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2023-2024 Calendar

Forestville Central School District
Forestville, New York

Your School Calendar and Directory

We are hopeful that this calendar will assist you throughout the coming year by notifying you of important school events that are scheduled at this time. In the event that changes are necessary regarding dates, events and times, announcements of such changes will be made through the proper channels.

Student Registration

Students should register as follows:

- Students in grades Kindergarten-6 should register at the elementary building as soon as possible between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- Students in grades 7-12 should register in the high school building as soon as possible between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration makes it possible to approve and prepare each student's schedule in advance, avoiding delays on opening day.

All new students to the Forestville Central School District must bring the following with them when registering:

- Birth Certificate
- Custodial Papers
- Proof of Residency
- Immunization Records
- Report Card

Welcome Back

All Forestville Central School students will report back to school on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023.

Elementary children will report directly to rooms assigned on report cards issued in June. New students will report to the office for directions. Students will be permitted to enter the building at 7:35 a.m. Bus dismissal is at 2:35 p.m. Parent pick-up is at 2:45 p.m., when buses leave the elementary school.

Students in the middle/high school building (grades 7-12) will report to homeroom upon arriving at school. Opening bell will be at 7:35 a.m. Homeroom will be from 7:40 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Regular dismissal will be at 2:24 p.m. and academic help dismissal will be at 3:05 p.m.

Automated Calling System

We will use several reliable methods to communicate this important information in a timely fashion. Our first mode of communication will be our automated calling system. This system automatically calls all parents of students within the district, as well as staff members, notifying them of the closing/cancellation. The system will not only be used in the case of closing/cancellations but also whenever there is an important announcement from the District. If you are not currently on the automated call system and would like to be included, please send an e-mail request to Mr. Wright at wwright@forestville.com.

Emergency Closing

When school officials communicate with the larger school community, they will use a clear and concise message. Information may include what is being done and to address the safety of the children and staff. When the need arises to close school, parents should tune in to stations: WDOE 1410AM / 94FM, WBKX 96.5FM / 100.3 FM, WBEN 930AM, WGR 55 AM, WKSE 98.5 FM, WTSS 102.5 FM WBUF 92.9FM, WBLK 93.7 FM, WECK 1230 AM/102.9 FM, WJYE 96.1FM, OR WYRK 106.5FM, WWSE 93.3 FM / WJTN 1240 AM / WHUG 101.9 FM / WKSJ 1340 AM / WQFX 103.1 FM / WKZA 106.9 FM, WGRZ-TV Channel 2, WIVB-TV Channel 4, KBW-TV Channel 7, Spectrum News, to learn whether school is open, delayed, or closed.

If school needs to be closed during school hours, radio and television stations will be contacted, and an automated call will be sent out. It is very important that the school office has your latest contact information. Alerts and notifications will be posted to our school website, www.forestville.com.

You may also contact our offices:

Elementary Main Office 716-965-2742

High School Main Office 716-965-2711

Superintendent's Office 716-965-6539

Non-Discrimination Statement

The Forestville Central School District does not discriminate in its employment and admission to programs and activities as applicable on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, economic status, marital status, veterans' status, political affiliation, domestic victim status, use of a guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, disability, or other classifications protected under federal or state law, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The designated district compliance officers will coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, and the New York State Human Rights Law.

The Forestville Central School District Compliance Officers are:

Superintendent, 4 Academy Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-6539

MS/HS Principal, 4 Academy Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-2711

Elementary Principal, 12 Water Street, Forestville, NY 14062 (716) 965-2742

Complaints may also be filed with the Office for Civil Rights, New York Office, U.S. Department of Education, 32 Old Slip, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10005-2500, phone (646) 428-3800, fax (646) 428-3843, email: OCR.NewYork@ed.gov.

Absences

If a student is absent, we ask that the parent call, after 7:50 a.m., the high school health office, 716-965-6518, or the elementary health office, 716-965-6536, to verify the reason for the absence. Students are not authorized to write or sign excuses even with the parent's knowledge or consent. Any necessary exception to this rule must be approved by the Administration. When students return to school, they must go to the Health Office with their excuse. It is the responsibility of the student to bring in a written excuse after every absence. Students will be marked with an unexcused absence/tardy unless a legal excuse is provided within two days.

All excuses for absences must:

- Be dated with the day the excuse was written
- State the name of the student being excused
- List the date(s) of the absence
- Indicate the reason for the absence
- Include the signature of the person in parental relationship

Attendance Policy

The Forestville Board of Education recognizes that excellent attendance is a prerequisite for academic success and that school should be a setting where students learn the benefits of punctuality and reliable attendance.

The Board of Education acknowledges the following legitimate reasons for absence:

- Personal illness
- Illness or death in the family
- Impassable roads due to inclement weather
- Religious observances
- Quarantine
- Required court appearances
- Attendance at health clinics
- Approved college visits
- Approved cooperative work programs
- Military obligations
- Road tests
- Other reasons as may be approved by the Board

Each student absence must be accounted for. It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to notify the Health Office on the morning of the absence, if at all possible. Upon returning to school, any student who was absent must submit a written note signed by the parent/guardian explaining the absence. If the note is not submitted within two school days after the student's return, the absent days will be considered unexcused absences. Skipping school will be considered

truancy and will result in in-school suspension. For more information on your child's attendance requirements, be sure to refer to each parent/student handbook for building specific guidelines.

Truancy is any absence during the instructional day that does not have the permission of the school. Under New York State attendance regulations, habitual truancy tolerated by the parent/guardian will be deemed neglect and shall be reported to Social Services as a person in need of supervision. Refusal on the part of the student to comply with attendance regulations may lead to being petitioned to Family Court.

The District has the right to require that a physician exempt or examine the student in the case of chronic attendance problems. If the District deems that a student has excessive absences, a hearing between the District and parents may be held. A student who is identified as having a disability and has an attendance problem will be referred to the Committee on Special Education.

The Forestville Central School District Board of Education expects that students will be in school every day that school is in session. The Board of Education believes that student participation in the classroom is an integral part of the learning process. Therefore, attendance at school will impact the student's ability to receive course credit. In order to receive course credit, students must meet academic requirements and comply with attendance requirements.

The following information provides course credit information that will be used to determine course credit:

- Secondary students with unexcused absences exceeding 10% in any class may be denied credit for the course.
- Elementary school students with unexcused daily absences in excess of 10% will be considered for retention.
- Transfers and re-enrollees will attend 90% of the time remaining in the course to obtain credit.
- Students will have the opportunity to make up classes and work missed as determined by the Principal and as outlined in the student handbook.
- An Attendance Review Committee comprised of the principal, counselor, and at least one teacher will review cases that resulted in students being denied course credit. The committee will ensure that due process was provided, proper notification of parents was made, and reasonable opportunities were afforded to students for making up missed academic work.
- A properly excused pupil absence, for which the pupil has performed any assigned make-up work, shall not be counted as an absence for the purpose of determining the pupil's eligibility for course credit.

The MS/HS principal will use the disciplinary referral form when a pupil has an unexcused tardy or unexcused absence from school. A written notice will be mailed to the parent or legal guardian when it becomes apparent to the Principal that a student might be in jeopardy of being denied course credit due to excessive absences. The Principal will also attempt to meet with the parent or legal guardian, as well as the student, to clarify the ramifications of continued absences and denying course credit for the particular course.

Elementary Attendance Procedure

Attendance will be taken at 7:50 each morning. Anyone entering the building after 7:50 am will be marked tardy and should report to the school office. Any child who has been absent for any reason must report to the Health Office as soon as he/she has reported to the room. Children being picked up will not be dismissed before the buses leave unless they have an appointment. Students being picked up before 2:45 p.m. will be considered an early dismissal.

Bus Dismissal: 2:35 p.m.

Parent Pick-Up and Walkers Dismissed: 2:45 p.m.

August 2023 Dates

8/10 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m.

8/21 Fall Sports Begin

8/21 7th Grade Orientation 6:00 p.m.

8/21 9th Grade Orientation 7:30 p.m.

8/30 Superintendent's Conference Day

8/31 Superintendent's Conference Day


September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  					1	2
3	4 No School Labor Day	5 First Day for Students Ringing of the Bell Ceremony 8 a.m.	6	7	8	9 ACT Test Date
10	11 Grade 7-12 Picture Day & Senior Pictures	12	13	14 Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Title I Parent Night Meeting 6 p.m. Elementary Cafeteria Elementary Open House 6:30-8 p.m.	6 Emergency Evacuation Go Home Early Drill 2:15 p.m. Q1 Progress Reports	7 Forestville Fall Festival SAT Test Date
8 Forestville Fall Festival	9 No School Columbus Day	10	11	12 Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 MS/HS Open House 6:00 p.m. MS/HS Fall Concert 7:15 p.m.	20 Elementary Pictures	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 ACT Test Date
29	30	31 Halloween				Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!</p>  			1	2 Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m..	3 NYSSMA JH Area All-State	4 NYSSMA JH Area All-State SAT Test Date
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 Grade 7-12 Picture & Senior Picture Retakes	7	8	9 No School Superintendent's Conference Day Q1 Report Cards	10 No School Veterans Day	11
12	13 Winter Sports Begin	14	15 PreK-8th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.)	16 NHS Induction Ceremony 6:30 p.m.	17 NYSSMA SH Area All-State	18 NYSSMA SH Area All-State
19	20	21	22 No School	23 No School Thanksgiving Day	24 No School	25
			Thanksgiving Recess			
26	27 Project KNOW - 5th Grade	28 Elementary Picture Retakes	29	30		

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  					1	2 SAT Test Date
3	4	5	6 Pearl Harbor Day	7 Elementary Winter Concert 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.	8 Q2 Progress Reports	9 ACT Test Date
10	11	12	13	14 MS/HS Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.	15	16
17	18	19 Winter Concert Make Up Date	20	21 HS Band/Chorus Trip to Resource Center	22 No School Winter Recess	23
24 Christmas Eve New Year's Eve 31	25 No School Christmas Day	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30
Winter Recess						

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  	1 No School New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.	12	13
14	15 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		<div>Regents Exams</div>				
28	29	30	31			



February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Ground Hog Day Q2 Report Cards	3 CCMTA Solo Festival Fredonia HS
4	5	6	7	8 Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.	9	10 CCMTA Winter Festival at Chautauqua Lake ACT Test Date
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Notes and Nibbles 2 p.m.
18	19 No School Presidents' Day	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24
	Mid-Winter Recess					
25	26	27	28	29		Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 MIOSM Concert 7:00pm Q3 Progress Reports	8 No School Superintendent's Conference Day	9 SAT Test Date
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11 Spring Sports Begin	12	13	14 Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 School Musical	22 School Musical	23 School Musical
24 Easter Sunday 31	25	26	27	28	29 No School Good Friday	30



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School	6
	Spring Recess					
7	8 No School Solar Eclipse Spring Recess	9 8th Grade & HS Project KNOW	10 Grades 3-8 ELA Testing	11	12 Elementary Spring Pictures & Kindergarten Graduation Pictures	13 ACT Test Date
14	15 8th Grade & HS Grade Project KNOW	16	17	18 Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.	19 Q3 Report Cards	20
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28	29	30				Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!</p>  			1	2	3 NYSSMA Solo Festival SUNY Fredonia	4 NYSSMA Solo Festival SUNY Fredonia SAT Test Date
5 Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10)	6	7 <div>Grades 3-8 Math Testing</div>	8 2024-25 Kindergarten Informational Meeting 4 p.m.	9 2024-25 PreK Orientation 4 p.m. Budget Hearing 5:30 p.m. & Board of Education Meeting 6 p.m.	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 MS/HS Spring Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	17 Q4 Progress Reports	18
19	20	21 School Budget Vote & Board Election 1 - 8 p.m.	22 Spanish Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7 p.m.	23	24 No School	25
26	27 No School Memorial Day Forestville Memorial Day Parade & Sheridan Memorial Day Service	28	29	30	31	

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!</p>  						<p>1</p> <p>CCMTA Spring Festival Chautauqua Institution</p> <p>SAT Test Date</p>
2	3	<p>4</p> <p>Regents Exams</p>	<p>5</p> <p>2024-25 Kindergarten Screenings</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Elementary Spring Concert 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.</p> <p>Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Yearbook Dedication 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Class Night 7 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>ACT Test Date</p>
9	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>HS Academic Awards 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>MS Academic Awards 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Last Day of School for MS/HS Students</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Elementary Field Day</p> <p>Regents Exams</p>	15
<p>16</p> <p>Father's Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Rating Day</p> <p>Regents Exams</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>No School Juneteenth</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Regents Exams</p>	21	<p>22</p> <p>Alumni Banquet 1 p.m.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Kindergarten Graduation 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Regents Exams</p> <p>Early Dismissal Elementary Students 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Last Day for Elem. Students 6th Gr. Moving Up Day 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Rating Day</p> <p>Class of 2024 Graduation Rehearsal 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Q4 Report Cards</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Class of 2024 Graduation 2 - 4 p.m.</p>

School Health Requirements

Hearing tests are required at least once in each school year for new entrants and grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, and at such other times as may be deemed necessary. These tests will be made by approved audiometers.

The Public Health Laws of the State of New York require that prior to entry to school, each child must be adequately immunized against diphtheria, poliomyelitis, measles, rubella, and mumps. They must also have hib series, varicella, and hepatitis B vaccine. The T-dap is required for all entering grades 6, 7, or 8. The meningococcal vaccine is required for all entering grades 7 & 12. Children will not be admitted to school until all required immunization records have been received by the school nurse.

As required, a health examination may be done by a private physician or school physician for each pupil in the public schools upon his/her entrance into such schools and by each child entering grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. An examination of any child may be required by the local school authorities at any time. This examination would be at the discretion of the local school authorities and to promote the educational interests of this child.

All students wishing to participate in interscholastic sports must be examined by the school physician or their private medical doctor within 12 months prior to the start of practice for that sport. If the student suffers an injury during that sport season, s/he must be reexamined before s/he can again participate in that sport. A release from the doctor is also required.

All accidents happening to the school staff and/or students during the school day should be reported immediately to the school nurse. If the accident happens to students during interscholastic sports participation either in practice or games, it should be reported to the coach immediately and to the school nurse the first school day following the accident.

New York State Child Abuse Law (Section 383-a, Social Services Law) requires physicians, registered nurses, school officials, peace officers, etc., to report cases of suspected child abuse to their local Department of social services. The social services organization receiving the report is required by law to investigate the situation and to offer protective social services to prevent injury to the child, to safeguard the youngster's welfare, and to preserve and stabilize family life whenever possible.

New York State law requires that any student taking medication during school hours must have an order from his/her physician. This medication must be delivered to the school by the student's parent or legal guardian in its labeled original container from the drugstore and must remain in the Health Office.

New York State Education Law now requires girls in grades 5 and 7 and boys in grade 9 to receive a scoliosis screening. If your child has a possible problem, you will be contacted promptly.

Vision Screening is required for all new entrants, grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.

Sickness of a Child

Those children who have been absent must see the nurse before school starts. The school nurse will notify the elementary office whenever a child leaves school because of illness and/or injury. An emergency release form must be on file for a student to be released to any individual other than a parent or guardian. A new form must be completed each school year.

Head Lice

Head lice are a recurring infestation that requires a collaborative effort at home, school, and community to keep it under control. If you suspect or know that your child has lice, please notify the school nurse so that others may be screened. When the school nurse confirms that a student has lice, s/he is sent home for treatment. Only after successful treatment and the school nurse clearance will a child be allowed to return to school. Your child cannot come back to school until s/he has been treated and is free of all nits (eggs). Parental accompaniment is required during re-entry inspection by school personnel.

Head lice are tiny insects about the size of a sesame seed. They can only move from one person to another by head-to-head (hair-to-hair) contact. They cannot jump onto another person's head. Head lice lay eggs which hatch after 7-10 days. It takes about 10 days for a recently hatched louse to grow into an adult and start to lay eggs. Children who get head lice may feel embarrassed or ashamed, but they shouldn't. Anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with being dirty or clean. Lice do not spread disease or illness.

The following guidelines will be implemented at Forestville Central School for students identified during school hours to have an active case of head lice (live lice or nits):

- The parent will be notified and provided with written information about lice treatment, and the student will be sent home.
- Upon returning to school following the diagnosis, the student will be permitted to return to the classroom only after treatment confirmation and a lice check by the nurse. A parent or designated adult must accompany their child to the school and confirm that treatment was provided.
- In the elementary school, when a child is identified to have an active case of lice, all other children in the classroom will be checked.
- In the elementary school, when more than one child is identified to have an active case of lice, written notification will be sent home with all children in the classroom to alert parents/guardians to be vigilant in monitoring for lice in their own children.
- Siblings of students identified with lice will be checked.

Unfortunately, mass screenings of all pupils in a classroom and/or school does not control the spread of head lice. Rather, the spread of head lice can be minimized with routine inspection for live head lice and nits by all parents and full treatment of those pupils with live head lice. Encourage children to avoid sharing personal items, such as combs, hats, and scarves. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Fiebelkorn or Mrs. Cross, our school nurses, with any questions.



July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Follow Forestville CSD on Social Media!  	1	2	3	4 School Closed Fourth of July	5	6
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Bus Information

Children should be at their bus stops and ready to board the bus when it arrives. It should be pointed out that some buses are filled to capacity with over 60 students. If each student was late only one minute for the bus, it would result in the bus arriving one hour later to school. The buses cannot wait for students who are not ready when the bus arrives. Children should always remember to be safe by standing back from the curb. If children need to cross in front of the bus, make sure to wait for the bus driver to signal and look both ways before crossing. When exiting, move away from the bus. Your bus driver's number one interest is your safety. Follow his or her directions. All passengers need to behave, stay in their seats, and be respectful of others so that the driver is not distracted. Reminder: It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus when the red lights are flashing, and the stop sign is out. All vehicles must stop, even in parking lots for buses with their red lights flashing. The bus is either loading or unloading students. Students attending BOCES will have transportation provided.

Morning Bus Runs

Anytime your student(s) will not need bus pick-up, please call the bus garage at 965-2104. With the number of turn-a-rounds our buses encounter each day, we greatly appreciate any notice you could offer.

Bus Rules of Conduct

Listed below are the rules of conduct on all Forestville Central School Buses:

- There will be no profanity, fighting, or other unruly conduct permitted.
- There will be no talking back to the driver.
- There will be no lighting of matches, firecrackers, or other incendiary articles, nor any other forms of vandalism.
- Students will be expected to be at the exact pickup point in the mornings and on time.
- Students are expected to show respect for the bus driver and to act in a safe manner.
- Students who do not will be subject to discipline which includes suspension of riding privileges for a period of time.

Bus Drills

The NYS Education Department Regulations requires 3 emergency bus drills per school year. The first drill is to be conducted within the first 7 days of school. Your student's bus driver will announce to the riders what day they plan to conduct this drill. The 2nd and 3rd drills will happen at the beginning of winter and the beginning of spring.

Rules of Conduct at School Events

- Refreshments are to be consumed in designated areas only.
- Elementary pupils grade 4 and under are to be accompanied by an adult.
- Pupils who go under the bleachers are subject to expulsion from an event and any future event.
- Congregating in the lavatories, hallway or near the gymnasium doors is not permitted.
- Sitting or standing on or near the stage is not permitted.
- Since athletic events are public events, all spectators are expected to display good taste in attitude and behavior. Those who do not will be given a warning from the chaperone.
- Subsequent offenses will result in removal from the activity in accordance with Education Law.
- Forestville Central School and grounds are designated smoke-free areas. Students and adults are prohibited from the use of tobacco products at all times.
- This includes electronic cigarettes (e-cigs) Students deemed to be unruly will be removed from an event. Parents will be contacted for pupils under the age of 15.
- If students leave an event, they are not allowed to return.

Procedural Steps to Address Parent Concerns

To ensure that parental concerns involving pupils and teachers are addressed in a satisfactory fashion and to bring about better communication between the school staff and the school district parents.

Procedural steps to follow:

- The parent(s) to meet with the teacher at a mutually convenient time, either with or without the pupil involved. The latter is to be agreed upon by the parent/teacher.
- If this first meeting does not resolve the issue, then a subsequent (or if possible at that time) meeting to be held with the above parties involved now including the building principal.
- If this second meeting does not resolve the issue, then a subsequent (or if possible at that time) meeting to be held with the parties in step 2 with the Superintendent.
- If the meeting in step 3 does not resolve the issue, then parents can contact the Board of Education.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Teachers encourage all parents/guardians in grades K-8 to come to school for conferences. Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place in the fall. In March/April, the parent of any child that might be retained will be contacted for a conference.

Care of School Property

Students are responsible for the proper care of all books, supplies, and furniture supplied by the school. Students who disfigure property, break windows, or do other damage to school property or equipment will be required to pay for the damage done or replace the item.

Transportation for Students Enrolled in Nonpublic Schools

Section 3635 of the Education Law requires all noncity districts to provide transportation for pupils enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade who live more than two miles from the school they attend and for pupils enrolled in grades 9-12 who live more than three miles from the school, they attend up to a distance of fifteen miles. The distances in each case are measured by the nearest available routes from home to school. In order to obtain transportation for their children, parents must file requests with the district in which they live by April 1 of the preceding school year or within 30 days of moving to the district.

Smoking on School Premises

In accordance with state law, students, staff, and the public are forbidden to use or possess tobacco and tobacco-related products (also known as "smokeless" or "chewing" tobacco) on school premises, on school buses, or at school-sponsored activities. The use of e-cigarettes and any other products containing nicotine is also prohibited.

School Supplies

Some school supplies needed by the student are not provided by the school. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide these items. If you are unable to purchase these items due to financial difficulty, please contact the school office, and we will try to help.

August 2024

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Student Accident Information

If your child is hurt at school during the day or at a school-sponsored event, make sure the incident is reported to the school nurse in the appropriate building as soon as possible. A form should be filled out detailing the facts of the accident. (This is in addition to reporting to coaches or teachers.) Any insurance claims should be made with your family's primary insurance first. The school offers secondary insurance once the primary coverage is exhausted.

Student Accident Insurance Information

In the event of an accidental injury to your child while participating in a school-sponsored and supervised activity, and when you have incurred medical expenses, you need to file a student accident claim. By following these procedures, you will help settle your claim as swiftly as possible. Submitting incomplete claim information will delay your settlement.

The student accident insurance is excess coverage. This means that you must submit medical expenses to your own personal health insurance carrier first and then to the student accident carrier. When your child is injured in a school-sponsored activity, a written notice of claim must be given to the company or its designated agent within 30 days after the occurrence of the insured person's covered loss. Also, you have 90 days from the date of injury to seek medical treatment.

You must obtain a claim form from the District. The School completes Part 1 of the claim form, and the Parent/Guardian completes Parts 2 and 3. Attach copies of itemized medical bills (showing treatment codes) and any Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) received from your personal health insurance carrier(s) directly to the Company. An itemized medical bill includes specific patient and medical provider data. Please ask your medical provider to submit standardized billing statements (YB04 for hospital charges and HCFA 1500 for physician charges) to expedite claim processing and payment. "Balance Due" statements often do not provide enough detail to process the claim.

If your child is injured while participating in an interscholastic sport, the physician's discharge date and allowance to return to participation terminates benefits for that injury. Coverage will be reactivated on that date for any subsequent injury. Expenses resulting from injuries to sound and natural teeth should be submitted to your medical insurance even though dental coverage is not available. When an accidental dental injury occurs, your medical coverage should consider charges first.

Determination of the amount of each Covered Expense, and where applicable, each Usual and Customary Charge, will be made solely by the Company.

Bus Accident

If your child was transported by ambulance or received medical attention or treatment because of a recent school bus incident or accident, you need to protect your rights under the New York no-fault law. The law requires that you file a claim through your Family Auto Policy and not with the School District. The law requires "any resident relative" of the injured person (parents, guardians, grandparents, siblings) who resides in the same household as the injured party to file claims under their automobile policies. The no-fault law only allows you to present your claim for a limited period, currently 30 days from the date of the accident. Also, medical claims must be submitted to your automobile insurance company within 45 days of service.

Documents

The Policies, Code of Conduct, and other documents for the Forestville Central School may be found at www.forestville.com under Our District/Board of Education/Board of Education Public Documents.

AHERA Compliance

AHERA is a federal law enacted in 1987 that requires all school districts to re-inspect facilities for asbestos-containing building materials. Our facilities have been inspected, and response actions are planned to insure a continued safe environment for our students and employees. Activities include training maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos and periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities by trained personnel. Details of such activities are described in the district's AHERA Management Plan, which is available for your review in the office of the Director of Facilities. If you have any questions or concerns in this regard, feel free to contact the Superintendent at his office on 12 Water Street or by phone at 716-965-6539.

Pesticide Notification

The Forestville Central School District may use pesticides periodically. The school district is required to maintain a list of those people who wish to receive 48-hour notice prior to the application of pesticides. Please contact Jim Knoop at 716-965-6531 to register to receive such notice or to receive more information if needed.

Voting Information

All residents who meet the qualifications listed below are eligible to vote in the Annual Election of school board members and adoption of a school budget, as well as any special votes regarding property, renovation, or acquisition of major items which are financed by bond issues. Registration is held at the same time as voting, and all voters must register and vote in person. Absentee ballots are available from the District Clerk.

Qualifications for Voting:

- At least 18 years of age
- A U.S. citizen
- A legal resident of the district at least 30 days immediately prior to the vote

Your legal residence is:

- The address on your driver's license, Federal income tax forms, car registration, or other government registration forms.
- Where you are registered to vote in county, state, and federal elections.
- Your legal residence is NOT: A temporary address, even if you have lived there 30 or more consecutive days before the vote.
- Related to whether you pay property taxes in the school district

To vote, you:

- Do NOT have to own property.
- Do NOT have to be a parent or have children in school.

Current Contact Information

Please be sure to let our school office know if your telephone number or mailing address changes. It is very important that we have your current information in case of a student emergency. In addition, our automated calling system uses these numbers to advise you of cancellations and other important news. If you have any questions or concerns about which contact numbers are used, please speak to your child's school office.

Substitutes

We are currently accepting applications for substitute teachers and various other substitute positions at the school. Applications may be found at www.forestville.com *In particular; we are in need of substitute bus drivers. Please contact Kris Richter in the bus garage for information and the appropriate applications.

FREE Breakfast and Lunch for All Students

We are pleased to inform you that the Forestville Central School District will be implementing a meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2023-2024 school year!

All students enrolled at Forestville Elementary School and Forestville Middle/High School are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day of the 2023-2024 school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

All students, elementary and middle/high school, receive one free breakfast and lunch daily for the school year. This provision is through June 30, 2027. Students must have money on their My School Bucks account to purchase a second meal or a la carte items. NO Charging.

We no longer need to process free/reduced applications. However, acceptance into the free and reduced lunch program can also help you in other ways. PSAT, SAT, and ACT test fees are waived. Many colleges waive their application fees as well for participants in the program. In addition to these benefits, the number of students eligible for free or reduced-priced meals plays an important role in the school's eligibility for Federal and State Funding. Those numbers are also used for a variety of purposes, including competing for grants. If your household income has decreased or the size of your household has increased, we encourage you to apply right away. You may apply at any time during the school year. Applications and full criteria are available in the main offices of each school, on our website at www.forestville.com, or you may call 716-965-6539 to request one be sent to you.

If you have any further questions, please contact Sarah LoManto, Cafeteria Manager, at 716-965-6530 or slomanto@forestville.com

My School Bucks

There's an app for that! My School Bucks is an electronic program you can use to pay for your child(ren)'s lunch and/or breakfast. Besides having an online way to access your child(ren)'s account, you can also use the My School Bucks app. Check your app store using your phone. Either online or through the app, you can receive low-balance alerts (email or text), set auto payments, and/or pay with a check. This system allows you to monitor your child(ren)'s lunch and/or breakfast transactions. What a great way to stay connected. Learn more online at www.myschoolbucks.com or through the app store using your smartphone.

Low Balance Alerts

You can custom set what you believe is the low balance threshold for each child on your account, and you can be notified by email/text when your child's balance falls below that amount.

Auto Payments

Set it and forget it! With auto payments, you'll never have to worry about making sure your kids have money in their accounts. Just add a credit card to your account, tell us when to process the payment, and My School Bucks will take care of the rest.

Pay With A Check

eCheck is a great alternative to making a payment with a debit or credit card. Provide your check information during the checkout process and My School Bucks will deduct the payment amount directly from your bank account.

Take MySchoolBucks Wherever You GO

Make payments on the go, check balances, view purchases, and more! Download the MySchoolBucks app for iOS or Android today.

Board of Education Meetings

The Forestville Central School District Board of Education has seven active and visible members. Our current Board Members are Amy Drozdziel, President; Andrea Spengler, Vice President; Jamie Gruber; Derek Case; Jamie Hebner; Michelle Merritt; and Lindsey Ellis. Our board members serve as representatives of our community. They serve as advocates that work toward the best interest of our students. They donate countless hours attending meetings, representing our district at local events, serving on committees such as Policy, Audit, Athletic, Negotiations, Legislative, and Diversity, Inclusivity, and Civics. Our Board of Education Meetings are generally on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Alene J. Bradigan High School Library. All meetings are open to the public, and District residents are urged to attend. Dates and locations of any additional special meetings, as well as changes in regular meetings, are listed on our school website at www.forestville.com.

Parents' Right to Request Teachers' Qualifications

As a parent/guardian of a student at a school receiving funds under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, you have the right to request the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child and the paraprofessionals, if any, who assist them.

You may request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers and their paraprofessional assistants, if any:

- Whether the teacher has met State certification requirements;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status by which State licensing criteria have been waived;
- The teacher's college major;
- Whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees; and
- Whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

DASA

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was signed into law on September 13, 2010, and took effect on July 1, 2012. The Act prohibits harassment and discrimination of students by peers and by school personnel. In addition, amendments to the regulation have added explicit references prohibiting bullying and cyber bullying. The Act covers all public elementary and secondary-aged students and applies to behaviors on school property, in school buildings, on a school bus, as well as school-sponsored events or activities. The DASA Coordinator Shauna McMahon at the Elementary building can be reached at 965-2742 or via email at smcmahon@forestville.com, and Daniel Grande, DASA Coordinator at the Middle/High School, can be reached at 965-2711 or via email at dgrande@forestville.com. Please contact one of them should you have any concerns or wish to report an incident.

Sex Offender Registry

Access to the Sex Offender Registry is available on the "For Our Parents" section of our district website at www.forestville.com. A link is also provided to Parents for Megan's Law. This site allows users to search each state's registry and also provides resources for helping children stay safe.



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