college admissions, scholarships, and careers.



FEBRUARY 2027

Rome is Home Shaping Tomorrow...One Student at a Time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Black History Month</i>	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4 <i>Rosa Parks Day</i>	5	6
				← Strough Musical Strough Auditorium - 7 pm →		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Strough Musical Strough Auditorium - 7 pm	BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road					
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	16	17	18	19	20
	Mid-Winter Recess	Mid-Winter Recess	Mid-Winter Recess	Mid-Winter Recess	Mid-Winter Recess	
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March 2027 at a Glance



CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM 1 Literacy Night 5-6 pm 1-5 Dr. Seuss Spirit Week 18 Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day	GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 1-6 Read Across America Week 4 PTG Meeting - Library - 3:30 pm 12 Spirit Day - Disney Pixar Day 24 PTG Event: Grades K-3 Dance- 6-7 pm 25 Spirit Day - Purple for Epilepsy Awareness STAR Citizen Awards	STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 1 PTG Meeting - 5:30 pm 12 Spirit Day 22 Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day
BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 9 PTO Meeting - 3:45 pm	JOHN JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 22 World Down Syndrome Awareness 26 Epilepsy Awareness	STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8) 3 All-City Band Festival at RFA - 7 pm 4 All-City Band Festival at RFA - (Snow Date) - 7 pm 4 Science Fair - Library 10 PTSO Meeting - 6:30 pm 15-18 Student Council Spirit Week 19 Strough Dance - 7 pm 19-20 Junior High All-County Festival at Utica 25 PBIS Pep Rally
DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 4 PTO Meeting - 3:30 pm 25-26 Denti Musical	RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 4 PTG Meeting - 6 pm 24 STEAM and Beyond Fair - 6-7 pm 25 Spirit Day - Wear Red and White	ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12) 2 RFA College Planning Workshop 3 All City Band Festival at RFA - 7 pm 4 All-City Band Festival at RFA - (Snow Date) - 7 pm 9 RFA Pops Concert 1 - 7 pm 11 RFA Pops Concert 2 - 7 pm

RFA Seniors Can Earn the Seal of Civic Readiness

Rome City School District students can earn the new Seal of Civic Readiness from the New York State Education Department. The New York State Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition that a student has attained high proficiency in their Social Studies coursework and has demonstrated civic engagement.

Civic readiness is the ability to make a positive difference in the community through a combination of civic knowledge, skills, actions, mindsets, and experiences.



MARCH 2027

Rome is Home Shaping Tomorrow...One Student at a Time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Women's History Month</i> BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road	2	3 <i>All-City Band Festival</i> at RFA - 7 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>RFA Pops Concert 1</i> at RFA - 7 pm	10	11 <i>RFA Pops Concert 2</i> at RFA - 7 pm	12	13
14	15 BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PreK Dismissal: 12 pm Elementary Dismissal: 12:10 pm ELEMENTARY HALF-DAY: PREK-6	19 ← Jr. High All-County Festival at Utica → Superintendent's Conference Day SCHOOLS CLOSED	20
21	22	23	24	25 ← Denti Musical at Strough Auditorium - 6:30 pm →	26 Easter Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	27
28 <i>Easter</i>	29 Easter Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	30	31	February 2027 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	April 2027 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	



April 2027 at a Glance



CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM 14 Spring Planting - 5-6 pm	GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 1 PTG Meeting - Library - 3:30 pm 2 Spirit Day - Funky Socks for Autism Awareness 15 Spirit Day - Wear Blue in Honor of Two Jay 30 Spirit Day - Wear Green and Gold	STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 2 World Autism Day (Wear Blue) 5 PTG Meeting - 5:30 pm 16 Spirit Day
BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 13 PTO Meeting - 3:45 pm	JOHN JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 2 World Autism Day 5-9 Bookfair (BOGO)	STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8) 13 7/8 ELA State Assessment 14 7/8 ELA State Assessment 14 PTSO Meeting - 6:30 pm 16 Spirit Day - Knight Pride - Wear Black and Orange 27 7/8 Math State Assessment 28 7/8 Math State Assessment 29 8th Grade Science State Assessment 30-1 NYSSMA Solo Fest at Central Valley
DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 1 PTO Meeting - 3:30 pm	RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6) 1 PTG Meeting - Library - 6 pm	ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12) 8-10 RFA Musical - 7 pm

Best Community for Music Education

The Rome City School District has received the Best Communities for Music Education designation for the 12th year in a row from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM), recognizing its outstanding commitment to music education. In 2026, Rome joined more than 1,000 districts across the nation in receiving this prestigious award.

Many of our current music faculty are themselves products of this legacy. The district regularly has students accepted into Area All-State, Conference All-State, All-Eastern, and All-National music ensembles. In addition, Rome ensembles consistently earn high marks each year from adjudicators at marching band competitions, choir festivals, and New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Major Organization festivals.



APRIL 2027

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	BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road			RFA Musical at RFA Auditorium - 7 pm		
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		7/8 ELA State Assessment				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Spring Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	Spring Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	Passover Begins Administrative Professionals Day Spring Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	Earth Day Spring Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	Spring Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		BOE Meeting* 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road *MOBOCES Vote 7/8 Math State Assessment		8th Grade Science State Assessment	NYSSMA Solo Festival at Central Valley	



May 2027 at a Glance



CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

- 7** Female Role Model Day (During Day)

GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 3-7** Staff Appreciation Week
- 6** PTG Meeting - Library - 3:30 pm
- 7** Spirit Day - Wear Green and Gold
- 17-20** Scholastic Book Fair
- 20** World Culture Day Fair - 5-7 pm
- 26** Spring Concert at Strough - 7:30 pm
- 27** STAR Citizen Awards (April and May Nominations)
- 28** Spirit Day - Red, White and Blue Day

STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 3** PTG Meeting - 5:30 pm
- 25** Spring Concert at Strough - 7:30 pm

BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 10-14** Book Fair
- 11** PTO Meeting - 3:45 pm
- 26** Spring Concert at Strough - 6 pm

JOHN JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 3-7** Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week

STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)

- 1** NYSSMA Solo Fest at Central Valley
- 8-9** Strough Music students in NYSSMA Solo Fest at Central Valley
- 12** PTSO Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 12** Spring Concert (Instrumental) - 7 pm
- 14** Spring Dance - Semi Formal - 7 pm
- 17-21** BOGO Book Fair
- 19** Spring Concert 2 (Choral) - 7 pm
- 28** Spirit Day - Wear Red, White and Blue

DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 6** PTO Meeting - 3:30 pm
- 17-21** Book Fair BOGO
- 20** Spring Concert at Strough - 6 pm

RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 6** PTG Meeting - 6 pm
- 7** Spirit Day - Wear Red and White
- 25** Spring Concert at Strough - 6 pm

ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12)

- 15** Junior Prom at Yahnundasis
- 27** Spring Concert 1 - 7 pm

Preschool Special Education (CPSE)

Preschoolers aged two and a half to four years are eligible for a multidisciplinary team assessment through the RCSD Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE).

This service is provided at no cost to families. The assessment helps determine whether a child may be exhibiting signs of developmental delay significant enough to warrant special education intervention.

Children are evaluated by a specially trained team that includes a speech/language therapist, school psychologist, occupational therapist, and a counselor.

Parents are encouraged to contact the CPSE office at 315-334-1252 if they suspect their child may be experiencing delays in speech, language, intellectual, motor, adaptive behavior, or social/emotional skills. Once a referral is initiated, parents are provided with due process information related to evaluation requirements, the CPSE process, and child/family rights under New York State Education Law.

MAY 2027

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2	3	4 National Teacher Day	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Nurses Day	7	8
	STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK - May 3-7					NYSSMA Solo Festival @VVS
9 Mother's Day	10 BOE Meeting** 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road Budget Hearing	11	12 Strough Spring Concert (Instrumental) at Strough - 7pm	13	14 Strough Semi-Formal Dance - 7 pm	15 RFA Junior Prom
					NYSSMA Solo Festival @Mexico	
16	17	18 School Budget Vote	19 Strough Spring Concert (Choral) at Strough - 7 pm BOE Meeting*** 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road ***Accept Election Results	20 Denti Spring Concert at Strough - 6 pm John Joy Spring Concert at Strough - 7:30 pm	21	22
			NYSSMA Majors Festival @Clinton			
23	24 BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day SCHOOLS CLOSED	Ridge Mills Spring Concert at Strough - 6 pm Stokes Spring Concert at Strough - 7:30 pm	Bellamy Spring Concert at Strough - 6 pm Gansevoort Spring Concert at Strough - 7:30 pm	RFA Spring Concert 1 at RFA - 7 pm		



June 2027 at a Glance

CLOUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

- 11** Fun Day
- 18** Male Role Model Day (During Day)
- 23** Spread a Little Sunshine (During Day)

GANSEVOORT ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 3** PTG Meeting - Library - 3:30 pm
- 4** Spirit Day - Wear Green and Gold
- 18** Grade 6 Moving Up Ceremony
- 22** STAR Citizen Awards
- 23** Fun Day/Spirit Day - Grade Level Tie-Dye Day (**24** - Rain Date)

STOKES ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 7** PTG Meeting - 5:30 pm
- 14** Flag Day - Wear Red, White and Blue
- 16** Fun Day (**17** - Rain Date)

BELLAMY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 8** PTO Meeting - 3:45 pm
- 14** Flag Day Ceremony
- 16** Fun Day (**17** - Rain Date)

JOHN JOY ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 17** Fun Day (**22** - Rain Date)

STROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL (GR. 7-8)

- 2** Strough Awards Ceremony - 6 pm
- 3** 6th Grade Parents Night - 6 pm
- 4** Spirit Day - Knight Pride - Wear Black and Orange
- 9** PTSO Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 16** Algebra I - 12 pm - 3 pm
- 17** Life Science: Biology - 8 am - 12 pm
- 22** 8th Grade Water Safari (subject to change)
- 22** Stroughfest - 12-2 pm (**24** - Rain Date)

DENTI ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 1-5** Scholastic Book Fair BOGO
- 3** PTO Meeting - 3:30 pm

RIDGE MILLS ELEMENTARY (GR. K-6)

- 3** PTG Meeting - 6 pm

ROME FREE ACADEMY (GR. 9-12)

- 1** Spring Concert 2 - 7 pm
- 5** Senior Ball
- 22** Senior Awards in Auditorium - 6 pm
- 25** RFA Rehearsal at RFA Stadium - 9 am
- RFA Graduation at RFA Stadium - 6 pm
- 26** RFA Graduation at RFA Stadium (Rain Date) - 10 am

Title IX Notice: Equal Access and Opportunity for All

In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, the Rome City School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the recruitment and appointment of employees, employment pay and benefits, counseling services for students, access by students to educational programs, course offerings, and student activities.



JUNE 2027

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6	7 BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road	8	9 <i>Elementary Band/ Orchestra Instrument Exploration Night - 6-7 pm</i>	10	11 PreK Dismissal: 12 pm Elementary Dismissal: 12:10 pm ELEMENTARY HALF-DAY: PREK-6	12
13	14 FLAG DAY	15	16	17	18 RATING DAY PreK Dismissal: 12 pm Elementary Dismissal: 12:10 pm ELEMENTARY HALF-DAY: PREK-6	19 JUNETEENTH
20 <i>Father's Day</i>	21 BOE Meeting 5:30 pm 409 Bell Road	22 <i>Senior Awards - 6 pm</i>	23	24	25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL RFA REHEARSAL - 9 am RFA GRADUATION - 6 pm RATING DAY PreK Dismissal: 12 pm Elementary Dismissal: 12:10 pm ELEMENTARY HALF-DAY: PREK-6	26 RFA GRADUATION RAIN DATE 10 am
27	28	29	30			<i>*Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers in Galveston, Texas, announced freedom, over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth celebrates African American resilience and the ongoing fight for racial justice, serving as a time for reflection, education, and community gatherings.</i>

JULY 2027

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AUGUST 2027

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Legal Notices From The Rome City School District

Parents/Guardians and Eligible Students of the Rome City School District:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") affords parents and students 18 years of age or older (eligible students) the following rights with respect to a student's education records:

(i) To inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of receipt of a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request on the District-provided form identifying the records they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(ii) To request amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights.

Parents or eligible students may ask the Rome City School District to amend a record that they believe to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights. Requests for amendment should be submitted to the school principal and clearly identify: (i) the part of the record that they would like changed and (ii) the reason that they believe the record is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding hearing procedures will be provided when the parent or eligible student is notified of their right to a hearing.

(iii) To consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

The District permits disclosure without consent to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, support staff (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel), Board of Education member, individuals or companies with whom the District has contracted to perform special tasks, or parents or students serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A legitimate educational interest exists when the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities.

Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of other school districts in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

To file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with requirements of FERPA, send written correspondence to the below address.

Family Policy Compliance Office
US Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, Southwest
Washington, DC 20202-4605

District-Provided Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents/Guardians

Regulation 8055: The District shall annually notify parent(s) of the availability of interpreters or other effective reasonable accommodations and of the time limitation for requesting the services. The Superintendent shall determine the means of such notification.

Military Recruiter Disclosure

Parents of high school students have a right to request that the district not release the child's name, address and telephone number to military recruiters without prior written consent.

Parental Involvement in Title 1 Programs

Policy 1060: RFA, Strough, Bellamy, Denti, Gansevoort, Stokes and John Joy schools are classified at Title 1 schools. As such, parents of students who attend these schools may request from the District certain information relating to qualifications of their student's teachers. In addition, a district receiving Title 1 funds must hold an annual Title 1 meeting.

NCLB Title 1 - Annual Parental Notice on Teacher Qualifications

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, this is to advise you that you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers. If you desire such information, please submit a written request for this information to the attention of: Dr. Shaun Carney, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Strategic Initiatives, Rome City School District, 266-268 W. Dominick Street, Rome NY 13440. For more information visit the District website at www.romecsd.org.

Directory Information

The school district designates the following personally identifiable information contained in a student's education record as "directory information," and it will disclose the information without prior written consent.

1. Student's name
2. Student's address
3. Student's telephone number
4. Student's date of birth
5. Student's class designation (i.e. first grade, tenth grade, etc.)
6. Student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports
7. Student's achievement awards or honors
8. Student's weight and height, if a member of an athletic team
9. Dates of attendance
10. Student's photograph, video image; and
11. Most recent educational institution attended before the student enrolled in the school district. You have two weeks from the date of this notice to advise the school district in writing, directed to the office of the Superintendent of Schools, of any and all items which you refuse to permit the district to designate as directory information about the student.



Emergency Communication

Communicating Delays, Cancellations and Early Dismissals

ParentSquare

for school-to-home communication.
To sign up visit: www.parentsquare.com

TV Stations

WKTV Ch. 2 • YNN Ch. 3 • WSTM Ch. 9 • WSYR Ch. 10 • WUTR Ch. 11

Rome City School District Website

www.romecsd.org

Social Media

www.facebook.com/romecsdny

www.instagram.com/romecsd/

X.com/romeCSD

Emergency Closings

Poor weather and/or other conditions occasionally necessitate the closing of schools. In the event of an emergency closing, parents/guardians and students are notified by means of announcements on local radio, television stations and an automated phone calling system.

The decision to close is based upon several criteria - wind speed in combination with temperature, present and predicted precipitation, and overall road conditions.

Announcements of school closings/delays are made through the news media and automated phone calling system, generally beginning at 6 am. In some instances, it may be necessary to make announcements as late as 6:30 am. Since decisions on closing have to be made very early in the morning and weather conditions sometimes change drastically before students actually begin traveling to school, the ultimate decision on safety of travel conditions for students rests with the parent/guardian.

Emergency Drills

Emergency drills at regular intervals are required by law and are an important safety precaution. It is essential that everyone take note of these procedures for the safety of students and staff.

During the course of the year, our schools conduct multiple drills, including evacuations, lockdowns, lockouts, and shelter-in-place drills.

For more information on Emergency Response Guidelines, please visit our website at: www.romecsd.org and click on the link under the 'Parents' tab.

Student Valuables

Students are cautioned not to bring large amounts of money and electronic devices to school. Students are responsible for their own personal property.

Visiting the Schools

We welcome visitors to our schools. To visit classrooms, please arrange your visit in advance with both the teacher and the building principal. All visitors are required to report to the main office and sign in using VisitU, where they will receive an ID badge. Parents who are picking up students for appointments should also report to the main office to sign the child out.





Code of Conduct / Philosophy / NYS DASA

Student Behavior Codes

PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING CODE OF CONDUCT RESPONSIBILITIES:

As a member of the school community, each student has a duty to:

- Accept responsibility for his/her actions
- Exercise self-control
- Develop habits of honesty, courtesy, and kindness
- Use his/her time and talents for worthwhile purposes
- Show consideration for the feelings, opinions, and abilities of others
- Participate in school events
- Encourage parents to participate in school activities

BASIC RULES FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Each student is expected to:

- Attend school regularly and on time
- Take pride in his/her own property and respect the property of others
- Obey school and community rules of behavior
- Observe all safety regulations
- Obey school staff and other persons in authority

Each student has a right to expect the same behavior by members of the school community. Parents receive a summary of the Code of Conduct inserted in this calendar. Complete copies of the Attendance Policy and Code of Conduct are available in all schools and the public library.

Philosophy

A positive and productive school environment is built through a partnership among families, students, school staff, and the community. For learning to take place effectively, schools must provide safe, respectful, and orderly environments where every student feels valued and supported. School administrators, teachers, and staff work together to foster these conditions and to uphold the principles of the New York State Dignity for All Students Act (DASA), which promotes respect, inclusion, and the protection of every student's rights and dignity.

An important goal of education is to help students develop self-discipline, personal responsibility, and respect for others. These qualities enable students to succeed in the classroom, build positive relationships, and meet the expectations and challenges they will encounter throughout life. Schools are committed to nurturing these skills in ways that reflect compassion, fairness, and respect for all members of the school community.

Because student success is strengthened through collaboration, parents, guardians, and community members are encouraged to remain actively involved in their children's education and to partner with schools in promoting respectful behavior, positive relationships, and a safe learning environment for all students. Together, we can help ensure that every child is treated with dignity, supported in their growth, and empowered to reach their full potential.

The New York State Dignity for All Students Act

The Rome City School District is committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and supportive learning environment for every student. In partnership with families and the community, we strive to ensure that all students feel respected, valued, and able to focus on learning and personal growth.

The New York State Dignity for All Students Act, commonly known as DASA or the Dignity Act, was enacted in 2010. The Dignity Act mandates that no student may be subjected to discrimination, harassment, or bullying by another student or school employee based on their actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex. These protections apply on school property and at all school functions.

Each school principal serves as the Dignity Act Coordinator for their building, overseeing the implementation of the Dignity Act requirements. A complete list of Dignity Act Coordinators can be found on the Rome CSD website.

Parents, guardians, and community members play a crucial role in maintaining a safe and respectful school environment. If you believe a student has experienced bullying, harassment, or discrimination, please contact the principal of the student's school so the concern can be addressed promptly.

For questions regarding the Dignity for All Students Act, please contact Amanda Jones, Director of Student Services, at 315-338-6515. Questions regarding the District's Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Policy may be directed to Dr. Shaun Carney, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Strategic Initiatives, at 315-338-6541.



NYSED Graduation Requirements

Marking Periods/Report Cards

Entering Freshman Class	Local Diploma Requirements	Regents Diploma Requirements	Pathway). Earn 22 units of credit.
2009 & After*	For students granted an appeal for two required Regents exams and for students with disabilities using safety net/compensatory scores. Please see your guidance counselor for more information. See note below**	Passing 65 or higher on one Regents exam (or approved alternative exam) in math, science, English, and social studies. Also must pass one additional Regents exam or approved alternative exam in: CTE Pathway, math or science, (STEM Pathway) or Social Studies (Humanities	Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation Requirements Score 65 or above on 8 required Regents exams or approved alternative exams. Earn 22 units of credit.

* Alternative pathways for graduation are open to students who entered ninth grade in 2009 or after. For more information on alternative pathways: www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/multiple-pathways.

** Students with disabilities may be eligible for a local diploma.



ALL ELEMENTARY K-6

Marking Period Begins	Marking Period Ends	Report Cards Issued
September 3	November 27	December 4
November 30	March 12	March 19
March 15	June 16	June 25

STROUGH / RFA

1st Marking Period	Marking Period Ends	Report Cards Issued
September 3	October 16	October 23
2nd Marking Period	Marking Period Ends	Report Cards Issued
October 19	November 27	December 4
3rd Marking Period	Marking Period Ends	Report Cards Issued
November 30	January 30	February 5
4th Marking Period	Marking Period Ends	Report Cards Issued
February 1	March 12	March 19
5th Marking Period	Marking Period Ends	Report Cards Issued
March 15	April 30	May 7
6th Marking Period	Marking Period Ends	Report Cards Issued
May 3	June 24	ASAP



Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education

Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) and Committee on Special Education (CSE)

Each Board of Education in the State of New York must appoint a Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) and Committee on Special Education (CSE) in accordance with the provisions of Education Law, Section 4402. The district must locate and identify all children with disabilities from birth to 21 years of age who reside in the district. The purpose of the CSE and CPSE is to determine whether a child has a disability that impairs or affects his/her learning; to ascertain the particular needs of the child with disabilities; and to recommend the appropriate educational program and/or services to meet those needs. Parents of children presented for consideration to the Committee on Special Education are notified of such a presentation and are invited to attend the meeting.

If you are concerned that your child has a learning, visual, hearing, motor, and/or social problem and you wish to have him/her presented to the district's Committee, please contact the Director of Special Education at 315-338-6581 or call your child's school and speak to the school psychologist.

The Rome City School District provides a comprehensive program for students requiring special education that meets both the mandates and the spirit of State and Federal legislation. The Rome City School District Board of Education has demonstrated a strong commitment to the special needs of students with disabilities as demonstrated in the exemplary level of services offered to our students in striving toward the least restrictive environment.

From birth through age 21, children with special needs have an opportunity to achieve their fullest potential through programs available within the district or through various agencies. Preschoolers two and a half to four years of age are eligible for a multidisciplinary team assessment through the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). There is no cost to families for this service. If you suspect your child might be delayed in speech, language, intellect, motor skills or social-emotional skills, call 315-334-1252 for more information or a referral.

Students aged five years and older who might have a disability are assessed by building-level assessment and that evaluation is reviewed at a CSE meeting. The CSE is an interdisciplinary team composed of district staff and other required members. If you wish to refer a student, please notify his/her teacher/principal.

The district offers a full continuum of services ranging from related therapy services, resource room, co-taught classes and small special education classrooms.

The support service staff includes teachers, teaching assistants, speech/language therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, school counselors, nurses, social workers, interpreters, teachers of the blind and deaf as well as administrative and secretarial personnel. The district provides services based on the individual needs of each student determined by the Committee on Special Education. Educational achievement, social development, physical development and management needs are all considered when recommending services, program modifications and/or test accommodations.

The policy of the Board of Education ensures that students with disabilities, ages 3-21, have the opportunity to participate in school district programs, including extracurricular programs and activities, which are available to all other pupils enrolled in the public schools of the district. Utilizing appropriate accommodations, modifications, instructional techniques and materials enhances access to the full range of programs and services of the district that are appropriate to the student's special educational needs. The district supports placement of students in the least restrictive environment.



Transportation

For Transportation Requests and/or Concerns



Dr. Georgia Gonzalez
Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
ggonzalez@romecsd.org
315-338-6542

For Bus Route Information, Pick Up/Drop Off Issues

Brian Warn
Bus Dispatcher
315-338-6549
bwarn@romecsd.org

Justin Rutz
Bus Dispatcher
315-334-7279
jurutz@romecsd.org

For General Information

Martha Schaller
Transportation Office
315-334-7267
mschaller@romecsd.org

Visit the transportation page:
<https://www.romecsd.org/page/transportation>

Transportation Procedures

The transportation department strives to promote safe, effective, and efficient transportation services for all Rome City School District students. Listed below are some general guidelines that will aid in this endeavor. Elementary school students (K-6) who reside more than one mile (1.0) from their school are eligible for district bus transportation services. Strough and RFA students (7-12) who reside more than 1.25 miles (1.25) from their school are eligible for district bus transportation services.

School Bus Safety Rules

School bus safety is a shared responsibility. To ensure that our students arrive to their destination safely, we ask that they follow these rules:

Getting on the Bus Safely

- ❖ Be punctual and avoid running near the bus.
- ❖ Wait at the designated stop away from the road.
- ❖ Stay out of the danger zone around the bus.
- ❖ Cross carefully only when signaled by the driver.

Safe School Bus Riding

- ❖ Quickly find a seat and sit properly facing forward.
- ❖ Keep bags on your lap and feet out of the aisle.
- ❖ Keep everything inside the bus; no throwing items.
- ❖ Speak quietly to help the driver concentrate.
- ❖ Save snacks for later to prevent spills or choking.
- ❖ Avoid fighting or playing on or near the bus.

Leaving the Bus Safely

- ❖ Use the handrail and step away from the bus.
- ❖ Cross in front of the bus only when signaled by the driver.
- ❖ Don't retrieve dropped items; inform the driver.
- ❖ Exit orderly; those at the front leave first without pushing.
- ❖ Know emergency procedures and meet parents on the bus side of the street.

Additional Rules

- ❖ Follow the driver's instructions at all times.
- ❖ No use of sprays or foul language on the bus.
- ❖ Bullying is strictly prohibited.

Annual Request for Transportation to Babysitter or Childcare

Parents or guardians of students living in the Rome City School District who wish to have their child/children picked up or discharged at a childcare location must file a written request using the Day Care Transportation Request Form:

<https://www.romecsd.org/page/transportation>

Requests must be submitted each school year. Transportation will revert to the student's home address at the end of the school year. Parents/guardians must have a consistent, five-day-a-week schedule for their child's busing, with a maximum of two pick-up and two drop-off points during the week. For example, a child may go to daycare on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and go home on the other two days. This form must be completed and submitted to the transportation office before service can be provided. Transportation will only be allowed within the home school enrollment zone or to a Licensed Daycare Provider. After the transportation office receives and approves the form, it may take up to 72 hours to start.



Health Services / Physicals and Screenings / Immunization

Health Services

If a student becomes ill or injured during the school day, they will be evaluated by the school nurse to determine the appropriate course of action. If the illness or injury is significant, parents/guardians will be notified. Please ensure that current home, cell, work, and emergency contact information is on file with the school. Students who have a fever of 100.0°F or greater, are vomiting, or are exhibiting symptoms of illness should remain home and may not attend school or ride the school bus.

Please be assured that our nursing team is committed to keeping families informed of significant health concerns involving their children. Parents/guardians will be contacted regarding visits to the health office and any health concerns, based on the nurse's clinical judgment and district guidelines. Requests for notification beyond these circumstances may be accommodated as a courtesy when feasible but are not a required function of the nursing department. All student health office visits are documented in accordance with district procedures.

Medications at School

All medications, whether prescription or over-the-counter, must be delivered directly to the school nurse by a parent/guardian or other responsible adult in its original container.

Medication administration at school requires:

- A written healthcare provider order specifying the medication, dosage, route, and administration time.
- Written parent/guardian permission.
- Medication labels that match the provider's order.

Medication orders must be renewed annually at the beginning of each school year, which starts on July 1st.

First Aid Supplies

School nurses may utilize approved first aid supplies in accordance with Rome City School District medical guidelines. However, some first aid products are considered over-the-counter medications and therefore require a healthcare provider's order and parent/guardian authorization before use. A list of these products and the required authorization form can be obtained from your school nurse.

Extra Clothing

To help prepare for unexpected spills, accidents, or messy play, consider sending in an extra set of seasonally appropriate clothing to keep in your child's locker or cubby. While nursing offices do maintain a limited supply of spare clothing, we are not always able to accommodate every size or provide weather-appropriate options for all students.

2026-27 Grade Requirements for Physicals and Screenings

Required Health Examinations

New York State requires health examinations for students entering the district for the first time, entering Pre-K or Kindergarten, and again in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. Students participating in interscholastic athletics or applying for working papers must also have a current health examination on file.

Health examinations completed by a private healthcare provider must be performed within 12 months of the student's first day of school and be submitted to the school nurse within 30 days of the start of the school year. If a required examination is not submitted, a school-based physical examination may be offered by the district's nurse practitioner.

Dental exam certifications are recommended at the same grade levels listed above but are not required.

Screenings

Vision, hearing, scoliosis, blood pressure, and height/weight/BMI screenings are conducted at required intervals in accordance with New York State requirements. Parents/guardians will be notified about abnormal screenings and whether follow-up is recommended. The Lions Club provides assistance with vision screenings.

New York State Education Law requires BMI and weight status category reporting as part of the required screenings and examinations. Only summary data is reported to the New York State Department of Health. No personally identifiable student information is shared. Parents/guardians who do not wish their child's weight status information to be included in the state survey may submit a written request to their school nurse by September 30, 2026.

NYS Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance

Students must meet all New York State immunization requirements for school attendance. Immunizations must be completed within the 14-day grace period allowed by New York State from the student's first day of attendance. Students participating in fall interscholastic athletics must also meet immunization requirements before being cleared to participate.

Students who are not in compliance with immunization requirements by the end of the grace period will be excluded from school attendance as required by New York State law.

Please note that medical exemptions must be renewed annually and religious exemptions are no longer permitted in New York State schools.

For current immunization requirements, visit: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>



Drug-Free Schools – Your Rights and Responsibilities

In compliance with the law, the Rome City School District is required to inform students, staff, and families about the risks of tobacco, alcohol, and drug use — and the policies in place to ensure our schools remain safe and drug-free.

Health and Safety Risks

Using drugs or alcohol can:

- Interfere with how the brain processes and organizes information, making it harder to learn and succeed in school.
- Distort a person's perception of reality, leading to poor judgment and unsafe behaviors.
- Give a false sense of improved performance, even when actual ability is reduced.
- Lead to school-related crimes, including theft or assault, often connected to supporting a drug habit.
- Result in a criminal record for users or sellers, which can have long-term consequences.

Legal Responsibilities and Prohibited Substances

The Rome City School District prohibits the possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco on school grounds and at school-sponsored events — by both students and employees.

Illegal substances include, but are not limited to:

- Marijuana, cocaine, crack, heroin, steroids, and hallucinogens (such as PCP or LSD)
- Alcohol (illegal for minors)
- All vaping-related materials (illegal for minors)
- Prescription medications used without a valid prescription
- Inhalants such as glue, aerosols, butane, gasoline, or other substances used to “sniff” or “huff,” which can cause serious harm or death.

If these substances are found on school property and are linked to a specific individual, this evidence may be used in legal proceedings. Disciplinary action can include suspension, expulsion, or termination of employment, depending on the violation — even if the substance is legal outside of school.

Your Rights and Responsibilities under the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

The district must:

- Enforce a policy that strictly prohibits bringing, using, or distributing illegal drugs or alcohol on school premises or at any school-related activity.
- Clearly explain that substance use is harmful and poses serious health risks.
- Provide information about available support and treatment options.
- Outline consequences for violations, which may include prosecution, suspension, expulsion, or job loss.
- Distribute a written copy of this drug-free school policy, including behavioral expectations and disciplinary actions, to all students, employees, and parents/guardians.

Support and Resources

Help is available if you or someone you know is facing a drug- or alcohol-related issue. The Rome City School District supports prevention and education through the **School Resource Officer (SRO) Program**, which places a full-time Rome Police Officer in schools to provide education, build relationships, and prevent substance-related incidents.

In each building, support is also available through:

- Building principals
- Guidance counselors

- School nurses and health teachers
- School Partnership for Youth workers
- Your family doctor or the school physician
- Director of school safety and security

Additional assistance can be found through local treatment providers, hospitals, social service agencies, or community hotlines.

Keeping our schools drug-free and alcohol-free is not only common sense — it is the law.

Let's work together to maintain a healthy, safe, and supportive learning environment for everyone.





Physical Education

ELEMENTARY REQUIRED INSTRUCTION - Grades K-6

All students in grades K-6 participate in the physical education program twice a week. The time devoted to such programs is at least 120 minutes with a certified physical education teacher in each calendar week, exclusive of any intramural activities or playtime activities supervised by the classroom teacher.

SECONDARY REQUIRED INSTRUCTION - Grades 7-12

Students earn 1/2 credit each year toward their two full credits for physical education as required by the Rome Board of Education.

Students are scheduled for physical education every other day.

SNEAKER POLICY:

Acceptable sneakers must have tie strings or a velcro closure. Slip-on sneakers do not provide adequate support and can easily come off. Sneakers should not have a heel, platform, or large nubs that could catch.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS:

The Rome City School District has a comprehensive program of interscholastic athletics for boys and girls in grades 7-12, competing on the modified, 9th grade, junior varsity, and varsity levels.

On the interscholastic level, we are governed by NYSPHSAA and Section 3.

We are affiliated with and hold memberships in the following leagues:

Central New York Counties League (Associate Membership)

Tri Valley League (Full Membership)

Center State Conference League (Associate Membership)



Interscholastic Athletic Teams

ROME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY ON SPORTSMANSHIP:

- Be positive and direct all energies toward encouraging your team.
- Demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times.
- Respect the integrity and judgement of the officials and coaches.
- Do not use crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials or spectators.
- Promote good sportsmanship and set a positive example for others.
- Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not as a life and death struggle that requires victory at any price.
- Recognize that the participants in individual or team sports are young men and women with human frailties and limitations who are capable of making mistakes.

	BOYS	
FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Football (V, JV, Mod)	Basketball (V, JV, 9th, Mod)	Baseball (V, JV, Mod)
Cross Country (V, Mod)	Volleyball (V, JV, Mod)	Golf (V)
Soccer (V, JV, Mod)	Bowling (V)	Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod)
	Ice Hockey (V)	Tennis (V)
	Indoor Track (V)	Track/Field (V, Mod)
	Swimming (V, Mod)	
	Alpine Skiing (V)	
	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod)	
	GIRLS	
FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Cross Country (V, Mod)	Basketball (V, JV, Mod)	Softball (V, JV, Mod)
Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod)	Volleyball (V, JV, Mod)	Golf (V)
Gymnastics (V)	Bowling (V)	Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod)
Soccer (V, JV, Mod)	Cheerleading (V)	Track/Field (V, Mod)
Swimming (V, Mod)	Indoor Track (V)	
Tennis (V)	Alpine Skiing (V)	
Cheerleading (V)		



Asbestos Management Plan

Federal regulations mandate that schools be inspected for asbestos, a toxic material that was commonly used in the construction industry for many years. The Rome City School District has complied with these regulations, thoroughly inspecting all its buildings for asbestos-containing materials. The findings from these inspections are documented in the Asbestos Management Plan, which has been submitted to and approved by the State Authority responsible for asbestos abatement.

The Asbestos Management Plan not only details the results of the inspections but also includes the outcomes of material samples taken during these evaluations and outlines the plans for abatement. This plan is accessible for review during regular working hours at the school office. If needed, copies of the plan can be provided for a nominal fee of \$0.25 per sheet to cover copying and handling costs, with each plan comprising between 600 and 900 pages.

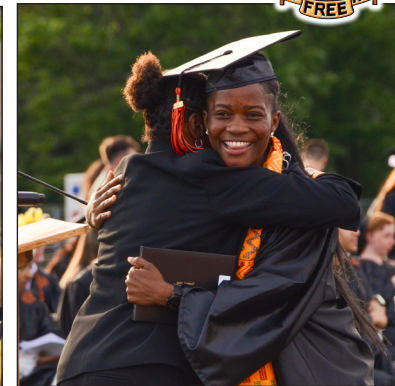
Recent scientific and medical research has highlighted the potential health risks associated with asbestos-containing materials. The Asbestos Management Plan identifies the amount and specific locations of asbestos in the district's school buildings. In response, the local Education Authority has committed to a series of actions aimed at reducing asbestos levels and minimizing the risk of exposure. These proactive measures will significantly lessen the impact of asbestos-containing materials, ensuring that the safety standards expected of this institution are upheld.

For more information, please contact the Buildings and Grounds Department at 315-334-7270.

Integrated Pest Management

The Rome City School District adheres to mandated Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices to minimize the use of pesticides on its buildings and grounds. These practices are designed to maintain a safe and healthy environment for students and staff. However, there may be occasions throughout the year when pesticide application is necessary to ensure this safety.

In accordance with New York State law, all schools are required to maintain a list of staff members and parents who wish to receive written notice 48 hours before any pesticide application at their school facility. If you would like to be added to this notification list or need more information about the Rome City School District's Pesticide Program, please contact the Director of Facilities. The required form is available on our website at www.romecsd.org. After completing the form, please follow the instructions provided for submission. You can also reach the Director of Facilities by phone at 315-334-7265 or by mail at 255 Brookley Road, Rome, NY 13441.





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