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UNION SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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UNION SPRINGS
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent Message



@UnionSpringsCSD

Dear USCS D Community:

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 academic year! We are excited to have our students return to our schools and look forward to a year of growth and opportunity for our school community. While the past two school years have been ones of logistical, financial, and pandemic related challenges, we are eager to begin this new school year with our students, and we are ready to do our best work to improve student learning outcomes.

The trust, support, and partnership that the district enjoys with the community means a great deal. Your feedback and willingness to engage with us as we work to provide our community's children with a solid educational experience, makes our district an incredible special place to learn and grow. While it is difficult to predict how the virus and its variants will impact our school in the coming months, please know that we will do everything in our power to promote a safe and healthy school environment. We will continue to follow the guidance of the CDC and state and local health departments as it relates to masks, social distancing, and intensive cleaning practices; while at the same time, we will try to promote all the regular elements of a schooling experience. As a learning organization, we are working diligently to be as responsive as we possibly can to the shifting nature of the pandemic, but as you well know, the guidance on what schools should do shifts regularly and often results in challenging scenarios for us to operate within their parameters. I truly appreciate all you have done to help our district and our students during these challenging times, and I sincerely value your cooperation and support.

This year, we welcome Mr. Jason Dentel as our high school principal, and Ms. Breana Mullen as our middle school principal. They have both been in our district since July 1, and have jumped right into the work in getting our schools ready for our students to return. I appreciate their enthusiasm, energy, and ideas to support our students and our school community. I trust that when you meet them, you will find them to be strong partners in ensuring student learning and achievement.

By the time you read this, our classrooms will be cleaned and polished, our books will be ready and counted, our digital learning devices will be updated and ready to be distributed, our students will be getting ready for the fall sports season, and our schools will be ready to open. This is always such a great time of year, as new beginnings offer so much promise and opportunity. By working together, I am confident that this district will continue to serve its students and provide a strong educational program in the year ahead. I am honored to serve as the superintendent of our school district, and I wish you all the very best school year in the months to come.



Educationally yours,

Jarett S. Powers, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Mark Your Calendars

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| Sept. 1-2 | Superintendent's Conference Days | Sept. 22 | Grades 2-3 Parent Info Night |
| Sept. 2 | 5th Grade Orientation | Sept. 22 | Beginning Band Info Night |
| Sept. 2 | 9th Grade Orientation | Sept. 23 | MS/HS Open House |
| Sept. 6 | Labor Day (No School) | Sept. 25 | Homecoming |
| Sept. 7 | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! | Sept. 27 | Board of Education Meeting |
| Sept. 13 | Board of Education Meeting | Oct. 11 | Columbus Day (No School) |
| Sept. 16 | Grade 4 Parent Info Night | Oct. 12 | Board of Education Meeting |
| Sept. 21 | Grades K-1 Parent Info Night | Oct. 12 | NJHS Inductions |

FOR A FULL LIST OF EVENTS, VIEW OUR CALENDAR ON WWW.UNIONSPRINGS.ORG

High School Principal Message



@UnionSpringsHS

Dear USCS D Community:

Welcome back for the 2021-2022 school year. My name is Jason Dentel (pronounced Den-tell), and it is my distinct honor to introduce myself as the new Union Springs High School Principal. Before coming to Union Springs, I was the assistant principal at Newark High School for two years and was a teacher for twenty-plus years before that. In my first weeks at Union Springs, I have been impressed with the entire team's (support staff, teachers, counselors, and administrators) work preparing for the upcoming school year.

The role of the high school is to help our students become college and career-ready and see their role in the larger community. Two crucial factors in this are attendance and engagement in the "high school experience."

Showing up for school has a significant impact on a student's academic success. Families are a vital factor in making sure students come every day and help deliver the message that attendance is essential. One of the keys to successful attendance is communication between home and school. Would you please reach out to our school nurse or counselors if there is the information we need to know about attendance concerns?

Union Springs will once again offer many extra-curricular activities for our students. Our athletic teams will again merge with Port Byron, which offers our students a more extensive menu of sports opportunities. Homecoming week is the week of September 20th, and along with spirit days, the week will culminate with games being played on our campus Friday and Saturday. We also offer many clubs and activities we encourage our students to participate in. Please encourage your student to participate in activities to broaden their overall experience here at the high school.

As a district, we continue to monitor safety guidelines in the hope of returning the time-honored traditions that Union Springs offers. I will also be meeting with groups of students, parents, and staff to look at new traditions we want to begin.

Some logistical information: Student arrival is 7:30AM this year, and dismissal is 2:20PM. We will have an academic support period from 2:20 - 3PM. In early October, we will begin our 3-5 tutoring sessions and homework support. There will be a 5PM bus, and on the AM announcements, we will let you know which teachers are staying after.

The Union Springs High School Handbook, which includes our Code of Conduct and acceptable use policy, will come home with your students in the first weeks of school. Please review these with your student and return them to their homeroom teacher by September 24th.

This summer, I listened to a podcast, and the speaker used the phrase, "It is better to get it right instead of being right." This philosophy resonated with me because we do not always have all the answers. Still, through communication and collaboration, we can, "get it right."

The 2021-2022 school year promises to be an exciting year for all of our students. We look forward to welcoming students back on September 7th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 315-889-4110.



Sincerely,

Jason Dentel
High School Principal

Save the Date

MS/HS OPEN HOUSE



SEPTEMBER 23 - 6-8PM

Come meet our staff as we
showcase our building!



Middle School Principal Message



@UnionSpringsMS

Dear USCS D Community:

Welcome back, everyone, to the 2021-2022 school year! This summer our faculty and staff have been working hard to prepare for this year and I am honored to join this dedicated Middle School Family as your new principal! This is my twelfth year in education, having served previously as a Foreign Language Teacher in grades 5-12 and a Middle/High School Assistant Principal for the past four years. I have been fortunate to speak with and meet many of our USMS families so far, and I look forward to meeting all of you as the school year gets underway.

As always, our Middle School is dedicated to providing all students the opportunity to develop academically and socially in a safe and positive learning environment. In order to meet this goal, we will continue to provide students with challenging academic courses while offering support to help our students achieve their best. We will also continue our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program which we fondly call our Way Of the Wolf (W.O.W.). This school-wide, research-based system supports our school community in teaching and promoting a safe learning environment for all students.

In addition to celebrating our students through the Way Of the Wolf, we will be welcoming back many extracurricular activities and athletics. Students, please get involved in activities you enjoy or try something new! These are fantastic opportunities to make new friends and find new talents you may have never known you had.

Our Union Springs Middle School Handbook will be coming home with your child the first week of school. This handbook includes contact information for our teachers, our code of conduct, and our acceptable use policy for technology. Please review the code of conduct and the acceptable use policy with your child, sign these documents, and return them to the Middle School office by Friday, September 24th.

Some important upcoming dates for our Middle School include:

- 5th Grade Orientation, September 1st at 5:30 p.m.
- 6th Grade Orientation, September 1st at 6:30 p.m.
- MS/HS Open House, September 23rd 6:00pm - 8:00 p.m.
- Middle School Musical, Roald Dahl's Matilda Jr

*Information Sessions: After school on Thurs., September 9th and Fri., September 10th

*Show Times: Fri., November 12th at 7:00 p.m. & Sat., November 13th at 2:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year at our Union Springs Middle School! In the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 315-889-4112.



Sincerely,

Breana Mullen
Middle School Principal

Save the Dates

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATIONS

GRADE 5

September 1 - 5:30PM

GRADE 6

September 1 - 6:30PM

MS/HS OPEN HOUSE

September 23 - 6-8PM

Middle School Musical

Roald Dahl's Matilda Jr

COMING THIS NOVEMBER!

Elementary Principal Message



@UnionSpringsAJ

Dear USCSD Community:

Welcome to Andrew J. Smith Elementary School! I am delighted that you are a part of our learning community. After an unprecedented 2020-21 school year, we have all grown in ways we never thought imaginable. It is important to look back to see how far we have come. Our movement forward was made possible because of the incredible members of this community, and our ability to offer full day programs for all of our elementary students. I welcome and value your dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to again working with you and your children.

The Andrew J. Smith Elementary staff continues the commitment of working collaboratively with all students, staff, and parents to achieve great things. We remain focused on the goal that every third grade student will read at or above grade level at the completion of third grade. Each year we move closer and close to this attainable goal, and this year we need your support more than ever. To support us, we ask that you stay connected with your child's teacher and get involved in their learning.

A big initiative that will continue this year is our building wide system titled Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a system that supports, teaches, and promotes positive behaviors to create a safe learning environment. Students at Andrew J. Smith Elementary are team members by following our three school-wide expectations:

Be Respectful * Be Responsible * Be Safe

Students are recognized throughout the school year for following these expectations with school wide events and individual classroom celebrations.

The best way to keep up to date on school events, visit our district webpage at www.unionspringscsd.org and click on the 2021-22 academic calendar, follow our building calendar sent home with students at the end of each month, or follow us on twitter at @UnionSpringsAJ.

I look forward to greeting all of our students on Tuesday, September 7th when the doors open for the start of 2021-22 school year!

If I can answer any questions you might have please do not hesitate to contact me at sladouce@unionspringscsd.org or by calling the Elementary office at (315) 889-4170.



Sincerely,

Mrs. Sheila LaDouce
Principal of Special Programs

Save the Dates

ELEMENTARY PARENT NIGHTS

GRADE 4

September 16 - 6:30PM

GRADES K-1

September 21 - 6:30PM

GRADES 2-3

September 22 - 6:30PM

First Day of School

SEPT. 7TH!



Athletics



@USCSD_Wolves

Dear Athletes and Parents:

Soon it will be time to begin our fall sports season and we are very excited about it. This year a student can play soccer or volleyball at Union Springs or they could choose football, field hockey, cross country, or cheerleading at Port Byron. The start of the sports seasons are just around the corner. There will be a "Meet the Coach Night" on August 18 at 6PM in the auditorium. Athletes and their parents are encouraged to attend if they are interested in a fall sport. The season officially begins on August 23 for Varsity and JV athletes and the first day of school for modified teams. Reminder, all athletes must have a current physical and have their required Health History Update and Emergency Contact Card complete and reviewed by the nurses office prior to the first practice in order to participate. All of these forms can be found in the high school office throughout the summer.

We have a full slate of games with some special dates to consider. On September 10th and 11th, Union Springs will host the Cufari Soccer Tournament, which will feature both Girls and Boys Varsity competition with some of our neighboring schools. These games will be under the lights and on campus. On September 24th and 25th it will be Homecoming Weekend with all teams participating in games and other events. After a year off, we will be inducting our newest class into the Union Springs Athletic Hall of Fame. This year, Henry Wilde (wrestler) and the 1965-66 Varsity Wrestling team will be inducted. Please see the website to purchase tickets to this event.

We hope that everyone has had a relaxing summer and you are ready to the back on the playing field and court. It is an exciting time of year, I hope you are ready!!



Sincerely,

Todd Salls
Athletic Director



CUFARI SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Under the Lights

September 10-11

Save the Dates

HOMECOMING GAMES

September 24-25

HALL OF FAME *Ceremony*

October 2

Tickets are \$25

Visit www.unionsprings.org/athletics to order online or call 315-889-4136!

Bus Routes

MS/HS SCHEDULE

Please review the bus routes and schedule below, as changes have been made. Time schedules are critical, so please have your children ready at the bus stop well in advance of pick-up time. Your cooperation throughout the year in helping maintain these schedules is extremely important. The times listed are approximate and may vary due to the numerous changes that normally take place as school gets under way. Your patience and understanding during the first few weeks of school is always appreciated.

Bus 1 - Bear

6:40 AM Dildine Rd.
 6:43 Hardy Rd.
 6:48 Wheeler Rd.
 6:50 Great Gully Rd.
 6:55 Route 90 - South
 6:58 Levanna Rd.
 7:00 Sands Rd.
 7:05 Cooney Corners Rd
 7:10 Farley's Pt & Rte 90
 7:11 Carr's Cove & Rte 90
 7:13 Cayuga St.(75 & lower)
 7:14 Arnold St.
 7:15 Evergreen St.
 7:18 Center St. (27 & lower; 6th gr. Only)
 7:20 Grove St. (90 & higher; 6th gr. Only)
 7:22 Park St. (6th gr. Only)
 7:23 Seminary St. (6th grade only)
 7:25 Schobey & Cayuga St. (6th gr. Only)
 7:30 Union Springs MS/HS

Bus 2 - Alligator

6:40 AM Creager Rd.
 6:43 Waldron Rd. (4522 & lower)
 6:45 Route 34B (4516 & 4298)
 6:47 F/S Townline Rd. (2505&higher)
 6:53 Sloan Rd. / Red Tape Dr.
 6:55 Route 34 (4813 & lower)
 7:00 Cork St.
 7:05 F/S Townline Rd. (1700's and lower)
 7:10 Number One Rd. (1060 and higher)
 7:15 Oak Dr.
 7:18 North & South Dr.
 7:19 Grove St.
 7:20 Homer St.
 7:23 Cayuga St. (South of School - 6th gr. only)
 7:25 Union Springs MS/HS

Bus 3 - Cat

6:40 AM Davis Rd.
 6:42 Powers Rd.
 6:48 Route 34B (4831)
 6:51 Route 34 (4976 & higher, even #'s)
 6:55 Glanville Rd.
 6:58 Silver St. Rd.
 7:05 Stone School Rd.
 7:07 Silver St. Rd. (5022)
 7:08 Mill St.
 7:10 Dublin Rd. (2452 and higher)
 7:12 Route 34 (4991)
 7:17 Number One Rd. (989 and lower)
 7:18 Center St. (37 and Higher)
 7:25 Union Springs Academy
 7:30 Union Springs MS/HS

Bus 4 - Frog

6:38 AM White Rd.
 6:40 Delaney Rd.
 6:42 Dublin Rd. (2286 and lower)
 6:43 Bluefield Rd.
 6:45 Riester Rd.
 6:46 Dougall Rd.
 6:50 Seviar Rd.
 6:53 Pinckney Rd.
 7:00 Overbrook Dr.
 7:04 Bluefield Rd.
 7:08 Dietrich Rd.
 7:13 Ridge Rd.
 7:15 Spring St. Rd.
 7:25 Union Springs MS/HS

Bus 5 - Dino

6:40 AM Connors Rd
 6:48 Webb Rd.
 6:50 A/S Townline Rd. (1131 and higher)
 6:53 Oakwood Rd.
 6:55 Route 326 (1797 and higher)
 7:00 W. Genesee St. (2122 and higher)
 7:03 Bluefield Rd. / Deerview Dr.
 7:05 Elmhurst Circle
 7:10 Experimental Rd.
 7:15 Route 326
 7:20 Cayuga St. (274 & higher; 6th gr.)
 7:25 Union Springs MS/HS

Bus 7 - Rabbit

6:40 AM W. Genesee St. Rd. (304 - 585)
 6:45 Short Rd.
 6:48 Clark St. Rd. (Even Side)
 6:50 Blanchard Rd. (6557)
 6:55 Coopers Trailer Park
 6:57 Clark St. Rd. (West)
 7:00 Cayuga Rd.
 7:05 Genesee St (229-274)
 7:08 Court St.
 7:10 Wheat St.
 7:12 Wheat St. & Center St.
 7:13 Annin & Center St. St.
 7:15 Center & Genesee St.
 7:17 Route 90 & Genesee St.
 7:20 Route 90 (5000's)
 7:25 Route 90 & Backus Rd.
 7:28 Union Springs MS/HS

Bus 9 - Wolf

6:30 AM Turnpike Rd. Ext.
 6:33 Turnpike Rd. (756 & 561)
 6:35 Fuller Rd.
 6:40 Gable Lane
 6:45 Fosterville Rd.
 6:50 Blanchard Rd.
 6:55 Laraway Rd.
 7:00 Baldwin Rd.
 7:05 Clark St. Rd. (309 & lower)
 7:10 Route 90 (6949)
 7:12 River Rd.
 7:15 Route 90 (6000's)
 7:18 Water St.
 7:20 Lake St.
 7:23 Manitau Rd.
 7:25 Route 90 (5064 - 5199)
 7:30 Union Springs MS/HS

Bus 10 - Squirrel

6:45 AM Route 90 (5520)
 6:50 Wheat St. (280)
 6:53 Chappell Road
 7:00 Walker Rd.
 7:03 W. Genesee St. Rd. (620 - 778)
 7:05 Blanchard & W. Genesee St. Rd.
 7:07 W. Genesee St. Rd. (1095 - 1798)
 7:15 Chamberlain Rd.
 7:18 A/S Town Line Rd. (953)
 7:20 Cross Rd. (ALL)
 7:23 Bacon Rd.
 7:30 Union Springs MS/HS

Bus 11 - Giraffe

6:30 AM Johnson Dr.
 6:35 Clark St. Rd.
 6:35 Emily Dr. & Clark St.
 6:37 Beechtree Rd.
 6:43 Canoga Rd. (6313 - 6349)
 6:45 Webster Rd.
 6:55 Canoga Rd.(6562 & higher)
 7:00 Basswood Rd.
 7:05 Lime Kiln Rd.
 7:10 Ridge Rd. (5547)
 7:15 Fitzpatrick Rd.
 7:20 Waldron Rd. (5198)
 7:30 Union Springs MS/HS

Bus Routes

AJ SMITH SCHEDULE

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Transportation Supervisor, Andrea Lang, at (315) 889-5036.



Bus 1 - Bear

7:55 AM Route 90 (4178)
 7:58 Farley's Point
 8:00 Cooneys Corners
 8:02 Kings Corner Rd
 8:07 Truesdale Rd. (4271)
 8:10 Hardy Rd.
 8:15 Dildine Rd.
 8:17 Seminary St.
 8:18 Park St.
 8:19 Cayuga St. & Factory St.
 8:20 Cayuga St.
 8:21 Cayuga St. & Basin St.
 8:22 Center St. (2 - 18)
 8:23 Homer St.
 8:25 Evergreen St.
 8:30 Arnold St.
 8:33 Cayuga St. (84-103)
 8:35 Homer St.
 8:45 Andrew J Smith Elementary School
 8:50 US MS - 5th Grade

Bus 2 - Alligator

7:55 AM Great Gully Rd. (1600)
 7:58 Ridge Rd. (4398 & 4435)
 8:00 Route 34B - 4652 and lower
 8:02 Cork St.
 8:03 Justin Dr.
 8:04 Eric Ln
 8:07 F/S Townline Rd.
 8:20 Truesdale Rd.
 8:23 Creager Rd.
 8:28 Oak Dr.
 8:35 North/ South Dr.
 8:37 Grove St.
 8:45 Andrew J Smith Elementary School
 8:50 US MS - 5th Grade

Bus 3 - Cat

7:55 AM Route 34B (4710, 4729 & 4852)
 8:00 Route 34 (Even)
 8:05 Glanville Rd.
 8:08 Silver St. Rd.
 8:10 Stone School Rd.
 8:12 Silver St. Rd.
 8:15 Mill St.
 8:18 Dublin Rd.
 8:22 Route 34 (Odd)
 8:20 Route 34B
 8:25 Powers Rd. (ALL)
 8:30 Davis Rd. (ALL)
 8:35 Center St. (37 - 72)
 8:38 Anthony St.
 8:45 Andrew J Smith Elementary School
 8:50 US MS - 5th Grade

Bus 4 - Frog

7:50 AM Fitzpatrick Rd.
 7:53 Large Rd.
 7:58 Pinckney Rd.
 8:00 Bluefield Rd. (5891 and lower)
 8:05 Riester Rd.
 8:07 Dougall Rd.
 8:10 Kijowski Rd.
 8:13 Deitrich Rd.
 8:15 White Rd.
 8:17 Delaney Rd.
 8:19 Dublin Rd.
 8:22 Bluefield Rd. (2265)
 8:25 Van Liew Rd.
 8:27 Spring St. Rd.
 8:28 Spring St. Community Care & Rec.
 8:33 Spring St.
 8:40 US Middle School - 5th Grade
 8:45 Andrew J Smith Elementary School

Bus 5 - Dino

7:55 AM Connors Rd
 8:00 Route 326
 8:08 W. Genesee St. Rd. (1974, 2122)
 8:10 Elmhurst Circle
 8:12 Murphy Dr. & Elmhurst Circle
 8:15 W. Genesee St. (2150 & higher)
 8:18 Bluefield Rd.
 8:20 Deerview Dr.
 8:22 Bluefield Rd
 8:25 Experimental Rd.
 8:30 Oakwood Rd.
 8:33 A/S Townline Rd. (1308, 1255)
 8:35 Webb Rd.
 8:38 Route 326 (1183 & lower)
 8:45 Andrew J Smith Elementary School

Bus 7 - Rabbit

7:50 AM Lake St. (6030)
 7:55 Short Rd.
 8:03 Clark St. Rd. (East)
 8:05 Clark St. Rd. (West)
 8:10 Cayuga Rd.
 8:12 Genesee St(Village of Cayuga)
 8:14 Center St. (Cayuga)
 8:15 Wheat St. (210-217)
 8:17 Court St. (6143 & lower)
 8:18 Manitau Rd.
 8:20 Lake St.
 8:25 Genesee St. (203 - 222)
 8:33 Route 90 (5444 & 4999)
 8:35 Cayuga St. (Union Springs 304-221)
 8:45 AJ Smith Elementary School

Bus 9 - Wolf

7:40 AM Towpath Rd. & Water St.
 7:45 Route 90 (6790 & 6949)
 7:53 Fosterville Rd.
 8:00 Turnpike Rd (1035 & Higher)
 8:03 Gable Lane
 8:05 965 Turnpike Rd.
 8:08 Blanchard Rd.
 8:10 Laraway Rd.
 8:12 756 Turnpike Rd
 8:15 633 Turnpike Rd.
 8:18 Laraway Rd.
 8:22 Turnpike Rd
 8:25 Clark St. Rd. (330 & lower)
 8:30 River Rd.
 8:33 Route 90 (6000's)
 8:35 Willard St. / Court St.
 8:45 AJ Smith Elementary School

Bus 10 - Squirrel

7:55 AM Wheat St. (276-286)
 7:58 Chappell Rd.
 8:00 Walker Rd
 8:03 W. Genesee St. Rd. (623 - 644)
 8:05 Blanchard & W. Genesee St.
 8:07 W. Genesee St. Rd.
 8:12 Boces Day Care
 8:15 W. Genesee St. Rd.
 8:20 Oakwood Rd.
 8:23 Chamberlain Rd.
 8:25 Benham Rd.
 8:27 A/S Town Line Rd. (963 & 686)
 8:30 Cross Rd. (All incl. Bacon Rd.)
 8:37 Old Route 326
 8:45 AJ Smith Elementary School

Bus 11 - Giraffe

7:55 AM Johnson Dr. (mailboxes)
 8:00 Birch Dr. & Clark St.
 8:02 Emily Dr. & Clark St.
 8:03 Clark St.
 8:05 Mullen Dr. & Clark St.
 8:08 Beechtree Rd.
 8:13 Canoga Rd. (east)
 8:18 Beechtree Rd (6604 & higher)
 8:23 Canoga Rd. (west)
 8:25 Half Acre Rd.
 8:28 East Dr.
 8:30 Lime Kiln & Clark St. Rd.
 8:35 Fitzpatrick Rd.
 8:38 Waldron Rd. (5159)
 8:45 AJ Smith Elementary School

Food Services



@UnionSpringsCSD

Union Springs schools are committed to offering well-balanced, nourishing meals every day at a minimal cost. We will continue to provide breakfast and lunch in all of our instructional buildings. Menus are planned based on nutritional guidelines, what kids like, and cost. We try very hard to limit fat and salt content within our meals, and our menus are audited for their nutritional value. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding our services, or if your child has a food allergy, please contact our Food Services Manager, Kathy Smith, at (315) 889-4120.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

With *NutriKids*, every student has their own personal account they can use to pay for meals and a la carte items. We encourage parents to deposit money into their child's account, although students can still pay cash at the register. A prepayment credit system is offered by MySchoolBucks.com, which allows parents to deposit money into accounts online with a credit/debit card. Deposits can also be made by sending in cash or checks in a sealed envelope with the student's full name on the outside.

If your family qualifies for free or reduced price meals, student information is secure within the system, and meals are processed the same as they are for all students.

FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH:

Meals for all Union Springs CSD students will be free throughout the 2021-22 school year. That means children attending Union Springs CSD will continue to have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. The move was made possible by Federal funds.



In addition to free breakfast and lunch for students in attendance at A.J. Smith Elementary, Union Springs Middle School, and Union Springs High School, breakfast and lunch meals will be available to any remote learning student in the Union Springs Central School District who wants it. This includes our students in grades 6-12 who attend school in person every other day.

To schedule meals, please contact Kathy Smith, the district Food Services Manager, at 315-889-4120. If you hear a recording, please leave your name and contact information and the information will be passed along to the appropriate person.

Menus are available at the schools and on the Food Services page of our website:

WWW.UNIONSPRINGSCSD.ORG

Code of Conduct Summary

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This is a summary of the Code of Conduct adopted by the Board of Education of the Union Springs Central School District. The code contains the rules for conduct on district property and at district functions as well as the penalties for unacceptable conduct. The code applies to ALL individuals who come on school property and is not restricted to classroom instruction. Students, parents, visitors, and district employees all have certain responsibilities regarding the education of district students and are all subject to the code while on district property or at district functions.

Generally, the district expects:

- Students to come to school prepared to learn and to conduct themselves in a safe and respectful manner while at school.
- Parents to cooperate with the district in the education of their children and to communicate with appropriate school personnel regarding any questions or concerns.
- Teachers to be prepared to teach and to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect in the classroom.
- Administrators to promote a safe, healthy, and stimulating academic environment that is conducive to learning and student success.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

All district students have the right to pursue an education in an atmosphere that is safe and conducive to learning, and to achieve all that they are capable of achieving and to be respected on the merits of their attributes as individuals. As citizens of the United States of America and residents of New York State, the students have the right to procedural due process guaranteed by The United States Constitution and New York State Education Law prior to disciplinary action taken against them. Students have the right to freedom of speech and expression which do not interfere with the educational process or infringe upon the right of others. Each and every student has the right to attend school and be free from discrimination in any form. Along with the rights comes responsibility. It is expected that all students of The Union Springs Central School District will conduct themselves with respect toward self, fellow students, teachers, and others. Furthermore, it is expected that all students will strive to achieve to their potential in all areas. Students should show respect for the district property and the property of others by following reasonable directions of the faculty and administration by fulfilling their classroom learning obligations. Display positive behavior and performance and always demonstrate a high degree of good sportsmanship.

Appropriate Language

It is expected that all members of the learning community will use appropriate language and refrain from gestures that are profane, lewd, vulgar, or abusive while on school property or attending school sponsored events.

Dress Code

All students, staff, and visitors are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. Teachers and all other district personnel shall exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in a school setting. A student's dress; grooming and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, including heavy weighted pocket chains, make-up and nails, shall: Be safe, appropriate, and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process; Recognize that extremely brief garments such as tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines (front and/or back), and see-through garments are not appropriate; Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing; Include footwear at all times. Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed; Not include the wearing of hats in the classroom except for a medical or religious purpose; Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability; Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities. Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so and/or repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to discipline up to and including suspension.

Discrimination and Bullying/Harassment

The district prohibits discrimination or bullying/harassment against any student by another student, employee, or visitor on school property or at a school function that creates a hostile environment. Discrimination includes the use of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, weight or disability as a basis for treating another in a negative manner. Bullying (either physical, verbal, or psychological) is defined as a variety of negative acts carried out repeatedly over time. It involves a real or perceived imbalance of power, with a more powerful child or group attacking those who are less powerful. The complete district policy may be accessed in any administrative office [policy #7000]. Any act of discrimination or bullying/harassment, outside of school-sponsored events, which can reasonably be expected to materially and substantially disrupt the education process may be subject to discipline.

Prohibited Student Conduct

The code contains a list of defined prohibited conduct, which is not meant to be exhaustive. Any conduct that violates the code, any federal or New York State statute, or any established practice of the district may be the basis for discipline. Students may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from school when they engage in conduct that is disorderly, insubordinate, disruptive, violent, or that endangers the safety, morals and the health and welfare of others. It is also a violation of the code of conduct if a student engages in any form of academic misconduct.

Conduct on School Buses

The code also governs the conduct of students on school buses. Generally, standards of conduct that apply in the classroom shall also apply to conduct on school buses. All passengers are to obey the instructions of the bus driver. The district may suspend a student's right to ride the bus for any conduct that distracts the driver.

Discipline

Students and any others who violate the code will be subject to disciplinary action. District officials may use a range of responses to address student misconduct. Before disciplining a student, district officials may issue a warning, conduct a parent conference, or provide counseling or mediation. Disciplinary actions may include a consequence from a sequential discipline schedule, a school or activity suspension, in-School Planning, a Superintendent's Hearing, personal liability, and police notification. Any person found in violation of the code shall be subject to appropriate criminal and/or civil penalties.

Teacher Removal of Disruptive Students

The code authorizes classroom teachers to remove disruptive students from classrooms when classroom management techniques are ineffective. The code spells out the procedures that must be followed when a teacher removes a student from the classroom, including notice to the student and the opportunity for parents to meet with the principal. No teacher may remove a student with a disability from a class until the teacher has verified with the principal or the chairperson of the Committee on Special Education that the removal will not violate the student's rights under state or federal law.

Due Process

Students are entitled to due process before the district imposes any discipline. In every case, the district must inform the student of the misconduct and investigate the facts surrounding the misconduct. The district must allow all students to present their version of the facts. Beyond this, the level of due process ranges from parent notification and informal conferences to a formal hearing pursuant to the Education Law #3214. Detailed procedures for dealing with misconduct by special education and disabled students are also in place.

Visitors

The code also applies to visitors, who are subject to the authority of the building principal while on district premises or at district functions. All visitors must use the main entrance to the building and report upon arrival to the main office at A. J. Smith Elementary School and the Attendance Office at the Middle/High School to sign the visitor's log and receive a visitor's pass. The visitor's pass must be worn at all times while on district premises.

Violations

The code contains a list of defined prohibited conduct, which is not meant to be exhaustive. Any conduct that violates the code, any federal or New York State statute, or any established practice of the district may be the basis for discipline.

REVIEW OF CODE

Any person wishing to review the district's complete Code of Conduct may do so on our website, www.unionspringscsd.org. In addition, each school's handbook is available in the school's main office and on their school homepage on the website.

Response to Intervention

Did you know that our district can put support in place if your son/daughter is having academic and/or behavior difficulty in school? Each school is required by New York State to have a Response to Intervention (Rtl) policy in place for at least Grades K-4. The goal of Rtl is to help students academically BEFORE they fall too far behind.

Even though our district has an Rtl process in place, it is our duty to inform all parents of their right to refer their child for an evaluation of special education services or programs if they suspect their child may have a disability. If, at any time, you suspect your child may have a disability, please contact our Principal of Special Programs, Sheila LaDouce, to submit a written request for an evaluation.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Union Springs Central School District, in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Title VI of The Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, or the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, political affiliation, sex, age, marital or veteran status, or disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to provide an environment free from harassment and intimidation in the career, technical or educational programs and activities it operates.

We do not permit discrimination by employees, school volunteers, students and non-employees such as contractors and vendors, as well as any third parties participating in, observing or otherwise engaged in activities subject to the supervision of the district. This includes recruitment and employment practices, pay and benefits, counseling services for students, access by students to career, technical or other educational programs, courses and activities. The board also prohibits harassment based upon an individual's opposition to the discrimination or participation in a related investigation or complaint proceeding under the anti-discrimination statutes.

This policy of non-discrimination and anti-harassment will be enforced on school district premises, in school buildings and at all school sponsored events, programs and activities including those that take place off school premises. Inquires or complaint should be forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools.

What are the benefits of Rtl?

- All students are assessed for their skills on a regular basis.
- It is proactive. Rather than taking a "wait and see" approach, students receive help as soon as there is evidence they are struggling.
- Additional supports are an add-on to, not instead of, the instruction students receive in the classroom.
- Students' progress is monitored regularly to check for improvement or needs for adjustment to instruction.

To learn more about Rtl, visit the Special Education page on our website, www.unionspringscsd.org, or contact our Special Education team at (315) 889-4117.

Grievance Procedure for Non-Discrimination Policy

The compliance officer for Section 504 and other grievances related to student activities is the Program Coordinator Sheila LaDouce telephone 315-889-4117. The compliance officer for all employee related activities is the Assistant Superintendent for Business Marge Robbins telephone 315-889-4157. Both can be contacted in writing at the Union Springs School District Office, 239 Cayuga Street, Union Springs, New York 13160.

The compliance officer, upon request, will provide a copy of the district's grievance procedure to any employee, student or other covered person.

A copy of each of the Acts and Regulations upon which this notice is based will be made available, upon written request to the district compliance officer.

STUDENT RECORD ACCESS

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents and students over 18 years of age have the right to inspect and review their child's records or to request the amendment of records believed to be inaccurate or misleading. Student records are private unless the parent or student older than 18 consents to disclosure of personally identifiable information. (FERPA authorizes disclosure of personal information without consent in limited circumstances, such as criminal investigations.) The U.S. Education Department in recently released FERPA guidance, states that school districts may, in their discretion, release education records, including disciplinary records, to another educational institution, including a college, where the student seeks to enroll without obtaining parental consent.

Safety, Security and More

Safety Plans

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act ("Project SAVE") requires all New York School districts to adopt district-wide and building-level safety plans.

The Union Springs Central School District (the "District") has adopted a district-wide plan and a building-level plan for each of the district schools, as required by Project SAVE.

The following is a summary of the district-wide plan:

The district-wide plan contains policies and procedures for responding to threats of violence or acts of violence by students, staff and visitors; prevention and intervention strategies; policies and procedures for contacting law enforcement officials, parent/guardians, and emergency responders in the event of an incident; policies and procedures regarding school building security; protocols for responding to incidents; and strategies for improving communication and the reporting of potential incidents.

The following is a summary of the building-level plans:

Each building-level plan contains policies and procedures for the safe evacuation of students, staff, and visitors in the event of an incident; designation of an emergency response team; designation of a post-incident response team; establishment of internal and external emergency communications; definitions of a chain-of-command; protocol for access to federal, state, and local mental health resources; procedures for review of the plan and for conducting drills; and policies and procedures for securing and restricting access to a crime scene.

Copies of the district-wide plan are available upon request at the office of the District Clerk.

School Security

In our continuing effort to provide as much security as possible for the occupants of our buildings, we remind all visitors to immediately check in and get visitor passes at the main office at A.J. Smith Elementary School and at the attendance office in the main foyer at the Middle/High School.

Solicitations

Sometimes in the fall, local businesses are approached by salespeople asking for donations to provide free book covers for our students. Please note that we have NOT sanctioned any such programs. If you are approached by anyone in this regard, please contact Valerie Castiglia in the district office at (315) 889-4100.



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Bus Safety

YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS on a school bus mean the bus is preparing to stop and load or unload passengers. RED LIGHTS mean that loading or unloading is taking place.

NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law (1174) requires all motorists to ALWAYS STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS WITH RED LIGHTS FLASHING on ALL roads, including multi-lane or divided highways, on school grounds, in driveways or parking lots. EVERYWHERE!

Each year in the United States, children are killed by motorists who pass school buses that have stopped to load or unload passengers. Please be careful! Obey the law and protect our children.

Emergency Contacts

Please be sure that your child's school office has the names and phone numbers for anyone we should contact in the event of an emergency. Please notify your child's school office anytime there is a change, and be sure to review the change with your child.

EMERGENCY & SCHOOL CLOSING INFO

Notice of school cancellations and delays will be broadcast on local radio and television stations and posted on the district homepage:
www.unionspringscsd.org.



For our Back-to-School Tool Kit for parents and guardians, check out the Quick Links tab on the district's website, unionspringscsd.org.

Important Information



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Information About Possible Inclusion in a NYS Department of Health Survey

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or 'BMI'. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return to the nurse in your child's school:

Jane Bacon, A.J. Smith Elementary School,
26 Homer Street, Union Springs, NY 13034

Patricia Vaughn, USCS Middle/High School,
239 Cayuga Street, Union Springs, NY 13160



Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2019 –2020 NYS Department of Health Survey.

Print Child's Name _____

Print Parent's Name _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature _____

Notice of Parental Right To Request Information Regarding Teacher

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, you have the right to request specific information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers. The information that may be requested includes the following:

- If the teacher has met NYS qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees or certifications and, if so, the subject area of such degrees or certifications.
- If your child is provided services by any instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Requests for information about the qualifications of your child's teacher(s) should be directed, in writing, to the Superintendent's Office, Union Springs Central School District, 239 Cayuga Street, Union Springs, NY 13160, and should identify the teachers whose qualifications you seek, as well as the information requested from the bulleted items above.



Schools Must Provide Addresses Unless Parents Decline

The No Child Left Behind Act requires that school districts send address information for all high school seniors and juniors to the armed services for recruitment purposes. However, parents have the right to request that this information not be sent for their children. To make this request, please contact the High School Counseling Office at (315) 889-4124 by September 30, and your address information will be removed from the list.

Announcements

Jill's Dance

Registration is Sept. 14 from 5-7pm at A.J. Smith Elementary. The dance recital is scheduled for Friday, April 29 at 7pm at the MS/HS.

Pre-K & Kindergarten Enrollment

If you have a child who is eligible to attend preschool (4 years old by December 1) or kindergarten (5 years old by December 1) in the 2021-22 school year, please let us know by calling (315) 889-4112. We look forward to hearing from you!

Attention Class of 2022

Senior and baby pictures are due by Oct. 25, 2021. Any picture handed in after this date will NOT guaranteed to be in the yearbook. Please submit photos on a CD or as an actual photo. Pictures need to have a 0.8 aspect ratio. The default image size is 600 x 800 pixels at 300dpi. If you would like your picture(s) returned, please label with your name. Questions? Contact Ms. Viscardi at mviscardi@unionspringscsd.org or by calling the high school office at (315) 889-4110.

USCSD Graduates Now in the Military

To be included on the high school's Military Bulletin Board, please submit a recent 5"x7" photo, your name, year graduated, and branch of service to Sue Sciortino, 239 Cayuga St, Union Springs, NY 13160

Public Notification State Mandated Information Regarding Integrated Pest Management (Section 409-H of the State Education Law)

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Union Springs Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour written notification of certain pesticide applications.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the applications of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please notify the Union Springs Central School District in writing at 239 Cayuga Street, Union Springs, NY 13160.

For more information, please call the district office at (315) 889-4100.

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