Menands UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 Calendar

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💛 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, wellbalanced 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.





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.

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

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	
Fax: (518) 434-2840	

Faculty and Staff

Superintendent of Schools					
Jennifer Cannavo					
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jcannavo@menands.org					

Principal	
Kathleen Wylie	
(518) 465-4561, ext. 119	
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Joanne Moran
(518) 465- 4561, ext. 105
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Beth D'Angelo	
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dangelo@menands.org	

Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, District Clerk, Registrar

Trisha O'Connell

Nurse	
Diane Roseberger	
(518) 465-4561, ext. 109	
droseberger@menands.org	



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	NO SCHOOL 2 Labor Day	3 Superintendent's Conference Day Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Company Meeting, 8 p.m.	4 Superintendent's Conference Day	A 5 First Day of Classes Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m. Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	в 6	7
8 PTA Mum Sale Orders Due	C 9 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	D 10 MAT Meeting 8th	E 11 Patriot Day Auxillary Meeting, 7 p.m.	F 12 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	A 13	14
15	B 16 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	C 17 Teacher Meeting	D 18 Parent's Night, 6 p.m. Book Fair Family Night, 6 p.m. Book Fair	E 19 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	F 20	21
22	A 23 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	B 24 Faculty Meeting	C 25 New Teacher Meeting PTA Mum Sale Pick-Up	D 26 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	E 27	28 PTA Pancake Breakfast
29	F 30 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.				AUGUST 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER 2024 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



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	Beth D'Angelo Principal (Kathleen Wylie)	
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 (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)

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Red Ribbon Week	27	8th Grade Class Fundraiser Starts	_	в 30	Halloween Pumpkin Run, 1:30 p.m. Menands Senior Citizens		
			Red Ribbon Week				





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: 518-465-4572

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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3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	D 4 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	E 5 Election Day Teacher Meeting Fire Company Meeting, 8 p.m.	F 6	A 7 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	B 8 Quarter 1 Ends	9
10	11 No school Veterans Day	C 12 Faculty Meeting Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	D 13 Auxillary Meeting, 7 p.m. PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.	E 14 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	F 15 Early Dismissal 11:20 am Parent/Teacher Conferences Gr. 5-8 Report Cards Mailed Home	16
17	A 18 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	B 19 MAT Meeting	C 20 New Teacher Meeting	D 21 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	E 22 PTA Parents' Night Out	23
24	F 25 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	A 26	NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	NO SCHOOL	30





Residency/Registration

General registration is open all year. Pre-K registration runs from March 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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1	B 2 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	Teacher Meeting Fire Company Meeting, 8 p.m.	D 4	E 5 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m. th Long	F 6 Picture Make-Ups Trimester 1 Ends	7
8	A 9 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	B 10 MAT Meeting	C 11 Spelling Bee, 3:15 p.m. Auxillary Meeting, 7 p.m.	D 12 New Teacher Meeting Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m. PTA Spaghetti Dinner	E 13 PK-4 Report Cards Sent Home Early Dismissal 11:20 am Parent/Teacher Conferences	14
15	F 16 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	A 17 Faculty Meeting	в 18	C 19 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	D 20 Gr. 6-8 Progress Reports Mailed Home	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL Winter Recess Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	24 NO SCHOOL Christmas Eve Winter Recess	25 NO SCHOOL Christmas Day Hanukkah (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN) Winter Recess	26 NO SCHOOL Winter Recess Kwanzaa (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN) Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	27 NO SCHOOL Winter Recess	28
29	NO SCHOOL Winter Recess Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	31 No school New Year's Eve Winter Recess			NOVEMBER 2024 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	JANUARY 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 31





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 Ed Fisher 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 environmentalsensitive 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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5	A 6 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	B 7 Teacher Meeting Fire Company Meeting, 8 p.m.	C 8 Auxillary Meeting, 7 p.m.	D 9 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	E 10	11
12	F 13 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	A 14 MAT Meeting PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.	B 15	C 16 Winter Concert Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	D 17	18
19	20 No SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	E 21 Faculty Meeting Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	F 22 High School Fair 2 - 3 p.m. students, 6 - 7 p.m. virtual parents/ guardians	A 23 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	B 24	25
26	C 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	D 28 PTA Paint Night	29 No school Lunar New Year	E 30 New Teacher Meeting Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	F 31 Quarter 2 Ends	





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.

Professional 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 wellbeing. 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 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 in the district. All high school, private and charter students must request transportation by April 1 each year.



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2 Groundhog Day	A 3 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	B 4 Teacher Meeting Fire Company Meeting, 8 p.m.	c 5	D 6 PTA Middle School Fun Night Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	E 7 Gr. 5-8 Report Cards Mailed Home Early Dismissal 11:20 am Parent/Teacher Conferences	8
9	F 10 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	A 11 MAT Meeting	B 12 Auxillary Meeting, 7 p.m.	C 13 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	D 14	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day February Recess	18 No school February Recess Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	19 No school February Recess	20 NO SCHOOL February Recess Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	RO SCHOOL February Recess	22
23	E 24 Kids Heart Challenge Begins (K-5) Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	F 25 Faculty Meeting	A 26 New Teacher Meeting	B 27 Black History Month Celebration, 6 p.m7:30 p.m. Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	c 28	



Organizations 2024-25

MENANDS FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE OFFICERS

Chief: David Ognan	
1st Assistant Chief: Michael Steurer	
2nd Assistant Chief: Jonathan Dudley	
Captain: Harvey Bender	
Captain: TJ Robertson	
Lieutenant: Sherri Archambault	
Lieutenant: Tony Lipari	
Lieutenant: Nick Gingeresky	

MENANDS FIRE DEPARTMENT CIVIL OFFICERS

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President: Paul DeDominicis	
Vice President: Sherri Archambault	
Secretary: Nick Kalogridis	
Treasurer: John Stangle	
Financial Secretary: Mike Mackay	
Sergeant at Arms: Colin Schanz	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman: Peter Molinaro			
Vice Chairman: Robert Schanz			
Kirk Montanye			
Colin Schanz			
Harry Harbour Jr.			
Ben Lattanzio			
Mike Mackay			

MENANDS SCHOOL PTA

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

VILLAGE OF MENANDS

Brian Marsh	Mayor
Trustees	
Seth H. Harris	
Molly Harbour	
Timothy Lane	
Nicholas Galogridis	
Village Court	
Christopher Flint	Village Justice
Robert A. Becher	Acting Village Justice
Department of Public Works	
Mike Hagmann	Foreman
Sean Connors	Sub Foreman

518-434-2922 www.villageofmenands.com

MENANDS ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS

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

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2	D 3 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	E 4 Teacher Meeting Fire Company Meeting, 8 p.m.	F 5 Ash Wednesday	A 6 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	B 7 PTA Parents' Night Out Gr. 6-8 Progress Reports Mailed Home	8
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins	C 10 Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	D 11 MAT Meeting	E 12 Kindergarten Information Night Auxillary Meeting, 7 p.m.	F 13 Purim (BEGINS AT SUNDOWN) Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	14 Superintendent's Conference Day Holi Purim (ENDS AT SUNDOWN)	15
16	A 17 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	B 18 New Teacher Meeting Drama Club		D 20 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	E 21 Drama Club Performance Trimester 2 Ends PTA Flower Sale	22 Drama Club Performance PTA Flower Sale
23	F 24 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	A 25 Faculty Meeting	B 26	Laylat al-Qadr Menands Senior Citizens	D 28 Gr. PK-4 Report Cards Sent Home	29
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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/

> 2024-2025 School Board Members

Courtney Jaskula, Board President William Nevins, Board Vice President Charles Luke Elangovan Raman Trisha O'Connell, District Clerk





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.

2024-2025 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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			E 1 Fire Company Meeting, 8 p.m.	F 2 PreK Information Night	A 3 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	B 4	5 PTA Spring Fest
	6	C 7 NYSESLAT Speaking Begins Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	D 8 Teacher Meeting	E 9 Auxillary Meeting, 7 p.m. Quarter 3 Ends	F 10 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	A 11	12 Passover (Begins at sundown)
	13	14 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	15 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess	16 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess Gr. 5-8 Report Cards Mailed Home	17 NO SCHOOL Spring Recess Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	18 No school Good Friday Spring Recess	19
Easter Passover (ENDS AT SUNDOWN)	20	B 21 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	C 22 Earth Day Faculty Meeting	D 23 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	E 24 Kindergarten Screening, 9 a.m 3 p.m. Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	F 25 7th Grade Brooks' Chicken BBQ, 4:15-6 p.m.	26
	27	A 28 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	B 29 MAT Meeting	C 30 New Teacher Meeting Grades 3-8 NYS ELA Exams		Image: Bar Strain Strai	Imay 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 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





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 Menand's 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 20, 2025.

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 20 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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1	A 2 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	B 3 Teacher Meeting Fire Company Meeting, 8 p.m.	C 4 New Teacher Meeting Earth Science Regents Exam	D 5 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m. Zoning Board of Appeals (if needed), 6 p.m.	E 6 Field Day	7
8	F 9 Field Day Rain Date Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	A 10 MAT Meeting	B 11 Auxillary Meeting, 7 p.m.	Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	c 13	14
15 Father's Day	D 16 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m. Villiage Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	E 17 Faculty Meeting Menands Village Elections	F 18 Yusef Westerman Memorial Talent Show 1:30 - 3 p.m.	19 No school Juneteenth Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	A 20 Trimester 3 Ends Quarter 4 Ends	21
22	B 23 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	C 24 Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m. Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony, 10 a.m.	D 25 Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m. PreK Moving Up Ceremony, 9:30 a.m.	E 26 Early Dismissal, 10:30 a.m. Last Day of School 8th Grade Graduation, 6 p.m. PreK-4 Report Cards Sent Home Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	5-8 Report Cards Mailed Home	28
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24	25 Fire Dept. Drill, 7 p.m.	26	27	28 Menands Senior Citizens Group, 10 a.m.	29	30
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