Eight Schools, One District: Together for Every Learner

2026-2027 CALENDAR

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A Letter from Superintendent Kathleen Skeals

KATHLEEN SKEALS
SUPERINTENDENT

Dear North Colonie community,

North Colonie has always been a community that believes in what public schools can do. As we enter our 76th year as a district, that belief is as vital today as it was the moment our founding leaders united a growing community through a shared commitment to public education. It has carried us through decades of growth and change, and it carries us still.

What has changed is the world our students are growing up in and the world they are preparing to enter. Our students and families bring a broader range of experiences and needs than any previous generation. The workforce ahead looks fundamentally different from what it was five years ago. Artificial intelligence, evolving career pathways, and what it means to be prepared for life after high school are not distant considerations. They are present in our classrooms today, and they call on us to evolve.

Our educators, staff and families go above and beyond for our students every single day. While I see this commitment in every school, I believe that our students should not have to depend on extraordinary effort to get what they need, and our educators should not have to be heroes in order for every student to be seen and supported. Our mission calls for comprehensive systems that support every student in every school, every day. That is how we serve our students, and how we support the educators and families who serve them.

Our Together for Every Learner plan is how we make these systems real. This three-year plan formalizes our commitment to building the systems and structures that ensure our programs and supports reach every student, consistently, across every school. It is, in a very real sense, our path to living out the mission we have held for 75 years.

This work belongs to this community. The plan that will formally debut this fall was shaped by the staff, students, families, and community members who walked alongside us this past year, and it will continue to be shaped by all of us as we put it into practice. To read the rough draft of the Together for Every Learner Plan, visit www.northcolonie.org/TFEL.

I am grateful for the generations of North Colonie families who have believed in what public schools can do, and for all of you who carry that belief forward today. Together, we will turn our enduring commitment into something every student and family can feel.

With gratitude,

Kathleen Skeals, North Colonie Superintendent

2026-27 School Year

September 7	Labor Day (No School)
September 8 & 9	K-12 Superintendent's Conference Days, No School for Students
September 10	First Day of Classes, Grades K-12
September 21	Yom Kippur (No School)
October 2*	Emergency Early Release (students dismissed 15 minutes early)
October 12	Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day (No School)
October 22	Grades K-5 Half Day of Classes
October 28	Grades K-5 Half Day of Classes
November 3	K-12 Superintendent's Conference Days, No School for Students
November 8	Diwali
November 11	Veterans Day (No School)
November 20	Grades K-5 Half Day of Classes
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Recess
December 24 to January 1	Winter Recess (No School)
January 1	New Year's Day
January 4	Classes Resume
January 18	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
January 26-29 **	Regents Exam Days
February 6	Lunar New Year (No School)
February 15	Presidents' Day (No School)
February 15-19	February Recess (No School)
March 10	Eid al-Fitr K-12 Superintendent's Conference Day, No School for Students
March 26	Good Friday (No School)
March 29-April 2	Spring Recess (No School)
April 5-May 14	3-8 ELA & Math Administration and 5-8 Science Administration
May 31	Memorial Day (No School)
June 15-24	Regents Exams
June 19	Juneteenth
June 25	Last Day of Classes for K-8 Graduation Regents Rating Day

***NOTE:** Event details may change throughout the school year.*
For all updates and information, please visit www.northcolonie.org/events.

DISTRICT MISSION:

All students are provided the opportunity and necessary support to engage in relevant, challenging work, which contributes to their academic and social growth and development. All staff, teachers and administrators are part of a larger learning community working together to build collective capacity in order to provide a high-quality, relevant, and equitable education for all.

Schedules for the 2026-27 School Year

School	First Instructional Period Begins	Last Period Ends/ Dismissal Begins	Late Buses
Shaker High School (SHS)	7:34 a.m.	2:06 p.m.	3:07 p.m. – SMS buses
Shaker Middle School (SMS)	8:17 a.m.	3 p.m.	4:45 p.m.
All Elementary Schools	9:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	None

District Office Hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Stay Connected

District Website & Social Media

The district website is a central hub for school announcements and information about K-12 activities and programs. Additionally, we will share news, information, and photos on our social media channels to keep you informed about current events and student achievements.

@NorthColonieCSD
@NCCSD

Download the North Colonie CSD app from the iOS App Store or Android Play Store and enable Notifications.

School Closings/Delays

In the event of severe weather conditions or other emergencies, announcements about school closings or late openings will be made on the district website between 5:30-6:30 a.m. The district will provide parents and community members with important announcements and alerts via the North Colonie CSD app, email, text messages, and phone calls. Parents are connected to the app through Infinite Campus, which is the district's student information management system and Parent Portal. Please make sure your information is up to date in Infinite Campus. School closings are also announced via the district website and social media, as well as the local television and radio stations.

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September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	**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	**1**	**2** LO Welcome Back Ice Cream Social, 5:30 p.m. BC Welcome Back Ice Cream Social, 6 p.m.	**3**	**4**	**5**
6	**7** **Labor Day** NO SCHOOL	**8** **K-12 Superintendent's Conference Day** BC New Family/Kindergarten Summer Welcome, 6 p.m. NO SCHOOL	**9** **K-12 Superintendent's Conference Day** Kindergarten Orientation Day: BH K Orientation, 9 a.m. BC K Orientation, 11 a.m. LO, LR, & SG K Orientation, 1 p.m. FF K Orientation, 1:30 p.m. NO SCHOOL	**10** **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL GRADES K-12**	**11** SHS Picture Day BH Ice Cream Social, 5:30 p.m. FF Ice Cream Social, 6 p.m.	**12**
13	**14** SHS Picture Day **Fall Continuing Education Classes Begin**	**15** SHS Picture Day LR PTA Meeting	**16** BC Open House - Gr. 3-5, 6 p.m. Friends of Music Meeting @ SHS, 7 p.m.	**17** LR Open House - Gr. K-5, 5:30 p.m. BC Open House - Gr. K-2, 6 p.m.	**18**	**19**
20	**21** **Yom Kippur** (Ends at Sundown) NO SCHOOL	**22**	**23** LO Picture Day BH Open House - Gr. K-2, 5:30 p.m. SG Open House - Gr. K-5, 5:30 p.m. FF Open House - Gr. K-5, 6 p.m.	**24** BH Open House - Gr. 3-5, 5:30 p.m. LO Open House - Gr. K-5, 6 p.m. SMS Gr. 6 Open House, 6:30 p.m.	**25** **Varsity Football vs. Colonie (Homecoming), 7 p.m.**	**26**
27	**28** Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.	**29** SMS Picture Day BH PTA Meeting SG PTA Meeting	**30** SMS Picture Day SHS Transition Fair, 5:30 p.m. BC PTA Meeting	**1**	**2**	**3**

Blue Creek Elementary School

October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 **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	**28** **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	**29**	**30**	**1** SHS Family Fall Festival @ SHS, 5 p.m. SMS 7th & 8th Grade Open House, 6:30 p.m.	**2** **EARLY RELEASE - STUDENTS DISMISSED 15 MINUTES EARLY**	**3** SAT Exam at SHS, 7:30 a.m.
4	**5** LR Picture Day	**6** LR PTA Meeting SEPTA Meeting	**7** Elementary XC Meet (All Gr. 4 & 5), 10 a.m. SMS PTA Meeting	**8** FF Picture Day Elementary XC Meet Rain Date (All Gr. 4 & 5), 10 a.m. SHS Back to School Night FF PTA Meeting	**9** BC Picture Day SG Picture Day	**10**
11	**12** **Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day** **NO SCHOOL**	**13** **SHS Q1 Progress Reports Posted**	**14** Friends of Music Meeting @ SHS, 7 p.m.	**15** SHS Financial Aid Night	**16** BH Picture Day	**17**
18	**19** BH Picture Day	**20**	**21** BC PTA Meeting	**22** **HALF DAY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS - ELEMENTARY PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**	**23**	**24**
25	**26** SHS Picture Day Retakes New Employee Recognition Ceremony, 5 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.	**27**	**28** **HALF DAY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS - ELEMENTARY PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**	**29**	**30**	**31** **Halloween**

Boght Hills Elementary School

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**	**2**	**3** **K-12 Superintendent's Conference Day** LR PTA Meeting **Election Day** **NO SCHOOL**	**4** Fall Mock Sports Signing, 3 p.m.	**5**	**6** **SHS End of Q1** SMS Picture Day Retakes NYSSMA Area All-State @ Proctors Theatre, 1 p.m.	**7** NYSSMA Area All-State @ Proctors Theatre, 9 a.m.
8 **Diwali**	**9** LR Picture Retake Day	**10** BH PTA Meeting	**11** **Veterans Day** **NO SCHOOL**	**12** BC Picture Retake Day SG Picture Retake Day Music Faculty Recital @ SHS, 7 p.m. LO PTA Meeting	**13**	**14**
15	**16** **SHS Q1 Report Cards Posted** BC Gr. 5 Theater Performance, 6:30 p.m. **SHS Winter Sports Start Date**	**17** **SMS End of Q1** BC Gr. 5 Theater Performance, 6:30 p.m. SEPTA Meeting	**18** FF Picture Retake Day Friends of Music Meeting @ SHS, 7 p.m.	**19** BH Picture Retake Day FF Gr. 5 Theater Performance, 6:30 p.m.	**20** **HALF DAY FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS - ELEMENTARY PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**	**21**
22	**23** Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m. SG Gr. 5 Theater Performance, 6:30 p.m. **Modified Winter Sports Start Date**	**24** **SMS Q1 Report Cards Posted**	**25**	**26** **Thanksgiving**	**27**	**28**
29	**30** LR Gr. 5 Theater Performance, 6:30 p.m.					

NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING RECESS

October 2026

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December 2026

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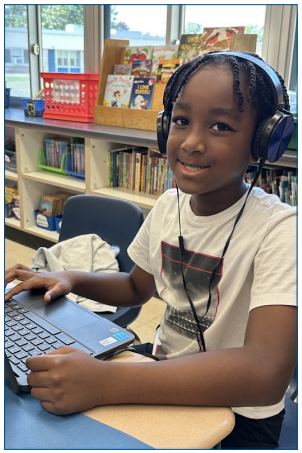

Forts Ferry Elementary School

December 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	**1** SMS Concert @ SHS, 7:30 p.m. LR PTA Meeting	**2** SMS Concert @ SHS, 7:30 p.m.	**3** LO Picture Day Retake LO Gr. 5 Theater Performance, 6:30 p.m. FF PTA Meeting	**4** **Hanukkah** **(Begins at Sundown)**	**5**
6	**7**	**8** SMS Concert @ SHS, 7:30 p.m.	**9** SHS Concert, 7:30 p.m.	**10** SMS Concert @ SHS, 7:30 p.m.	**11**	**12** **Hanukkah** **(Ends at Sundown)**
13	**14** **SHS Q2 Progress Reports Posted**	**15** SMS Concert, 7:30 p.m. SEPTA Meeting	**16** SMS Concert, 7:30 p.m.	**17**	**18**	**19**
20	**21** Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m. SHS Concert, 7:30 p.m.	**22** SHS Art Reception, 6:30 p.m. SHS Concert, 7:30 p.m.	**23**	**24** **Christmas Eve**	**25** **Christmas Day**	**26**
27	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31** **New Year's Eve**	**1**	**2**

NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS (Thursday 24 – Friday 25)

NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS (Monday 28 – Thursday 31)

November 2026

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January 2026

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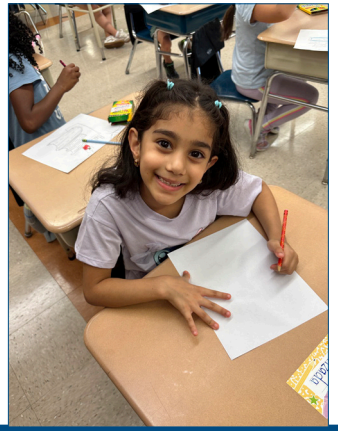

Latham Ridge Elementary School

January 2027

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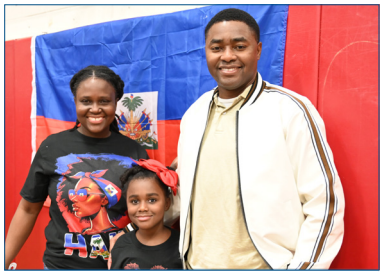
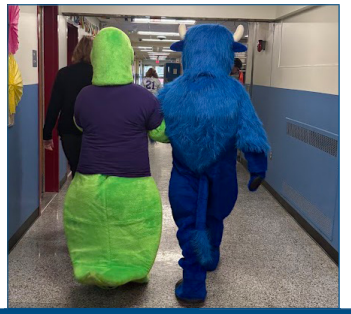
27 December 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	**28** February 2027 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	**29**	**30**	**31**	**1** New Year's Day NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS	**2**
3	**4** Classes Resume	**5** LR PTA Meeting	**6** Friends of Music Meeting @ SHS, 7 p.m.	**7** FF PTA Meeting	**8**	**9**
10	**11**	**12** BH Concert @ SHS, 7 p.m.	**13** SG Concert, 7 p.m. SMS PTA Meeting	**14** FF Concert, 7 p.m. LO PTA Meeting	**15** Jazzaret @ SMS, 7 p.m.	**16**
17	**18** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	**19** LO Concert, 7 p.m.	**20** BC Concert, 7 p.m.	**21** LR Concert, 7 p.m. BC PTA Meeting	**22** Suburban Council Festival @ Columbia HS, 1 p.m.	**23** Suburban Council Festival @ Columbia HS, 9 a.m.
24 **31**	**25** SHS End of Q2 Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.	**26** SHS Mid-Year/Regents Exams SEPTA Meeting SG PTA Meeting	**27** SHS Mid-Year/Regents Exams SMS Art Reception, 4:30 p.m.	**28** SHS Mid-Year/Regents Exams SHS Gr. 8 Grade Parent Night, 6:30 p.m.	**29** SHS Mid-Year/Regents Exams	**30**



Loudonville Elementary School

February 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2 **SMS End of Q2** 8th Grade Parent Night (Snow Date), 6:30 p.m. LR PTA Meeting	3 String Festival @ SHS, 7 p.m.	4 Concert for 3rd Graders @ SHS, 10 a.m. String Festival (Snow Date) @ SHS, 7 p.m.	5 Concert for 3rd Graders (Snow Date) @ SHS, 10 a.m.	6 **Lunar New Year**
7 **Ramadan** (Begins at Sundown)	8 **SHS Q2 Report Cards Posted**	9 **SMS Q2 Report Cards Posted** BH PTA Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15 **Presidents' Day**	16	17	18	19	20
	NO SCHOOL – MID-WINTER RECESS					
21	22 Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.	23 SHS Concert, 7:30 p.m. SEPTA Meeting	24 BC PTA Meeting	25 SHS Concert, 7:30 p.m.	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5 **January 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 31	6 **March 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 31



Southgate Elementary School

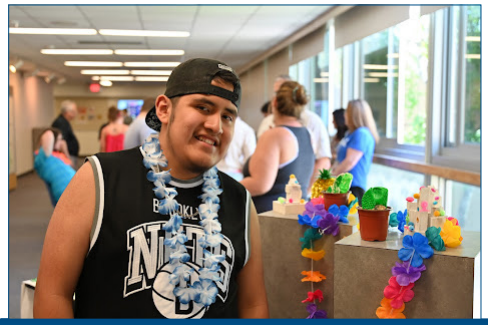
March 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	**1** SHS Concert, 7:30 p.m.	**2** LR PTA Meeting	**3** Friends of Music Meeting @ SHS, 7 p.m.	**4** FF PTA Meeting	**5**	**6**
7	**8** **SHS Q3 Progress Reports Posted** **SHS Spring Sports Start Date** **Ramadan** (Ends at Sundown)	**9**	**10** **K-12 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY** **Eid al-Fitr** NO SCHOOL	**11** LO PTA Meeting	**12** SMS Musical, 7 p.m.	**13** SMS Musical 7 p.m.
14 SMS Musical 2 p.m. **Daylight Saving Time Begins**	**15** Welcome to the High School Night, 6:30 p.m.	**16** BC PTA Meeting SG PTA Meeting	**17** Welcome to the High School Night (Snow Date), 6:30 p.m. **St. Patrick's Day**	**18**	**19** SHS Musical, 7 p.m.	**20** SHS Musical, 7 p.m.
21 SHS Musical, 2 p.m.	**22** Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m. **Modified Spring Sports Start Date**	**23** SG Spring Picture Day SEPTA Meeting	**24**	**25**	**26** **Good Friday** NO SCHOOL	**27**
28 **Easter**	**29** NO SCHOOL – SPRING RECESS	**30**	**31**	1	2 **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	3 **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

Shaker Middle School

April 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 **March 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 31	**29** **May 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 31	**30**	**31**	**1** NO SCHOOL – SPRING RECESS	**2**	**3**
4	**5**	**6** LR PTA Meeting	**7** Friends of Music Meeting @ SHS, 7 p.m.	**8**	**9** **SHS End of Q3**	**10**
11	**12**	**13** Welcome to the Middle School Night @ SMS, 6 p.m.	**14** SMS PTA Meeting	**15**	**16** LR Spring Picture Day	**17**
18	**19** **SHS Q3 Report Cards Posted**	**20** Board of Education Meeting (BOCES Budget), 6 p.m. SEPTA Meeting	**21** **SMS End of Q3** 3rd Grade Instrument Night @ SHS, 6:30 p.m. **Passover** (Begins at Sundown)	**22** District PE Leadership Awards Ceremony (SMS Auditorium), 7 p.m.	**23**	**24**
25	**26**	**27** K-5 District Art Reception, 5 p.m.	**28** **SMS Q3 Report Cards Posted**	**29** **Passover** (Ends at Sundown)	**30**	**1**



Shaker High School

May 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 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	**26** June 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	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**1**
2	**3**	**4** SMS Concert @ SHS, 7:30 p.m. LR PTA Meeting SG PTA Meeting	**5** Spring Sports Mock Signing, 3 p.m. SHS Advanced Senior Art Reception, 5 p.m. SMS Concert @ SHS, 7:30 p.m.	**6** BOE Budget Forum, 6 p.m. SMS Concert @ SHS, 7:30 p.m.	**7**	**8**
9	**10** **SHS Q4 Progress Reports Posted** SMS Concert, 7:30 p.m.	**11** SMS Concert, 7:30 p.m.	**12** 6-12 District Art Reception, 5 p.m. BH Concert @ SHS, 7 p.m.	**13** SMS Concert @ SHS, 7:30 p.m. BH PTA Meeting	**14**	**15**
16	**17** District Recital @ SMS, 7 p.m.	**18** **ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD ELECTIONS (GOODRICH 6 A.M. - 9 P.M.)**	**19** FF Concert, 7 p.m. BC PTA Meeting SMS PTA Meeting	**20** SHS Senior Awards Night, 7 p.m. FF PTA Meeting LO PTA Meeting	**21** SHS Senior Picnic SHS Senior Prom	**22**
23	**24** Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m. LO Concert, 7 p.m.	**25** BC Concert, 7 p.m. SG Concert, 7 p.m.	**26** Tri-M Music Honor Society Inductions @ SHS, 3 p.m. NAHS Induction & Art Recognition Ceremony @ SHS, 4:30 p.m. LR Concert, 7 p.m.	**27** Elementary Track Meet (All Gr. 5), 10 a.m.	**28** Elementary Track Meet (Rain Date), 10 a.m.	**29**
30	**31** **Memorial Day** NO SCHOOL					

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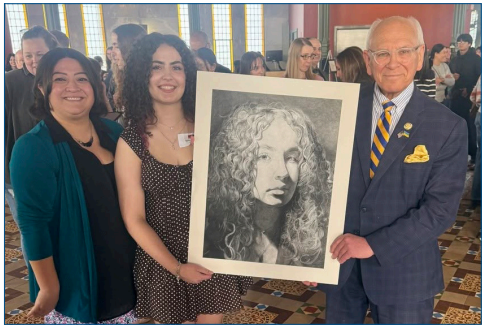
June 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 SHS Concert, 7:30 p.m. LR PTA Meeting SEPTA Meeting	2 Friends of Music Meeting @ SHS, 7 p.m.	3 Shaker Athletics Fair, 5:30 p.m.	4	5 SHS Junior Prom
6	7 College Athlete Recognition Night (Shaker All Sport Booster Club), 7 p.m.	8 SHS Concert, 7:30 p.m.	9 Accelerated Studio Art Reception @ SMS, 4:30 p.m. SHS Senior Night Concert, 7:30 p.m.	10	11	12
13	14 **SHS End of Q4**	15 **SHS Regents/Final Exams**	16 **SHS Regents/Final Exams**	17 **SHS Regents/Final Exams**	18 **Regents Rating Day**	19 **Juneteenth**
20	21 **SHS Regents/Final Exams** Board of Education Meeting, 6 p.m.	22 **SHS Regents/Final Exams**	23 **SHS Regents/Final Exams**	24 **SHS Regents/Final Exams** SMS Gr. 8 Recognition Ceremony, 9 a.m.	25 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL GRADES K-8** **SMS End of Q4** **Regents Rating Day** **SHS Graduation, MVP Arena**	26
27	28 **SHS Q4 Report Cards Posted**	29	30	1	2 **May 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 31	3 **July 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 31



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July 2027

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August 2027

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Annual Notifications, Policies and Procedures

Directory Information – Opt Out (4550-E.2) and Student Records (5500)

Occasionally North Colonie CSD publishes information and/or student directory information material in print, non-print or electronic format. Such material could show a picture of your child (children) with the name and school identified. To learn more, view the District's full policy on the Release of Student Directory Information: Opt Out (4550-E.2), Student Records (5500).

ESSA Complaint Procedures

New York State Education Department (NYSED) has created a process for resolving complaints alleging that a local educational agency, grantee, or NYSED has violated a law, rule, or regulation in the administration of any "covered Federal program" under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). These procedures offer parents and other stakeholders a process to file complaints and allow for the timely resolution of such complaints. To learn more about these procedures and how to file a complaint, please visit the NYSED website.

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

The federal FERPA provides parents/guardians and students who are 18 years of age or older (known as "eligible students") with certain rights with respect to the student's education records. Parents/guardians and eligible students have the right to:

- Inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day a request for access is received by the school. These requests should be submitted to your child's school principal.
- Request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent/guardian or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights;
- Provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent;
- File a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW Washington, DC 20202

Non-Discrimination Policy/ Equal Opportunity Policy

The North Colonie CSD does not discriminate on the basis of race (defined as, but not limited to, ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, and ethnic background, as well as traits historically associated with race including hair texture and protective hairstyles), color, national origin, creed, disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, military status or any other protected status in its educational programs, employment or any other activities. Further, it is unlawful for an employer to retaliate against any individual because that person filed a complaint, opposed any unlawful practice or testified or assisted in an investigation or proceeding. Any inquiries and complaints regarding non-discrimination in the district may be referred to the district's Compliance Officer found on the district website.

Right to Know

Because North Colonie receives Title I federal funding, parents and guardians have the right to request information regarding the professional qualification of their child's classroom teacher(s). Learn more at www.northcolonie.org/academics.

Student Data Privacy

The North Colonie CSD is committed to ensuring student privacy in accordance with local, state and federal regulations and district policies. To this end and pursuant to U.S. Department of Education regulations, the district is providing the following Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security on our website at www.northcolonie.org/studentdataprivacy.

Community Services Information

Continuing Education

The North Colonie CSD is proud to present our Continuing Education Program, offered in the fall and spring semesters. This program offers a diverse selection of courses that meet the interests and needs of our community. Registration is open to all who are 21 years of age or older. Town of Colonie residents will have priority when space is limited. All classes are filled on a "first come, first served" basis with preference given to district residents. Non-residents will be accepted if space is available. We retain our adult education instructors to teach a course in their area of expertise. Learn more on our website at www.northcolonie.org/CE.

Health, Safety, Student Conduct Information

Advanced Coursework

The benefits and opportunities for students to participate in advanced coursework can be found on the district website at www.northcolonie.org/advanced-coursework.

Asbestos Management Plan

In accordance with the requirements of the federal regulation known as AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), the school district has conducted inspections and developed management plans for each of the district's schools. These management plans are available for your review during regular business hours at the individual schools. Included in these management plans is information regarding AHERA inspections, operations and maintenance, period surveillance and response action activities. It is the intention of the North Colonie CSD to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take the appropriate steps necessary to ensure students and employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. For information more contact the Maintenance Department at (518) 785-5771.

Attendance

The district attendance policy can be found on our website at www.northcolonie.org/policies.

Body Mass Index (BMI) Information

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and their height is measured along with vision and hearing screening, as well as scoliosis for certain students. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group (NOT individual student) be included as part of the student's school health examination in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. Each year, a sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and, if selected, we will report health information about our students' weight status groups to the NYSDOH. No names and no information about individual students are sent. You may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report by submitting a request in writing to the health office. You can also contact the health office to request an opt out form. This form must be signed and returned to the health office of your child's school.

Budget and Election

For more information on the Budget and Election process, visit the Board of Education page on our website at www.northcolonie.org/boe and the Budget and Finance page at www.northcolonie.org/budget.

Child Abuse Hotline Notification

If you suspect a child is being abused or maltreated (neglected), report it by calling the toll-free 24-hour hotline operated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services at 1(800)-342-3720. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department. Learn more about reporting child abuse and maltreatment (neglect). See District Policy # 5460-R, Suspected Child Abuse & Maltreatment.

Code of Conduct

The North Colonie CSD has a tradition of care and respect for the individual student and holds high expectations for all. Each student is encouraged to grow intellectually, emotionally, physically, and socially. All members of the community are entitled to feel safe and to expect that their person, property and opinions will be respected. Of equal importance is the expectation that everyone shares the responsibility for creating an atmosphere of trust. School must be a setting in which respect for rules and common decency are accepted by all as the necessary structure for learning and community. Learn more in our Code of Conduct: Student Rights & Responsibilities.

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) took effect on July 1, 2012. Just as with the district's Code of Conduct, the new law seeks to provide the state's public school students and staff with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function. The Dignity Act includes, but is not limited to, acts of discrimination and harassment based on a student's race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (defined to include gender identity or expression), or sex. Visit our DASA page to learn more at www.northcolonie.org/dasa.

Districtwide School Safety Plan

Emergencies in schools must be addressed in an expeditious and effective manner. Schools are at risk of acts of violence, natural, and manmade disasters. To address these threats, the State of New York has enacted the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) law. Project SAVE is a comprehensive planning effort that addresses prevention, response, and recovery with respect to a variety of emergencies in schools. The North Colonie School District supports the SAVE Legislation, and intends to facilitate the planning process. The Superintendent encourages and advocates on-going district-wide cooperation and support of Project SAVE. View North Colonie's District-Wide School Safety Plan on our website at www.northcolonie.org/safetyplan.

Idling School Buses on School Grounds

The Board of Education recognizes the need to promote the health and safety of students and staff and to protect the environment from harmful emissions found in vehicle exhaust, in particular diesel exhaust, by eliminating the unnecessary idling of all school vehicles. For purposes of this policy, an "idling school vehicle" shall mean a school vehicle that is parked or stopped at a school or other location and has its engine running. This policy applies to the operation of every district-owned and/or contracted school bus as well as other district-owned vehicles (i.e., licensed maintenance vehicles). The district shall strive to eliminate all unnecessary idling of school buses and district-owned vehicles such that idling time is minimized in all aspects of operation. For more information on the Idling School Buses on School Grounds policy, www.northcolonie.org/policies.

Release of Student Directory Information

Pursuant to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the school district must disclose to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, upon request, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of our high school juniors and seniors. However, parents or students may request, in writing, that the district not release such information. Parents, or students who are at least 18 years old, wishing to exercise their option to withhold their consent to the release of this information must contact the guidance office.

Use of Pesticides & Request for Notification

The use of pesticide products may be applied periodically throughout the school year at the North Colonie CSD. Under the Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law, Section 409-h of the Education Law, the District is required to maintain a list of parents/guardians and school staff, who wish to receive 48 hour advanced written notice of an actual pesticide application in the facilities or on school grounds. To register for the 48 hour notification, please fill out the form on our website at www.northcolonie.org/notifications before the start of each school year. To obtain additional information on the Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law contact the Director of Custodial Services at (518) 273-4844.

Wellness

The North Colonie CSD is committed to developing healthy schools that support student learning and create an environment conducive to the health and well-being of faculty, staff and all students, while also supporting parents in accomplishing this goal. Learn more about our Wellness policy on our website.

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Where to Get Your Questions Answered

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	Secondary: Hall Principal	
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Curriculum 6-12	Dr. Lindsay Tresansky, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction	518-785-8591
Discrimination/Harassment	Building Principals	
	Kathleen Skeals	518-785-8591
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Registration of New Students	Registrar's Office	518-785-8591
	Annette Trapini,Director of Student Information and Accountability	
Rental of School Facilities	School Principal	
Technology	Julie Scriven, Director of Technology	518-785-5511
Transportation	Claudine Beck, Director of Transportation	518-785-9486
Voter Information	Emily Trombley, Board Clerk	518-785-8591
Working Papers	Shaker High School Guidance Office	518-785-5511

For additional questions or concerns on the correct point of contact, please visit the North Colonie Chain of Command at northcolonie.org/chainofcommand.

Our Schools

Blue Creek (BC) Elementary School
18 Clinton Road Latham, NY 12110
518-785-7451

Boght Hills (BH) Elementary School
38 Dunsbach Ferry Road Cohoes, NY 12047
518-785-0222

Forts Ferry (FF) Elementary School
95 Forts Ferry Road Latham, NY 12110
518-785-9203

Latham Ridge (LR) Elementary School
6 Mercer Avenue Latham, NY 12110
518-785-3211

Loudonville (LO) Elementary School
349 Osborne Road Loudonville, NY 12211
518-434-1960

Southgate (SG) Elementary School
30 Southgate Road Loudonville, NY 12211
518-785-6607

Shaker Middle School (SMS)
475 Watervliet-Shaker Road Latham, NY 12110
518-785-1341

Shaker High School (SHS)
445 Watervliet-Shaker Road Latham, NY 12110
518-785-5511

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For PTA meeting dates and times, visit the PTA website for that school.

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