



SPRINGBOARD

UNION SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 2019

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome Back to the 2019-2020 School Year! What a summer it has been. The district has been hard at work at the bus garage with renovations, planning for a new waterline to service the high school, and soliciting bids for a roof placement this coming fall. The district has also worked to recruit and

retain bus drivers despite a very challenging labor market. But as I write this, the final coats of wax are being put down on floors, paint is being touched up, textbooks unpacked, and classrooms organized. We are excited to have our students return and welcome our new students as well.

I am personally excited about the 2019-2020 school year because it represents another year of substantial progress for our district. We are working hard at modernizing our facilities, responding to the challenges of declining student enrollment while maintaining excellent programming for our students, and building upon our long-term strategic plan to

place Union Springs in a strong position in the years to come. We are also strengthening our partnerships with Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES welcoming 8:1:1 classrooms to the MS/HS, and with Cayuga Community College, as our first group of seniors capable of earning an associate degree while in high school are in this year's senior cohort.

I look forward to all that this year has to offer our students: a sound learning experience, quality extra-curricular opportunities, and most of all, the support of our community in all of their educational endeavors and pursuits. It remains an honor to serve as superintendent of schools here in Union Springs. Please enjoy the remaining days of summer. If I can be of any assistance to you in the opening days of school, please feel free to reach out at 315-889-4100 or jpowers@unionspringscsd.org.

Educationally Yours,

Jarett Powers, Ed. D

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 3	First Day of School	October 7	Picture Day @ A.J. Smith
September 9	Board of Education Meeting	October 11	Early Release Drill
September 10	Jill's Dance Registration	October 14	NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
September 13	MS/HS Yearbook Pictures	October 15	Board of Education Meeting
September 16-21	Homecoming Week	October 17	NJHS Inductions
September 18	Parent Night (Grades 4 & 5)	October 23	NHS Inductions
September 19	Parent Night (Grades K & 1)	October 28	Board of Education Meeting
September 23	Board of Education Meeting	November 6	Fall Varsity Sports Awards
September 25	Parent Night (Grades 2 & 3)	November 8 & 9	Middle School Musical
September 26	MS/HS Open House	November 11	NO SCHOOL - Veterans' Day

For more events, view our online calendar at www.unionspringscsd.org.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



It is "Back to School" time once again here at Union Springs High School. We have been lucky to enjoy a very nice summer. The temperatures and bright sunshine have offered a lot of outdoor opportunities for everyone.

This upcoming school year ushers in some changes within the Social Studies curriculum. As some of you might remember, last year we were one of the schools selected to have our Global 10 students take both the traditional and newly formatted Regents examinations. This upcoming year, U.S History begins its newly formatted version of the U.S History Regents Examination. Currently we are not planning on giving this newly formatted exam, unless we are once again selected to do so. We won't know if we are selected or not for a few more months. However, these changes will be fully implemented over the next couple of years.

Once again this year we will be offering a number of tutoring/HW help sessions that run from 3-5pm with busing available at 5pm. This program will not start until the second marking period begins on October 15th. Each day, during morning and afternoon announcements the teachers that are staying that day are announced. Students are free to go to those teachers rooms that afternoon to receive extra help.

Again this year, as we have for several years now, we will be merged with Port Byron in a number of extracurricular activities including: Field Hockey, Soccer, Cross-Country, Cheerleading, and Football during the fall season and Wrestling and Indoor Track during the winter season. This merger provides opportunities for students from both schools that they would not otherwise have. We are also planning several merged sport contests here at Union

Springs during the first week of school (under the lights) and during homecoming week, September 16th-20th. Check the Athletic calendar on our website for specific details.

The 2019-20 school year has the promise to be very exciting and interesting for our students! As always if you have any questions, please contact me at 889-4110. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and we'll see you on opening day, September 3, 2019.

Chuck Walker
High School Principal
(315) 889-4110

PLEASE JOIN US!

Middle & High School

Open House

Thursday, September 26
6-8 p.m. @ MS/HS

Meet your child's teachers, visit classrooms, ask questions, and more! Information will be sent home in the coming weeks.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Union Springs Middle School Families:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Union Springs Middle School! I hope you have experienced a safe and enjoyable summer. The middle school staff has been working hard this summer to prepare for an engaging, challenging

school experience that gives all of our students the opportunity and resources to thrive!

Our goal for students in their middle school years is to develop into well-rounded young people who can identify what success means to them, achieve in academic and social settings, and establish a sense of responsibility to other people and the community in which they live. In order to accomplish this, we will continue to offer students a challenging academic experience, with significant supports aimed at meeting the individual needs of students. Way of the Wolf, our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports system will continue. We will build enhanced character education programming into the school day and will provide students with opportunities to stay after school from 3:00-5:00 for additional support.

I encourage students to get involved in extracurricular activities whether it be joining a club, participating in the school musical, playing a sport or volunteering. As always, I am open to discussing new opportunities for our school community and welcome students and parents to reach out with new ideas and feedback for how we can continue to improve.

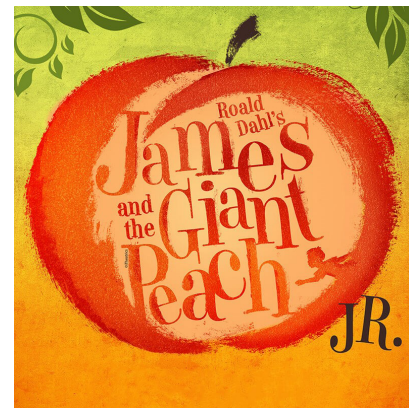
The Union Springs Middle School Handbook, which includes our code of conduct and acceptable use policy for technology, will be coming home with your child in the first week of school. Please review both documents carefully with your child, sign the documents and return them to the Middle School office by Friday, September 20.

Our orientation is scheduled for Tuesday August 27. If your child is entering 6th grade, orientation will be held from 5:00-6:00. If your child is entering 7th or 8th grade, orientation will be held from 6:30-7:30. I look forward to an engaging and exciting school year!

Respectfully,

Michael Wurster
Middle School Principal
(315) 889-4112

UNION SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS



November 8 @ 7pm
November 9 @ 2pm

Auditions will be held on
the following days from 3-5pm
in the choir room:
6th grade: September 9
7th and 8th grade: September 10

Callbacks: September 11 in the auditorium

A.J. SMITH ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to the 2019-20 school year! As we begin the new year, we are elated to say that our renovation project is complete; both inside and outside of the building. Students will be afforded opportunities to use each playground, two basketball courts, a multi-purpose field, a newly renovated gymnasium

and library.

A big initiative this year at A.J. Smith will be continued implementation of a building-wide system titled Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). You will see banners, charts, and other reminders throughout the building that prompt students of behaviors we continue to foster.

As mentioned last year, due to the makeup of the building and the fact that it houses grades Pre K-5, it has forced us to change some of our routines and procedures; regarding school wide events as well as arrival and dismissal of students. The parent/student handbook, the A.J. Smith and district calendars which will be sent home the first week of school, will assist you with many of those changes. The school

day hours are 8:45am-3:30 pm each day.

As a staff, A.J. Smith Elementary continues to be committed to working collaboratively with students, staff, and parents to achieve great things. We remain steadfast to the goal that every third grade student will read at or above grade level at the completion of third grade. Each year we inch closer and closer to this attainable goal. To achieve this goal, we continue to need your support and commitment as we walk this journey together.

To keep up to date on school events, visit our district webpage at <http://unionspringscsd.org> and click on 2019-20 academic calendar or follow us on twitter at UnionSpringsAJ.

I look forward to greeting all our students on Tuesday, September 3rd when our doors open at 8:45! If I can answer any questions you might have please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sheila LaDouce
Principal of Special Programs
(315) 889-4170

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**



Pre-K Preview Day

September 3 from 9:30-11 a.m.

K-5 Parent Nights

Grades 4 & 5 - September 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Grades K & 1 - September 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

Grades 2 & 3 - September 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

ATHLETICS



The Athletic School year gets off to an early start as athletes started practice on August 19th at Union Springs for Soccer and Volleyball and over to Port Bryon for Football, Field Hockey, Cross Country, and Cheerleading. We start the school year off with two big events. The Jim Cufari Kick-Off Classic Soccer tournament will be held on September 5th

and 7th at Union Springs with both a Varsity Boys and Girls Tournament. On that Thursday we will have first round action starting at 5PM and continuing under the lights with games on our main field at 6 and 7:45 PM. Our Varsity and JV Volleyball teams will also start their season that same night with games in the gymnasium. The Championship and Consolation games will be played that Saturday with the same hourly schedule. That Friday Night, September 6th, Union Springs will host the PB/US Varsity Football game, action beginning at 7PM.

The rest of September and beginning of October are full of home events including Homecoming, which is September 21st, and Senior Recognition nights at the conclusion of the season. Come out and enjoy the action!!

Go Wolves!

Todd Salls
Athletic Coordinator
(315) 889-4136

UNION SPRINGS

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FITNESS CENTER

HOURS OF OPERATION:

WHO:	DAYS:	TIMES:
STUDENTS:	M/W/TH	3-5 PM
COACHES/TEAMS:	T & F	3-5 PM
COMMUNITY, ADULTS, & STAFF:	M/W/TH SAT	*5-8 PM 8-11 AM

*The fitness center is reserved for adults only between the hours of 6-8pm.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RATES

To download a membership application,
visit the fitness center page at
www.unionspringscsd.org/athletics

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES REGULATIONS

Effective July 1, 2018, the mandated years for health exams and screenings changed. In addition, only the approved NYS School Health Examination Form may be used to document health exams to provide consistency across the state. Health exam and screening changes are as follows:

- Health examinations are required in Grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.
- Vision screening for distance and near vision acuity is required within 6 months of admission to school in Grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Hearing screening utilizing pure tone testing is required within 6 months of admission to school and in Grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Scoliosis screening is required in Grades 5 and 7 for girls and Grade 9 for boys.

For more information, please contact your child's school nurse.

FOOD SERVICES

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 & REDUCED PRICE MEALS:

Through our participation in the National School Lunch Program, our district receives federal funding to offer free or reduced price meals to families that qualify based on the Eligibility Income Chart below. Please review to determine if your family qualifies. If so, fill out an application (one per family), and return it to your child's school.

More information and applications are available at the main office of each school, at the district office, or on the Food Services page of our website, www.unionspringscsd.org.

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,107	\$ 1,926	\$ 963	\$ 889	\$ 445
2	\$ 31,284	\$ 2,607	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,204	\$ 602
3	\$ 39,461	\$ 3,289	\$ 1,645	\$ 1,518	\$ 759
4	\$ 47,638	\$ 3,970	\$ 1,985	\$ 1,833	\$ 917
5	\$ 55,815	\$ 4,652	\$ 2,326	\$ 2,147	\$ 1,074
6	\$ 63,992	\$ 5,333	\$ 2,667	\$ 2,462	\$ 1,231
7	\$ 72,169	\$ 6,015	\$ 3,008	\$ 2,776	\$ 1,388
8	\$ 80,346	\$ 6,696	\$ 3,348	\$ 3,091	\$ 1,546
*Each Add'l Person Add	\$ 8,177	\$ 682	\$ 341	\$ 315	\$ 158

MEAL PRICES:

Grades Pre-K-5:	
Breakfast.....	\$1.75
Lunch.....	\$2.35
Grades 6-12:	
Breakfast.....	\$1.75
Lunch.....	\$2.45
Reduced Price Meals.....	
	\$0.00
Milk.....	\$0.60
Adult Lunch.....	\$4.00

Menus are available at the schools and on the Food Services page of our website, www.unionspringscsd.org.

BUS SCHEDULES

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

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

6:35 VanLiew Rd.
 6:38 White Rd.
 6:40 Delaney Rd.
 6:42 Dublin Rd. (2286 and lower)
 6:43 Bluefield Rd.
 6:45 Riestler Rd.
 6:46 Dougall Rd.
 6:50 Sevier 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.
 7:00 Route 326 (1797 and higher)
 7:03 Experimental Rd.
 7:08 Ridge Rd. (5547)
 7:10 Fitzpatrick Rd.
 7:13 Waldron Rd. (5198)
 7:18 Route 326 (913)
 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

6:35 AM Route 90 (5520)
 6:40 Wheat St. (280)
 6:42 Chappell Road
 6:43 Walker Rd.
 6:45 W. Genesee St. Rd. (620 - 778)
 6:50 Blanchard & W. Genesee St. Rd.
 6:52 W. Genesee St. Rd. (1095 - 2164)
 6:58 Bluefield Rd. / Deerview Dr.
 7:00 Murphy Dr. & Elmhurst Circle (Corner)
 7:00 Elmhurst Circle
 7:03 W. Genesee St.
 7:10 Chamberlain Rd.
 7:15 A/S Town Line Rd. (953)
 7:17 Cross Rd. (ALL)
 7:18 Bacon Rd.
 7:25 Union Springs MS/HS

Bus 11 - Giraffe

6:40 AM Johnson Dr.
 6:43 Clark St. Rd.
 6:45 Emily Dr. & Clark St.
 6:47 Mullen Dr. & Clark St.
 6:50 Beechtree Rd.
 6:55 Canoga Rd. (6313 - 6349)
 7:00 Beechtree Rd. (6669 & higher)
 7:05 Webster Rd.
 7:10 Canoga Rd.(6562 & higher)
 7:12 Basswood Rd.
 7:17 Lime Kiln Rd.
 7:25 Route 326
 7:30 AM Union Springs MS/HS

A.J. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

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

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

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

Bus 4 - Frog

7:50 AM Fitzpatrick Rd.
 7:53 AM 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.
 8:35 Andrew J Smith Elementary School

Bus 5 - Dino

7:55 AM Connors Rd
 8:00 Route 326 (1457 on Connors Rd.)
 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 Andrew J Smith Elementary School

Bus 9 - Wolf

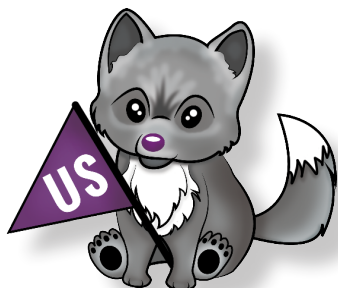
7:40 AM Towpath Rd. & Water St.
 7:45 Route 90 (6790 & 6949)
 7:53 Fosterville Rd.
 8:00 Turnpike Rd (1035 & Higher)
 8:03 Gable Lane
 8:05 965 Turnpike Rd.
 8:08 Blanchard Rd.
 8:10 Laraway Rd.
 8:12 756 Turnpike Rd
 8:15 633 Turnpike Rd.
 8:18 Laraway Rd.
 8:22 Turnpike Rd
 8:25 Clark St. Rd. (330 & lower)
 8:30 River Rd.
 8:33 Route 90 (6000's)
 8:35 Willard St. / Court St.
 8:45 Andrew J 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 Andrew J 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 Waldron Rd. (5159)
 8:45 Andrew J Smith Elementary School



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

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 (RtI) policy in place for at least Grades K-4. The goal of RtI is to help students academically BEFORE they fall too far behind.

Even though our district has an RtI 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.

What are the benefits of RtI?

- 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 RtI, visit the Special Education page on our website, www.unionspringscsd.org, or contact our Special Education team at (315) 889-4117.

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.

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 & 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.

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,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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.

**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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill's Dance:

Registration is Sept. 10 from 5-7pm at A.J. Smith Elementary. The dance recital is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020 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 2019-20 school year, please let us know by calling (315) 889-4112. We look forward to hearing from you!

Continuing Education:

The fall brochure will be delivered to your mailbox and on the website soon. If you have any questions about class offerings, please contact our Continuing Education Coordinator, Lisa Winters, at (315) 889-4170 or lwinters@unionspringscsd.org.

Attention Class of 2020:

Senior and baby pictures are due by Oct. 25, 2019. 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.



IMPORTANT DATES:

FOLLOW US:

TUES **03** **SEPT.** **First Day of School**
K - 12



@UnionSpringsCSD
@UnionSpringsHS
@UnionSpringsMS
@UnionSpringsAJ
@USCSD_Wolves

WED **18** **SEPT.** **Parent Night**
Grades 4 & 5
A.J. Smith @ 6:30pm

THUR **19** **SEPT.** **Parent Night**
Grades K & 1
A.J. Smith @ 6:30pm

WED **25** **SEPT.** **Parent Night**
Grades 2 & 3
A.J. Smith @ 6:30pm

THUR **26** **SEPT.** **Middle/High School Open House**
MS/HS @ 6pm

STAY

Check out more district news and events on our website:

www.unionspringscsd.org

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