



Welcome Back

The purpose of this calendar is to provide families and community members easy access to important events and dates occurring throughout the school year. Please be advised that the calendar is printed in August, and some of the information may change throughout the course of the year. Be sure to check the district's website, social media and all bulletins for the most up to date changes.

Our Mission

The Menands School District, in partnership with students, teachers, parents and the community, is committed to excellence. We prepare students to excel in all areas of learning, encourage them to respect cultural diversity, and expect them to become valued members of society. We strive to develop life-long learners within a safe, nurturing and supportive environment. By creating innovative, well-balanced programs that challenge the unique abilities of all students, we are able to nurture each child's potential. We are educating the leaders of tomorrow and believe that children come first.

Our Vision

The Menands School will continue to build a top performing learning community where students discover and reach their individual potential through robust and challenging programs that maximize the personal connections that can be achieved in a small school environment.

Our Goals

1. Student Achievement and Success

Our school community will provide the necessary support and opportunities for proficiency and success among our students. Faculty and staff will have the knowledge and skills to develop and implement curriculum and instruction that meet the unique needs of all learners.

2. Social-Emotional Learning

We are committed to the development of the whole child by engaging students, staff, and families in opportunities that create and foster a safe and supportive school community.

3. Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity

Recognizing the diversity of our student body, the MUFSD is committed to the growth and development of our school community to provide an equitable education for all students that eliminates race, ethnicity, class, gender identity, sexuality and disability as predictors of student success, and creates a community where all members feel valued.

4. Fiscal Responsibility

To prudently manage existing district resources to maximize opportunities for students aligned with district goals while advocating for increased funding to better support the needs of our school community.



Stay Connected

District Website/Online Calendar

Visit menands.org for access to all kinds of information about district news, programs and announcements. View our calendar to get the most recent information on school events.

ParentSquare

ParentSquare gives parents and guardians one place to receive all messages and posts from Menands UFSD. This includes communications from teachers, the school, the district, and emergency communications. You can download the ParentSquare app for the easiest access.

SchoolTool

Parents are able to use their SchoolTool account to stay up to date on their child's progress in school. Parents can view their child's grades, assignments, daily schedule and attendance.

Connect With Us On Social Media

Join us in celebrating Menands students and achievements. Enjoy pictures and videos from all we have going on. You can find us on the following social media channels:

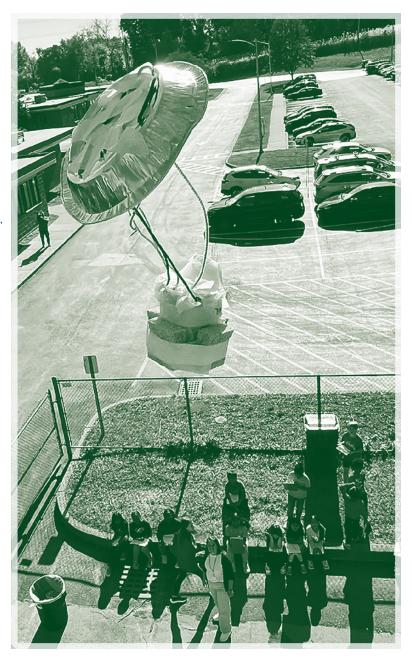
- Facebook @MenandsUnionFreeSchoolDistrict
- Instagram @menandsschool
- YouTube @menandsschool7102
- Board of Education YouTube @menandsufsdboardofeducation

Attendance

Per Menands School Attendance Policy

Please call 518-465-4561, ext. 109 or email droseberger@menands.org the morning your child is absent and indicate why your child is going to be absent. Voicemail is available if you wish to call before school opens. If we do not hear from you, we will try to contact you during the day.

An excuse written by a parent or guardian must be sent to school with the student on the next day they return to school. It is very important that parents and school staff cooperate in an effort to make sure all students are safe and accounted for each day of school. If your child is absent due to a medical/dental appointment, you may send in a note from their doctor to excuse their absence.





District Directory

Administration & District Office

19 Wards Lane, Menands, New York 12204

Phone: (518) 465-4561

Faculty and Staff

Superintendent of Schools

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Audrey Koslowski

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Trisha O'Connell

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Executive Secretary to the Principal

Beth D'Angelo

(518) 465-4561, ext. 118

bdangelo@menands.org

Nurse

Diane Roseberger

(518) 465-4561, ext. 109

droseberger@menands.org

Fax Numbers

Business Office and Registrar

(518) 888-3280

Nurse

(518) 888-3283

School Office

(518) 380-2815

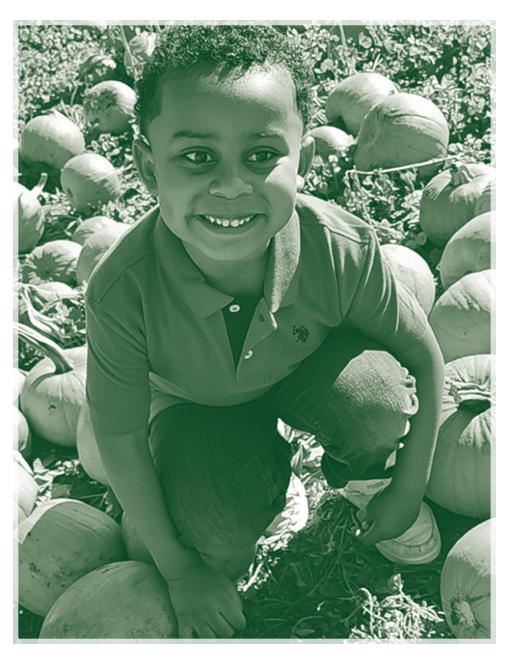


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	NO SCHOOL Labor Day	Superintendent's Conference Day Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	Superintendent's Conference Day	A 4 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PTA Back to School Staff Appreciation	В 5	6
		Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Fire Comp. Meeting, 7 p.m.		Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.		
7	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m	MAT Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	E 10 Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	F 11 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	A 12	13
			Camp Chingachgook			
14	B 15 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m. Trimester 1 Clubs Begin	C 16 Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	D 17 Parents' Night, 6 p.m. Book Fair Family Night, 6 p.m. PTA Mum Sale Orders Due	E 18 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	F 19	20
			Book Fair			
21	A 22 Rosh Hashanah (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN) Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	B 23 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m. PTA General Membership Meeting	Rosh Hashanah (ENDS AT SUNDOWN) New Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. PTA Mum Sale Pick Up	D 25 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	E 26	27
28	F 29 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	A 30			AUGUST 2025 S M T W T F S	OCTOBER 2025 S M T W T F S





District Contact Protocols



Often, parents and community members find themselves in need of contacting the school and are unsure of the best way to go about it. This contact protocol chart will serve as a helpful resource to most efficiently address your needs. By following the guidelines below, you can be sure that your question or issue is being addressed in the most direct way possible. Please contact Menands School at (518) 465 4561 for access to each individual below.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT:	FIRST CONTACT	SECOND CONTACT	THIRD CONTACT	FOURTH CONTACT
ACADEMICS	Teacher	Counselor (Cheri VandenBerg)	Principal (Kathleen Wylie)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)
BEHAVIOR	Teacher	Counselor (Cheri VandenBerg)	Principal (Kathleen Wylie)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)
CLASSROOM PROCEDURES	Teacher	Principal (Kathleen Wylie)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)	
SCHEDULING	Teacher	Counselor (Cheri VandenBerg)	Principal (Kathleen Wylie)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	Club Advisor/Coach	Beth D'Angelo	Principal (Kathleen Wylie)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)
BOARD OF EDUCA- TION POLICIES	District Clerk (Trisha O'Connell)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)	Board of Education	
BUDGET	Treasurer (Joanne Moran)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)		
FACILITIES	Buildings and Grounds (Kyle McAlonie)	Business Office (Joanne Moran)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)	
HEALTH OFFICE	School Nurse (Diane Roseberger)	Principal (Kathleen Wylie)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)	
SPECIAL EDUCATION	Teacher	Pupil Services Coordinator (Audrey Koslowski)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)	
TRANSPORTATION	Bus Driver/Durham (518) 237-4514	Trisha O'Connell	Principal (Kathleen Wylie)	Superintendent (Jennifer Cannavo)

SEPTEMBER 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6	NOVEMBER 2025 S M T W T F S		B 1			
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P V	D 6 Picture Day Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Fire Comp. Meeting, 7 p.m.	F 8 Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed) 6 p.m.	Emergency Release Dismissal Students Dismiss at 2:45 Gr. 5-8 Progress Reports Mailed	11
C	NO SCHOOL Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	New Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed) 6 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	D 15	E 16 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	F 17	18
C E V	Superintendent's Conference Day Diwali Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	B 21 MAT Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	C 22	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	E 24	25
20	F 27 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	A 28 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	B 29 Red Ribbon Week	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	D 31 Halloween Pumpkin Run	





Student Health

Immunization Requirements

All students must be in compliance with NYS immunization standards in order to attend school. A child will not be allowed to attend school without proper verification of the immunizations.

The New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department have updated immunization requirements for children entering/enrolled in public schools. Effective September 2016, the following immunization schedule must be followed:

- 3-4 doses Polio (IPV/OPV) *Note: Children who receive all 3 polio doses before age 4 will require an
 additional 4th dose in order to have 4 valid doses; that is, a booster dose is required after age 4.
- 2 doses MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- 2 doses Varicella (chickenpox)
- 4-5 doses DTap, DPT or Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis) *Note: 4 doses are adequate if 1 dose was given after age 4, otherwise a 5th booster vaccine is required. A booster dose is required after age 4.
- 1 dose Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) *Note: Required only for students enrolling grades 6-8 who
 have not previously received a Tdap at 7 years of age or older.
- 3 doses Hepatitis B *Note: A total of 4 doses of hepatitis B vaccine may be necessary when a combination vaccine containing hepatitis B is administered after the birth dose resulting in an inadequate interval between doses.
- Meningococcal vaccine is required for all students entering the 7th grade.

Menands will require proof of compliance before your child may enter school. Adequate proof is a certificate or record from the physician's office or health care clinic. Please contact your child's physician or the school nurse at your child's school with questions.

Health Examination

New York State law requires a health examination (physical) for all students entering the school district for the first time and when entering into Pre K, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grade. We encourage this to be done by your child's physician, as he/she can offer a more complete examination through his/her knowledge of your family. In the situation a child does not have access to a physical/physician they have the opportunity to have it done by our school physician. If a physical is done by our school physician you will be notified of any abnormal findings. The exam must be completed on the form approved by New York State. If your child had a physical done over the summer (or anytime during the year), please have a copy faxed to the school and keep a copy for your records. Your physician may fax the

report to us at the following number: 518-888-3283

A copy of the health examination must be provided to the school within 30 days from when your child first starts at the school, and when your child starts Pre K, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grade. If a copy is not given to the school within 30 days, the school will contact you.

Dental Certificates

A dental certificate which states your child has been seen by a dentist or dental hygienist is also asked for at the same time.

Special Health Needs

So that we may provide the best care for your child, please inform us of the following:

- Food allergy.
- Bee sting allergy.
- · Allergy to any other medications.
- Difficulty with vision, hearing or speech.
- Need for medication during the school day.
- Any medical diagnosis for which your child may take medication at home.
- Any head injury or concussion that occurs.

Medication in School

In order to have medication administered to your child while in school you MUST have the following:

- A physician's order completed by their doctor.
- A new request must be provided annually.
- Parent permission completed on the physician's order form.
- An adult MUST bring the medication into school.
- Medications are in their original container that clearly states the date, name and address of the student and physician, the dosage and the frequency. All inhalers must have a labeled box.
- An adult must pick up any leftover medication or it will be discarded on the last day of the school year.

The above refers to ALL medications including over-the-counter medications that are used on an "as needed" basis.

Accidents and Injuries at School

If an accident occurs in school, the parent/guardian will be notified. The student will be treated with appropriate first aid measures until the parental authority can authorize further treatment.

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Daylight Saving Time Ends	E 3 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	F 4 Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Fire Comp. Meeting, 7 p.m.	A 5	B Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	C 7 End of First Quarter	PTA Fall Fest
9	D 10 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m. Gr. 5-8 Report Cards Mailed	NO SCHOOL Veterans Day	E 12 Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	F 13 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	A 14 Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m. Parent Teacher Conferences PTA Middle School Fun Night	15
16	B 17 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	C 18 MAT Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Stack Up	D 19 New Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. PTA General Membership Meeting	E 20 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	F 21	22
23	A 24 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	B 25 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Yusef Westerman Memorial Talent Show	NO SCHOOL 26	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	NO SCHOOL 28	29
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Residency/Registration

General registration is open all year. Pre-K registration runs from February through our budget vote on the third Tuesday in May.

To enroll you must reside in the Menands Union Free School District. Solely owning property or a home does not constitute residency. Proof of residency is required before a student may be registered. All registration information including acceptable proof of residency documentation can be found at https://www.menands.org/about-us/student-registration/ Please be sure your name and address are on all documents.

This documentation will be retained in the student's file along with other required documents. Your child(ren) will not be admitted to the district until these forms have been received and verified.

The Menands School District will make a residency determination based upon the material provided by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

If you're living in the Menands District and are registering your child at a high school, private school or charter school you must first register them at Menands. Once that is complete, you may then register them at the school of your choice.

Proof of Age

In order to determine a student's age, a certified transcript of a birth certificate or record of baptism (including a certified transcript of a foreign birth certificate or record of baptism) is required. If such documents are not available, a passport would be accepted. Once you have all the required documentation, you're ready to register your child.

Please contact Trisha O'Connell at (518) 465-4561 Ext. 101 to make an appointment for registration or email: toconnell@menands.org

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	C 1 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	D 2 Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	Е 3	F 4 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	A 5 Picture Day Make-up PTA Parents' Night Out K-5 Trimester 1 Ends	6
7	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m. Trimester 2 Clubs Begin	C 9 Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m. MAT Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	D 10 New Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	E 11 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m. Spelling Bee, 3:15 p.m.	Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m. Parent Teacher Conferences PreK-4 Report Cards Sent Home	13
Hanukkah (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)	A 15 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	B 16 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	C 17 Fire Company Meeting, 7 p.m.	D 18 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	PTA Staff Appreciation Gr. 5-8 Progress Reports Mailed	20
21	NO SCHOOL Hanukkah (ENDS AT SUNDOWN) Winter Recess Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	NO SCHOOL Winter Recess	NO SCHOOL Christmas Eve Winter Recess	NO SCHOOL Christmas Day Winter Recess	NO SCHOOL Winter Recess Kwanzaa (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)	27
28	NO SCHOOL Winter Recess Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	NO SCHOOL Winter Recess	NO SCHOOL New Year's Eve Winter Recess		NOVEMBER 2025 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	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



Annual Notifications

Asbestos Management Plan

On June 15, 2022, Menands Union Free School District performed the triennial inspection and submitted the district's Asbestos Management Plan to the New York State Education Department. The requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) call for public school districts and nonprofit schools to inspect their buildings for asbestos-containing building material, to prepare management plans and to take action to prevent or reduce asbestos hazards. In accordance with federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to be re-inspected for all known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) in all facilities which are owned, leased, or otherwise used as a school building every three years.

Pesticide Notification

Under state law, the Menands Union Free School District is required to notify families that pesticide products may be used in school buildings throughout the year. Parents, guardians, and staff may request 48-hour advance written notification, including the date and place where the pesticide will be used, the name of the pesticide and its EPA registration number and who to contact for more information. To be placed on the list, contact Kyle McAlonie at 518-465-4561, ext. 012.

New York State Office of General Services:

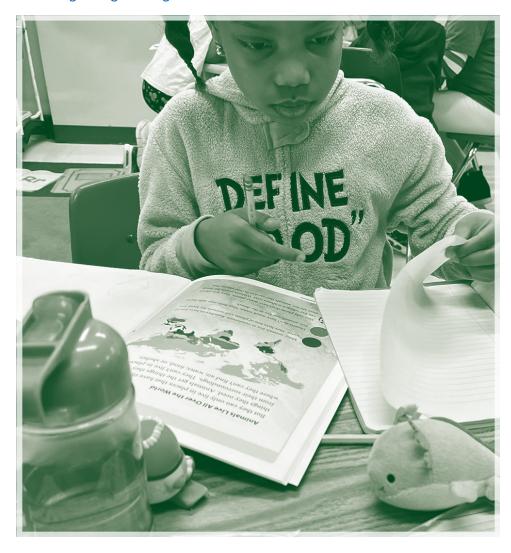
Menands Union Free School District's goal is to obtain and utilize Green Cleaning Products that reduce the potential impacts to human health and the environment as outlined in the NYS Office of General Services guidelines for environmental-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products

Child Abuse Hotline

If you believe a child is being abused or maltreated, you can help by making a call to the New York State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment, otherwise known as the Child Abuse Hotline. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. If you suspect a child is in immediate danger, call 911.

Child Find

Under federal and state law, educational agencies are required to identify, locate and evaluate all students who may have a disability that affects their ability to learn. The law requires Local Educational Authorities (LEAs) to provide special education services to students with learning-related disabilities even if they are advancing from grade to grade.



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4	F 5 Classes Resume Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	A 6 Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Fire Comp. Meeting, 7 p.m.	В 7	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	D 9	10
11	E 12 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	MAT Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m. PTA General Membership Meeting	A 14 Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	B 15 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m. Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m.	C 16	17
18	NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	D 20 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	E 21	F 22 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	A 23	24
25	B 26 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	International Holocaust Remembrance Day New Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	D 28 Grade High School Transition W	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	Quarter 2 Ends PTA Middle School Fun Night	31



Student Services

McKinney-Vento

The McKinney-Vento Act provides rights and services to children and youth experiencing homelessness, which includes those who are: sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; staying in motels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to the lack of an adequate alternative; staying in shelters or transitional housing; or sleeping in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, or similar settings.

McKinney-Vento Liaison

Audrey Koslowski / akoslowski@menands.org

(518) 465-4561, ext. 115

School Counseling

In partnership with parents and school staff, School Counselors provide all students with support for academic achievement, college and career readiness and development of social/emotional skills. Students may receive classroom-based, small group, individual and crisis counseling.

School Counselor

Cheri VandenBerg / cvandenberg@menands.org

(518) 465-4561, ext. 156

School Social Work

School social workers support students to achieve school success by advocating for their emotional, mental and physical well-being. School social workers collaborate with families and school staff to provide students with individual, group and crisis counseling. Through working with the school social worker, students and families can connect with outside resources for support beyond educational needs.

School Social Worker

Raymond Drexel / rdrexel@menands.org

(518) 465-4561, ext. 114

School Psychology

School psychologists help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community for all students.

School Psychologist

Lori Hotaling / Ihotaling@menands.org (518) 465-4561, ext. 253



Transportation

Durham School Services will continue to provide most of our students' transportation to and from school. You will receive a postcard directly from Durham the last week of August with your child's transportation information, including the stop location, drop-off and pick-up times. If you have transportation questions, please contact Durham directly at (518) 237-4514. Any issues regarding Menands specifically, please contact Trisha O'Connell at (518) 465-4561, ext. 101.

In February of each year, a transportation request will be sent out to families registered in the district. All high school, private and charter students must request transportation by April 1 each year.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	A 2 Groundhog Day Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m. High School Choice Due Semester 2 Begins	B 3 Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Fire Comp. Meeting, 7 p.m.	C 4	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	E 6 Gr. 5-8 Report Cards Mailed	7 PTA Pancake Breakfast
8	Board of Education Meeting & Budget Workshop, 6:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	A 10 MAT Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m. PTA Paint Night	B 11 Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	D 13	14
National School Resource Officer Day	NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day February Recess	NO SCHOOL Ramadan (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN) Lunar New Year February Recess Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	NO SCHOOL February Recess	NO SCHOOL February Recess Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	NO SCHOOL February Recess	21
22	E 23 Kids Heart Challenge Begins Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	F 24 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	A 25 New Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	B 26 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m. Celebration of Black History and Excellence	C 27	28
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Organizations 2025-26

MENANDS FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE OFFICERS

Chief - David Ognan

Deputy Chief - Michael Steurer

Assistant Chief - Jonathan Dudley

Captain - TJ Robertson

Captain - Tony Lipari

Lieutenant - Nick Gingeresky

Lieutenant - Matt Jaskula

Lieutenant - Mike Rezey

Fire Police Captain - Paul DeDominicis

Fire Police Lieutenant - Mike Mackay

MENANDS FIRE DEPARTMENT

President - Paul DeDominicis

Vice President - Sherri Archambault

Secretary - Nick Kalogridis

Treasurer - John Stangle

Sargent-at-arms - Colin Schanz

Financial Secretary - Mike Mackay

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MENANDS SCHOOL PTA

Officers	
Jennifer Vorobjev	President
Edward DerGurahian	Vice President
Gavin Klami	Secretary
Courtney Jaskula	Treasurer
Lauren Kahler	Teacher Liaison
Kathleen Wylie	Principal

VILLAGE OF MENANDS

Kelvin Schoonmaker

David Ognan

518-434-2922 www.menandsny.gov

Brian Marsh	Mayor
Trustees	
Molly Harbour	
Nicholas Galogridis	
TBD - Election June 17th	
TBD - Election June 27th	
Village Clerk	
Don Handerhan	
Treasurer	
Mary Jane Vredenburg	
Department of Public Works	
Mike Hagmann	Superintendent

Sub Foreman

Water Department Manager

Chairman - Peter Molinaro
Vice Chairman - Robert Schanz
George Smith
Tony Lapari
Colin Schanz
Harry Harbour
Mike MacKay

MENANDS ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS

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Cheri VandenBerg	Co-President
Tracy Trainor	Co-President
Tom Schweizer	Co-Vice President
Kate Wasserman	Co-Vice President
Jayme Keppler	Treasurer
Stephanie Stanton	Secretary

MENANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sarah Kerr-Mace	Director
Library Board of Trustees	
Diane Praus	President
Marci Murphy	Treasurer
Kelley Lemyre	Secretary
Libby Post	Member at Large
Tammy McNamara	Member at Large
518-463-4035	
https://www.menandslibrary.org/	

Board of Trustee meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. They are open to the public.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

John Bassett	
Danielle Freedman	
Mike Steurer	
Charles Ansert	Alternate

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP

Diane Le	onard		President
Deborah	Teitsch	Vice	President
Sheila Hy	/att		Secretary
Jean Parl	ker		Treasurer
Dave Teit	tsch, Joan Lucey,	Paul Leonard	Trustees
Mary Ma	guilli	Liaison to the Town	of Colonie



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	Purim (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN) Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	Purim (ENDS AT SUNDOWN) Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Fire Comp. Meeting, 7 p.m.	F 4 Holi	A Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	B 6 PTA Parents' Night Out K-5	7
Daylight Saving Time Begins	Board of Education Meeting & Budget Workshop, 6:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	D 10 MAT Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m. PTA General Membership Meeting	E 11 Kindergarten Information Night, 6 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	F 12 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	A 13 Gr. 5-8 Progress Reports Mailed	14
15	Laylat al-Qadr Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill 7 p.m.	C 17 New Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	D 18	E 19 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m. Last Day of Trimester 2	NO SCHOOL Superintendent's Conference Day Eid al Fitr	21
22	F 23 Fire Department Drill 7 p.m. Trimester 3 Clubs Begin		B 25	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	PreK-4 Report Cards Sent Home Drama Club Performance, 6 p.m. PTA Flower Sale, 6 p.m.	Drama Club Performance, 2:30 p.m. PTA Flower Sale, 2:30 p.m.
29	Fire Department Drill 7 p.m.	F 31 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m.			FEBRUARY 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	APRIL 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





Board of Education

A five-member Board of Education, elected by the residents of the Menands Union Free School District, is responsible for policies and regulations governing public education in the district. Board of Education meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Menands School, unless otherwise noted. All board meetings are open to the public. Board meetings will be held in person in the school library, in addition to live streamed. All recordings, agendas, and minutes for meetings can be found on the district's online portal, BoardDocs. Links to materials are available on the Board of Education page of the district's website, www.menands.org/board-of-education/

2025-2026 School Board Members

Courtney Jaskula

Charlie Luke

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Patrick Semexant

Jason Hoffman





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About the PTA

The PTA plays an important role in fundraising to provide healthy curriculum based programs and social events which are vital elements towards the success of Menands School. There are many opportunities for parents to become involved in any way that their personal schedules, strengths and interests. Your support, be it through volunteering at an event, fundraising or attending PTA meetings, shows our students and school how much they matter.

2025-2026 PTA Officers

Jennifer Vorobjev, President

Edward DerGurahian, Vice President

Gavin Klami, Secretary

Courtney Jaskula, Treasurer

Contact Your PTA

Please feel free to contact the PTA with any questions at menandsschoolpta@gmail.com

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MARCH 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	MAY 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		A 1 Passover (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN)	B 2 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	NO SCHOOL Spring Recess Good Friday	4
Easter 5	NO SCHOOL Spring Recess Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	7 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess Fire Comp. Meeting, 7 p.m.	NO SCHOOL Spring Recess Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	NO SCHOOL Spring Recess Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	NO SCHOOL Spring Recess	11
12	C 13 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m. NYSESLAT Speaking Begins	D 14 Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	E 15 PreK Information Night, 6 p.m.	F 16 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	A 17 Quarter 3 Ends PTA Yard Sale Drop Off	PTA Yard Sale
19	B 20 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	C 21 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	Earth Day Board of Education Meeting & Budget Workshop, 6:30 p.m. PTA Spring Fest	E 23 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	F 24 Brooks BBQ, 4:15-6 p.m. Gr. 5-8 Report Cards Mailed	25
26	A 27 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	B 28 MAT Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	New Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	D 30 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.		







School Budget

Budget Information

Joanne Moran, School Business Manager / jmoran@menands.org (518) 465-4561, ext. 105 / 19 Wards Ln., Menands, NY 12204

How is the school budget developed?

Each year, the Menands School Board works with the district leaders to create a school budget. Past and current budget information is posted on the district's website: www.menands.org

How can the community participate in the budget process?

The district holds several budget workshops throughout the budget process beginning in February as an opportunity for community members to stay informed on the current matters and issues to be voted on. The community and public are welcome to attend all board meetings throughout the budget process as well as the entire school year.

What does the public vote on?

The Board of Education adopts a proposed spending plan in mid-April. A newsletter describing budget highlights along with the required budget report card is then printed and mailed to all district homes in early May. All required budget material is also available in the District Offices, the Principal's Office and the Menands Public Library.

A public vote on the proposed budget, by law, is held on the third Tuesday in May, which this school year is May 19, 2026.

In addition to the district newsletter, Menands community members can access information about the proposed school budget, board candidates, library trustees, and all other propositions, if applicable, through the district website Board of Education meetings and the local media.

When and where is the vote?

Polls are open on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Menands School District Office, located at 19 Wards Lane, Menands, NY 12204.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Voters must be 18 years old, United States citizens, and have resided in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote. You do not need to be pre-registered in order to vote, but personal identification may be requested at the polls.

Absentee ballots are issued, upon request, to residents of the school district who will be out of town or unable to vote in person due to illness or disability. To vote via absentee ballot, district residents must first complete and sign an absentee ballot application. District residents may also request a mail in ballot via an application. Both are available at elections.ny.gov.

A completed application must be received by the district clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election if the ballot is to be picked up at the District Office. The ballot itself must be returned to the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.

Trisha O'Connell | District Clerk / toconnell@menands.org (518)465-4561, ext. 101 / 19 Wards Ln., Menands, NY 12204



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3	F 4 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m. NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing Begins	A 5 Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Fire Comp. Meeting, 7 p.m. Teacher Appreciation Day	B 6 Board of Education Meeting & Budget Hearing, 6:30 p.m.	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	D 8 PTA Multicultural Festival	9
			Teacher Appreciation Week			
Mother's Day	Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	MAT Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	A 13 Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m. Literacy Night, 6-7:15 p.m.	C 15	16
	Grades 5 & 8 NY	S Science Exams	PTA Bookfair			
17	Annual School District Budget Vote, 12-8 p.m. Evening of the Arts, 6 p.m. Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	PreK Lottery, 5 p.m. A-Z Countdown Begins	F 20 New Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	B 22 NYSESLAT Testing Ends Gr. 5-8 Progress Reports Mailed	23
24	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	C 26 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	D 27	E 28 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	F 29	30
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	A 1 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	B 2 Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Fire Comp. Meeting, 7 p.m.	C PTA General Membership Meeting	Menands Senior Citizen Group, 9 a.m. New Teacher Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	E 5 Field Day	6
7	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m. Field Day Rain Date	A 9 MAT Meeting, 3:15 p.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	B 10 Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	D 12 PTA Middle School Dance	13
14	Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	F 16 Faculty Meeting, 3:15 p.m.	A 17	Menands Senior Citizens Group 9 a.m. Trimester 3 Ends Quarter 4 Ends	NO SCHOOL Juneteenth	20
Father's Day	C 22 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m. Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony, 10 a.m.	E 24 Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m. PreK Moving-Up Ceremony, 9:30 a.m. PTA Staff Appreciation Lunch	Early Dismissal, 10:20 a.m. Last Day of School 8th Grade Graduation, 6 p.m. PreK-4 Report Cards Sent Home Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	26 5-8 Report Cards Mailed Home	27
28	29 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	30			MAY 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	JULY 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





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5	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	7 Fire Company Meeting, 7 p.m.	8	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	10	11
12	13 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	15	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	17	18
19	Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	21	22	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	24	25
26	27 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	28	29	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	31	





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JULY 2026 S M T W T F S	SEPTEMBER 2026 S M T W T F S					1
2	3 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	4 Fire Company Meeting, 7 p.m.	5	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	7	8
9	10 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	12	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m.	14	15
16	17 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	18 Kindergarten V	19 Varm Up Week	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m. Kindergarten Meet & Greet	21	22
23	24 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.	25	PreK Meet & Greet	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 9 a.m. New Student Orientation	28	29
30	31 Fire Department Drill, 7 p.m.					





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