



2023

- CALENDAR -

2024



WATERFORD
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
HALFMOON

Dear Families:

On behalf of the Waterford-Halfmoon Board of Education, our school administrators, faculty, and staff, I'm happy to welcome you to the 2023-24 school year. We hope that you and your families are well!

Our instructional staff spent time and energy this summer preparing engaging and interesting learning opportunities for our students and are excited to share their work with our students.

We are looking forward to introducing several exciting initiatives this year including an excellent new reading series for our K-6 students and the opening of our newly renovated Technology and Art wing in the Jr/Sr High School. In addition, our entire school community will benefit from - and be able to enjoy - our recently completed synthetic turf soccer field and newly renovated track.

In addition to welcoming you back to school, I'm also excited to welcome a number of new families, new staff members, and new teachers to our district.

This calendar is just one of the many means of communication within our district. Please be sure to check our school district website (www.whufsd.org), our social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter), and your email accounts for important information and updates.

To ensure you are receiving all information and notices being shared by the district's email and phone notification system, I encourage you to verify that your correct contact information, including email address and cell phone number, is on file with the Elementary and/or Jr/Sr High School.

Over the course of the school year, please feel free to contact me at (518) 237-0800 ext. 3309 or mhealey@whufsd.org with concerns, questions, and/or suggestions.

Our faculty and staff look forward to working with you and your children this year.


Wishing you a great 2023-24 school year,

Michael Healey
Superintendent of Schools



This calendar highlights district level events, community events, as well as important school year dates. It was prepared prior to the school year, so dates and locations of activities may change as circumstances warrant. Also, the dates for the NYS assessments will be announced by each school and posted to the calendar on the school website. Please be sure to look for news items, menu notes, school bulletins and other communications announcing changes and additions.

Updated information is posted on the district website at www.whufsd.org, on Facebook at @WHUFSD, and on Twitter at @WHUFSD_Official. A calendar of athletic events can be found under the Athletics tab on our website. **Additional information for families can be found on the back pages of this calendar.**

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AUGUST 23		OCTOBER 23										1	2										
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27	28	29	30	31				29	30	31													
3		Labor Day NO SCHOOL		4		Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL		5		Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL		6		First Day of School Sports Booster Club Meeting 6 pm		7		8		ACT		9	
Grandparents Day		10		11		12		Elementary Open House 6:30-8 pm		13		Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm		14		Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown		15		16			
17		18		19		20		High School Open House 6-7:30 pm		21		Elementary Picture Day		22		First Day of Autumn		23					
Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown		24		Jr/Sr High School Picture Day		25		Jr/Sr High School Picture Day		26		PTO Meeting 6:30 pm		27		28		29		30			
								Fordian Fever Weekend															

October 2023

For additional and updated information, please visit www.whufsd.org or call the school.

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	Emergency Release Day - dismissal 2 pm	6 SAT 7
8	Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	9	10	11 PSAT Sports Booster Club Meeting 6 pm	12 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm	13 14
15	16	17 Fall Concert Jr/Sr High School 7 pm	18 NHS and NJHS Induction Ceremony 7 pm	19 Fall Concert Jr/Sr High School 7 pm (snow date) PTO Meeting 6:30 pm	20 Picture Day (makeup)	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 ACT
29	30	31 Halloween				
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Daylight Savings Time Ends 5	Sports Booster Club Meeting 6 pm 6	Election Day 7	Fall Sports Awards Night 6 pm 8	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm 9 End of Marking Period UPK-6 First Quarter Ends 7-12	Veterans Day (observed) NO SCHOOL 10	Veterans Day 11
12	Winter Sports Start Varsity/JV 13	14	15	PTO Meeting 6:30 pm 16	Parent/Teacher Conference - Half Day Elementary 17	18
19	Winter Sports Start Modified 20 Parent/Teacher Conference - Half Day Elementary	Parent/Teacher Conference - Half Day Elementary 21	22	Thanksgiving Day 23	24	25
Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL						
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2023

For additional and updated information, please visit www.whufsd.org or call the school.

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3	4	5	Sports Booster Club Meeting 6 pm	6	Hanukkah Begins at Sundown	7	8 ACT	9		
10	11	PTO Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13	Board of Education Meeting 6 pm	14	15	16		
					Winter Concert Jr/Sr High School 7 pm					
17	Winter Concert Elementary 7 pm	18	19	Winter Concert 7pm (snow date for all)	20	First Day of Winter	21	22	23	
							Holiday Recess NO SCHOOL			
Christmas Eve	24	Christmas Day	25	Kwanza Begins	26		27	28	29	30
New Year's Eve	31									
Holiday Recess - NO SCHOOL										


S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	New Year's Day NO SCHOOL 1	Holiday Recess NO SCHOOL 2	Classes Resume 3	4	5	6
7	8	9	Sports Booster Club Meeting 6 pm 10	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm 11	12	13
14	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL 15	16	PTO Meeting 6:30 pm 17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	Second Quarter Ends 7-12 Half Day - Jr/Sr High School 26	27
		NYS Regents Exams				
28	29	30	31		DECEMBER 23 S M T W T F S 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY 24 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

February 2024

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4	5	6	Sports Booster Club Meeting 6 pm	7	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm	8	Drama Club Performance 7:30 pm	9	ACT Drama Club Performance 7:30 pm Lunar New Year	10
Drama Club Performance 2 pm	11	Lincoln's Birthday	12	13	Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	14	PTO Meeting 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18	President's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24	Mid-Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL		
25	26	27	28	Leap Day	29					

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3	Winter Sports Awards Night 6 pm 4	Pops Concert 7 pm 5	Pops Concert 7 pm (snow date) 6	7	8	SAT 9
10	Spring Sports Start Varsity/JV 11	PTO Meeting 6:30 pm 12	13	Board of Education Finance/Regular Meeting 6 pm 14	End of Marking Period UPK-6 15	16
St. Patrick's Day 17	Spring Sports Start Modified 18	First Day of Spring 19	20	21	22	23
Palm Sunday 24	25	26	9th Grade Orientation 6 pm 27	28	Good Friday NO SCHOOL 29	30
Easter 31						

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Spring Recess - NO SCHOOL						
7	Sports Booster Club Meeting 6 pm 8	9	10	Board of Education Finance/Regular Meeting 6 pm 11	Third Quarter Ends 7-12 12	ACT 13
14	15	16	PTO Meeting 6:30 pm 17	18	19	20
21	Passover Begins at Sundown Earth Day 22	23	24	Board of Education Finance/Regular Meeting 6 pm 25	Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL 26	27
28	29	30			<div>MARCH 24</div> <div>S M T W T F S</div> <div>1 2</div> <div>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</div> <div>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</div> <div>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</div> <div>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</div> <div>31</div>	<div>MAY 24</div> <div>S M T W T F S</div> <div>1 2 3 4</div> <div>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</div> <div>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</div> <div>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</div> <div>26 27 28 29 30 31</div>

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<div>Cinco De Mayo</div> <div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Board of Education Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting 6:30 pm</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>
<div>Mother's Day</div> <div>12</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Sports Booster Club Meeting 6 pm</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Spring Concert Jr/Sr High School 7pm</div>	<div>16</div> <div>PTO Meeting 6:30 pm</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Armed Forces Day</div>
<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Budget Vote/Board of Education Election 12 pm - 8 pm</div> <div>Pre-K-12 Art Show</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>
<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Memorial Day NO SCHOOL</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>	

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2	Sports Booster Club Meeting 6 pm	3	Spring Concert Elementary 7 pm	4	Spring Sports Awards Night 6 pm	5	6	7	ACT	8
NYS Regents Exams										
9	10	End of Marking Period UPK-6	11	12	Board of Education Finance/Regular Meeting 6:30 pm	13	Flag Day	14	15	16
NYS Regents Exams										
Father's Day	16	Eid-al-Adha	17	PTO Meeting 6 pm	18	Juneteenth NO SCHOOL	19	20	21	22
NYS Regents Exams										
23	Half Day Pre-K-6	24	Half Day Pre-K-6	25	Fourth Quarter Ends 7-12	26	Graduation 5 pm	27	28	29
30	NYS Regents Exams									

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	Start of Summer School	8	9	10	11	12
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	End of Summer School	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Annual Fire Inspection

The annual fire inspection was conducted in May 2023 and the required reports were submitted to the New York State Education Department.

Annual Notification of the District Wide School Safety Plan

The WHUFSD has developed a district-wide school safety plan and confidential building-level school safety plans for each building as required by New York State Safe School Against Violence in Education (S.A.V.E.) Law. This law requires the district to annually provide written information to all students and staff about emergency procedures. As required, the district-wide school safety plan was originally submitted to the New York State Education Department in June 2001. Each confidential building-level emergency response plan was originally submitted to the local police and New York State Police in June 2001. The district-wide school safety team annually reviews the district-wide school safety plan. The building-level school safety teams annually review the confidential building-level emergency response plans. All updates are approved by the Board of Education prior to re-submitting them to the New York State Education Department and the local police and New York State Police respectively. The district will provide training throughout the year and will conduct at least twelve fire drills and conduct a district-wide drill to test sheltering plans and/or early dismissal. Emergency evacuation information is posted in each classroom and emergency school closing information can be found in the district calendar. For more information concerning the district-wide school safety plan, please contact the school at (518) 237-0800.

Asbestos Notification Compliance

In compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), an inspection of asbestos-containing building materials is regularly performed for our school building. Such an inspection is required every three years, along with a periodic surveillance every six months. The inspection results and the complete Asbestos Management Plan are on file in the school district administrative offices, and are available for public review upon request.

Board of Education

The Board of Education is comprised of seven members elected by district residents. All members serve without pay for three-year terms. Under the Education Law of New York State, the board is responsible for the education of students who attend school in the district: for the preparation of the annual budget; for district adherence to state law and State Education Department regulations; for the establishment of policies; and for the adoption of regulations concerning the conduct of the public schools. The Superintendent of Schools is charged with the administration of board policies. School board meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the library. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings in order to become better informed about the district, as well as to voice opinions to the board. For a full calendar of Board of Education meetings and any special meetings that are called during the course of the year, visit the district website at www.whufsd.org.

Child Abuse Hotline

To report child abuse or neglect contact the Office of



Children and Family Services at 1-800-342-3720 or <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/>

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free

School District's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, including compliance with topics such as sexual harassment, athletics, access to higher education including recruiting, admission and financial aid, career education opportunities, employment, math and science, standardized testing, education for pregnant and parenting students, learning environment and technology, The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 is directed to contact Director of Student Support Services, Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Bull at (518) 237-0800 ext. 3315, who has been designated by the Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, the ADA and Section 504.

Pesticide Notification

Each year the district is required to offer to district residents the option of receiving prior notice of pesticide application on school grounds. This applies to all staff and residents of the district. If you are interested in receiving notification you will need to contact the school in writing stating your name, address and telephone number. We are required to report three times each year if we have used pesticides since the beginning of the school year. If we have not had the need to use pesticides it is not necessary to report. Therefore, during the first two weeks of September, we will be collecting the requests for notification. This information will be kept in the office of the Director of Facilities and Operations for reference during the school year. It should be noted that if the school is going to be closed for 72 hours after the application of a pesticide, no notification is necessary.

Safe School Helpline

Students and families can use the Safe School Helpline to report threats of violence, illegal activity, or other issues that could harm students in our school. The report is private, confidential and



anonymous. Reach the helpline 24/7 by text (614) 426-0240 then type TIPS, phone at 800-4-1-VOICE (800-418-6423) ext. 359 or on the web at safeschoolhelpline.com.

Security Information

Security protocols and parking regulations have been implemented throughout the district. All doors are locked and approved visitors to the building will be "buzzed in" by a staff member. Visitors need to have a photo ID (Drivers License) and will be checked into the building and receive a visitors badge. This is an important part of our

building security and while inconvenient at times, it is necessary for us to protect all staff and children in our care. Please obey all parking regulations and traffic patterns (including student drop-off and pick-up zones). More information is available

from each school office. Also if interested, please sign up for the school district's ParentSquare system at www.whufsd.org to receive email or text message updates on school happenings, including emergency information.

Student Registration

Resident pupils are defined as any child of school age who resides with a parent/guardian whose permanent, legal residence is located within the boundaries of the school district. To register students in grades Pre-K-12, call the

central registration office at (518) 237-0800 ext. 3314 to set up an appointment. Families may download registration forms from www.whufsd.org. or call the central registration office to have a packet of forms mailed to you.

Tobacco Policy

State law prohibits any tobacco related use on school property by anyone, including adults. This means that persons wishing to use tobacco related products at school or athletic events must leave school property to do so.

Parent/Student Information

Absences

Parents/guardians should notify the school when a student is going to be absent for any reason. This allows school personnel to know that the student is home safe and that the parent knows about the absence. Parents should call the Attendance Clerk Paula Caradori at (518) 237-0800 ext. 3324 when students will be absent. Upon return to school, the student should bring a note signed by the parent/guardian, that explains the absence.

Attendance Policy

Student attendance is closely related to student achievement. Therefore, parents are urged to encourage daily attendance except for illness. Every effort should be made to schedule medical and other appointments after school hours. The Board of Education adopted a comprehensive attendance policy pursuant to section 104.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The policy describes the student attendance policy, defines excused and unexcused absences, and requires attendance to be taken in every class period in the Jr/Sr High School. Parents/guardians can contact school offices for more information.

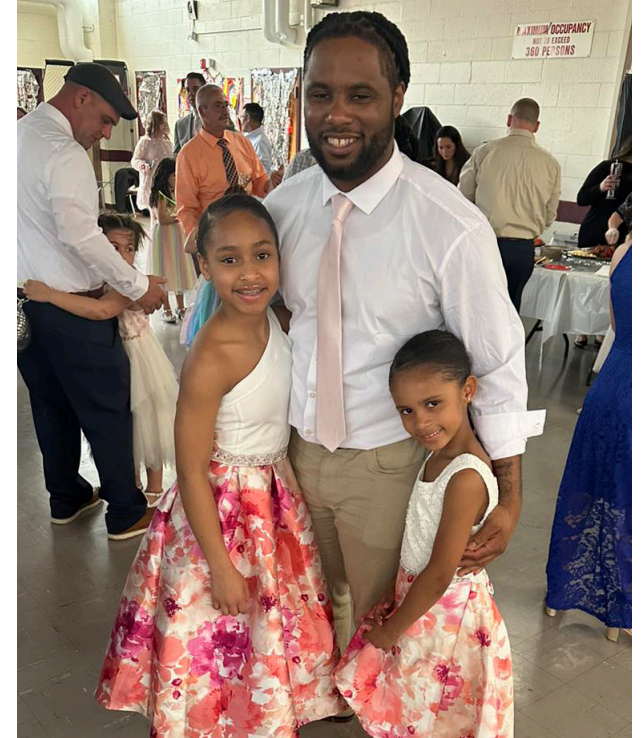


Child Find Program

The Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District has an obligation to evaluate, with parental consent, and offer a free and appropriate public education to students determined to be disabled who reside in the district. If you believe your child has a disability that requires specialized instruction or special accommodations to benefit from and/or access our programs and services, please contact your child's building principal to discuss the process. You can reach Elementary Principal Joseph Siracuse at (518) 237-0800 ext. 3501 or Jr/Sr High School Principal Christopher Scanlan at (518) 237-0800 ext. 3701. Director of Student Support Services, Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Bull can be reached at (518) 237-0800 ext. 3315. If you suspect your child has a disability which adversely affects his/her educational performance and which may require special education and you are enrolling your child in a nonpublic school and are seeking supports for your child while he/she attends school there, you may contact the Committee on Special Education in the school district where the nonpublic school is located. For St. Mary's of Waterford, please use the contact information listed above.

Code of Conduct

As required by the New York State S.A.V.E. Act, our district has a Code of Conduct in effect that applies to all students, school personnel, parents/caregivers, and other visitors when on school property (including school buses and vehicles) or attending a school sponsored function. It is shared with students at the beginning of the school year, and a complete copy is available on our website at www.whufsd.org or by contacting the school office.



Concussion Management Policy

The Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District Board of Education has adopted a written concussion management policy (#7522) as a result of the Concussion Management and Awareness Act, which was passed into law in New York in 2011. Concussions, a type of traumatic brain injury, are injuries to the brain that occur as the result of a fall, motor vehicle accident, or any other activity that results in an impact to the head or body. An estimated 2.6 million people under age 19 sustain a head injury annually. In 2009, approximately 50,500 children under the age of 19 visited the emergency room for traumatic brain injury and of those, approximately 3,000 were hospitalized. (cont.)

The policy adopted by the Board references the District Concussion Management Team, staff training, information to parents/guardians, and the District's protocols to give direction to staff involved in the identification of a potential concussion. This policy and the associated protocols assist a student who will return to school and need accommodations after being diagnosed with a concussion. In accordance with the Concussion Management and Awareness Act, any student suspected of having a concussion either based on the disclosure of a head injury, observed or reported symptoms, or by sustaining a significant blow to the head or body must be removed from athletic activity and/or physical activities (e.g., PE class, recess), and observed until an evaluation can be completed by a medical provider. Parents/guardians, teachers, and other district staff should watch for signs of concussion symptoms such as fatigue, irritability, headaches, blurred vision, or dizziness; reappearing

with any type of mental activity or stimulation. If any these signs and symptoms occur, the student should cease the activity. For a complete look at the district policy, as well as the guidelines for how the district will manage cases of suspected or diagnosed concussions, please visit the policies page on the website at www.whufsd.org.

Dignity for All Students Act

In accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA), school districts in New York State have adopted policies that will focus on the prohibition of harassment against students in school, including harassment based on real or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression) and sex, and discrimination based on these same characteristics. The WHUFSD Code of Conduct has been amended to include new language pertaining to harassment of this type. In addition, Jr/Sr High School Assistant Principal Joel Richardson, has been designated as the Dignity Act Coordinator. Students, parents and staff will be informed about various aspects of this law on an ongoing basis during the coming school year.

Disclosure of Information to the Military

Upon request, WHUFSD must disclose to military recruiters or institutions

SCHOOL HOURS

Junior/Senior High School

School begins - 7:50 am

Dismissal - 2:20 pm

Elementary School

School begins - 8:30 am

Dismissal - 2:50 pm

of higher learning the name, address and telephone number of high school students. The district may also receive requests for what may be termed "directory information" regarding students. This could include a student's name, address, telephone number, major course of study, participation in school activities or sports, weight and height of prospective college athletes, dates of attendance, diplomas awarded or schools previously attended. Parents and students above the age of 18 may request that the district not disclose this information. Any such request must be submitted in writing to a student's principal. Requests should be submitted by the second week of school and must be renewed each school year.

Emergency Closings

The district uses ParentSquare to send information directly to families via email, text or phone call when conditions require emergency closings, delays or dismissals. The contact information is pulled from the student data base system. All updates need to be made through the schools offices to ensure the most up-to-date contact information is available. Parents may modify how they receive notifications



Parent/Student Information

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from the system as well. Information about closings or changes in dismissal is also posted to the district website at www.whufsd.org, Facebook page and broadcasted on local TV and radio stations through the School Closing Network.

Families in Transition Services

The Waterford-Halfmoon UFSD receives funding through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and serves a homeless population through a variety of support services, including a homeless liaison/counselor for homeless students and students deemed at-risk. Our Homeless Liaison is Jr/Sr High School Principal Christopher Scanlan and may be reached at (518) 237-0800 ext. 3701.

Notification of Rights Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Waterford-Halfmoon Union Free School District hereby notifies parents and guardians that they have the right to:

- Inspect and review a student's educational record.
 - Seek correction of parts of a student's education record which he or she believes to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's rights. These rights include the right to a hearing to present evidence that the record should be changed if the district decides not to alter it according to the parent's or an eligible student's request.
 - Report or file a complaint with the Department of Education if the school district violates FERPA.
 - Exercise a limited control over the student's education records, in a hearing if necessary.
 - Be informed about FERPA rights.
- You are further advised: The school district shall limit the disclosure of information contained in the student's education records except:
- a. by prior written consent of the student's parents or an eligible student,
 - b. directory information or
 - c. under certain circumstances, as permitted by FERPA, state and federal law.

All rights and protections given to parents under FERPA and this policy transfer to the student when the student reaches 18 or enrolls in a post-secondary school. For any questions or for further information, please contact your child's school Main Office.



ParentSquare

The district is transitioning from Schoolmessenger to ParentSquare as a way to communicate important information to parents and families. Parents will receive an activation email for their ParentSquare account as we begin the new school year. Those who do not register will still receive text, email, and phone notifications. Parents who do create an account can interact by viewing photos, downloading attachments, signing permission slips and managing their communication settings and preferences.

School Lunch Information

Waterford-Halfmoon UFSD will offer free lunch and breakfast for all students for the 2023-24 school year.

Have questions? Call (518) 237-0800

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Jessica Harblin ext. 3310

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Assistant Principal

Joel Richardson ext. 3701

Athletic Director

Mike Robbins ext. 1311

Guidance Counselor grades 7-9

Virginia Austin ext. 3313

Guidance Counselor grades 10-12

Jessica Difabio ext. 3322

Nurse

Barbara Delaney ext. 3720

School Psychologist

Kelly Denvir ext. 3326

Karen Grimes ext. 3340

Social Worker

Josey Evanovich ext. 1208

Working Papers

Guidance Office ext. 3314

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Joseph Siracuse ext. 3501

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