



# Red Hook

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CALENDAR AND GUIDE

# 2019/2020



# Superintendent's Message

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! We are glad to have the opportunity to work with you this year. The Red Hook Central School District is an organization comprised of individuals committed to helping children realize hopes and dreams.

Our school district has a nationally-recognized academic program that includes opportunities for students to pursue International Baccalaureate (IB) coursework, Advanced Placement (AP) coursework, up to six years of a foreign language, the highest levels of proficiency in art and music, and a wide variety of other interesting learning opportunities. We are sensitive to individual differences and offer many support services to help all students gain access to, and succeed with, the appropriate coursework. We pride ourselves on our faculty's skill and commitment to building strong relationships with students and their families.

I wish all students, parents, and staff a successful 2019-2020 school year. If my office can be of any assistance, please call (845)758-2241 extension 55100. You may also email me at [pfinch@rhcsd.org](mailto:pfinch@rhcsd.org).

Sincerely,

Paul Finch

*Superintendent of Schools*

## Red Hook Education Foundation

The Red Hook Education Foundation works to enhance public education for students in our community by funding programs that promote equity and inspire excellence. Since its inception, the RHEF has generously provided the district with the funding to support a wide range of district initiatives including: the Summer Academy, Ramping Up Music in Red Hook, the Life, Learning and Language Program, the middle school science fair, assisting with a portion of the new auditorium construction costs, the outdoor stage and classroom at Mill Road School, the Robotics Club, and the Student-in-Need Initiative. For more information about the RHEF, please visit [redhookeducationfoundation.com](http://redhookeducationfoundation.com).

## Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year

Whether you are new to the Red Hook Central School District or a returning member of our learning community, we invite you to visit our schools and become an active member of our District. We welcome your participation as a volunteer on any number of our committees, as a spectator at our athletic events, or as an audience member viewing our impressive array of performances and exhibits offered throughout the year.

Please refer to this calendar throughout the year to identify events that interest you and/or your family. Important testing dates and school vacation days are also included to help you in planning your family's schedule for the coming year.

If you have a question or need assistance, we are here to help. Please visit one of our schools or call 845-758-2241 to speak to a member of our staff.

For up-to-date information on RHCSD activities, please visit the District's online calendar at [www.redhookcentralschools.org](http://www.redhookcentralschools.org).

## Red Hook Central School District Mission Statement

The mission of the Red Hook Central School District shall be to develop in its students the knowledge, intellectual integrity, and social consciousness to prepare them to accept the obligations and opportunities found in a complex society. The District seeks to provide a challenging educational environment that fosters the values of respect, responsibility, honesty, integrity, and community service in all of its members. We believe that our students reach their potential as learners through well-designed instruction, passionate teaching, and a robust home/school collaboration.

## Disclaimer





This calendar is printed prior to the opening of school. At the time of its preparation, many events have not yet been scheduled or may be rescheduled from the dates listed. Please consult the District's web site calendar, local newspapers or contact your child's school for further information about specific school events and activities.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <b>NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY</b>	3 <b>NO SCHOOL – SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY</b> Mill Road Open House Grades 1-5 Only 5:00 PM	4 <b>SCHOOL OPENS!</b>	5	6 1/2 Day Mill Road Only	7
8	9 LAMS BLT Meeting LAMS Conference Room 2:30 PM Mill Road 3-5 BLT Meeting, MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	10 Mill Road PK-2 BLT Meeting, MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM PTA Meeting MR PK-2 Library 7:00 PM	11 LAMS Club Expo LAMS Café 10:44 AM BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	12 RHHS Picture Day	13 Boo-Hoo Breakfast for Incoming Kindergarten Parents MR PK-2 Café LAMS Welcome Back Dance/Activity Night LAMS Café/Gym 7:00-9:00 PM	14
15	16 RHHS Picture Day Mill Road PK-5 Pajama Day	17 Mill Road PK-5 Favorite Team Day	18 Mill Road PK-5 Wacky Wednesday RHHS BLT Meeting HS Library 2:30 PM	19 Mill Road PK-5 Crazy Hair Day LAMS Open House 6:00-8 :00 PM	20 Mill Road PK-5 Raider Red/White Day	21
<b>Mill Road PK-5 Spirit Week</b>						
22	23 DLT Meeting HS Library 3:30 PM	24	25 LAMS Fall Pictures BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	26 RHHS Open House 6:00 PM	27	28
29	30					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Mill Road PK-2 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	<b>2</b> Financial Aid Night 6:00 PM HS Café PTSA Meeting HS Café 7:00 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1/2 Day Mill Road Only	<b>5</b> SAT Exam
LAMS 8th Grade Class Trip Washington, DC Trip						
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Mill Road 3-5 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	<b>8</b> PTA Meeting MR PK-2 Library 7:00 PM	<b>9</b> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Mill Road PK-2 Fire Prevention Week						
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Mill Road 3-5 Picture Day RHHS BLT Meeting HS Library 2:30 PM BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	<b>17</b> Mill Road PK-2 Picture Day Mill Road 3-5 Title I Information Night 5:00 PM MR 3-5 Café	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> LAMS BLT Meeting LAMS Conference Room 2:30 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> LAMS Halloween Dance LAMS Café 7:00 PM	<b>26</b>
National School Bus Safety Week						
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> DLT Meeting HS Library 3:30 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	<b>31</b> Kindergarten Costume Parade		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
		<b>RHHS Fall Drama 7:00 PM</b>				
3	4 Mill Road 3-5 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	5 <b>NO SCHOOL – SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY</b> Mill Road PK-2 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	6	7	8 End of 1st Marking Period	9
10	11 <b>NO SCHOOL – VETERANS DAY</b>	12 PTA Meeting MR PK-2 Library 7:00 PM	13 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public PTSA Meeting HS Library 7:00 PM	14	15 No School Grades PK-1 Only 1/2 Day Grade 2-5 Mill Road Parent Teacher Conferences/Report Cards Issued	16
17	18 LAMS BLT Meeting LAMS Conference Room 2:30 PM	19 LAMS Picture Makeup Day	20 LAMS Picture Makeup Day Snow Date RHHS BLT Meeting HS Library 2:30 PM	21	22	23
24	25 DLT Meeting HS Library 3:30 PM	26	27	28 <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	29	30
<b>No School - Thanksgiving Recess</b>						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Mill Road PK-5 Picture Retakes	3 Mill Road PK-2 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	4 LAMS Hot Cocoa Sale LAMS Lobby 7:00-8:00 AM	5	6 LAMS Winter Dance LAMS Café 7:00 PM	7
8	9 LAMS BLT Meeting LAMS Conference Room 2:30 PM	10	11 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	12	13 LAMS Winter Dance Snow Date LAMS Café 7:00 PM RHHS Winter Concert HS Gym 7:30 PM	14
15	16 DLT Meeting HS Library 3:30 PM Mill Road PK-5 Holiday Hat Day	17 7/8 Chorus & Band Winter Concert LAMS Café 7:30 PM Mill Road PK-5 Wear Holiday Colors Day	18 RHHS BLT Meeting HS Library 2:30 PM 6/7 Chorus & Band Winter Concert LAMS Café 7:30 PM Mill Road PK-5 Jingle Bells Holiday Jewelry Day	19 LAMS Winter Concert Snow Date, LAMS Café 7:30 PM Mill Road PK-5 Holiday Sock Day	20 Mill Road PK-5 Funny Sweater Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
No School - Winter Recess						
29	30	31				
No School - Winter Recess						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 	2 <b>SCHOOL REOPENS!</b>	3	4
5	6 Mill Road 3-5 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	7 Mill Road PK-2 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM PTA/PTSA State of the Schools Address HS Café 7:00 PM	8 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	9	10	11
12	13 LAMS BLT Meeting LAMS Conference Room 2:30 PM	14	15 RHHS BLT Meeting HS Library 2:30 PM	16	17 1/2 Day Mill Road Only	18
19	20 	21	22 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	23 Mill Road 3-5 Chorus & 2nd Year Band Concert MR 3-5 Café 7:00 PM	24 End of 2nd Marking Period	25 Class of 2021 Winter Ball
<b>Regents Exams</b>						
26	27 DLT Meeting HS Library 3:30 PM	28	29	30	31 RHHS New Music Festival 7:30 PM	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
2	3 Mill Road 3-5 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM LAMS Spring Pictures	4 Mill Road PK-2 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	5 LAMS Spring Pictures Snow Date	6	7 Mill Road PK-5 Report Cards Issued LAMS Valentine's Day Dance LAMS Café 7:00 PM	8
9	10 LAMS BLT Meeting LAMS Conference Room 2:30 PM	11 PTA Meeting MR PK-2 Library 7:00 PM	12 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	13 1/2 Day Mill Road Only	14 <b>NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	15
16	17 <b>NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	18	19 RHHS BLT Meeting HS Library 2:30 PM	20	21 LAMS Valentine's Day Dance Snow Date	22
23	24 DLT Meeting HS Library 3:30 PM	25	26 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	27	28	29



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Mill Road 3-5 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	3 Mill Road PK-2 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	4 PTSA Meeting HS Library 7:00 PM	5	6	7
8	9 LAMS BLT Meeting LAMS Conference Room 2:30 PM	10 PTA Meeting MR PK-2 Library 7:00 PM	11 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	12 Mill Road PK-5 Spring Picture Day	13 <b>NO SCHOOL – SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY</b>	14
15	16	17 Kindergarten Registration 9:15 AM - 1:00 PM, PK-2 Lobby	18 RHHS BLT Meeting HS Library 2:30 PM Kindergarten Registration 2:15 PM - 6:00 PM, PK-2 Lobby	19 Kindergarten Registration 9:15 AM - 1:00 PM, PK-2 Lobby	20	21 RHHS Spring Musical 7:00 PM
22 RHHS Spring Musical 2:00 PM	23 DLT Meeting HS Library 3:30 PM	24	25 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	26 Grades 3-8 NYS ELA	27	28
29	30 Grades 3-8 NYS ELA Makeup Days	31	 			

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No School - Spring Recess						
12	13  No School - Spring Recess	14 Mill Road PK-2 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	15 RHHS BLT Meeting HS Library 2:30 PM BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public PTSA Meeting HS Library 7:00 PM	16	17 End of 3rd Marking Period	18
19	20 LAMS BLT Meeting LAMS Conference Room 2:30 PM	21	22	23 Kindergarten Parent Information Night MR PK-2 Café 6:00 PM	24 Mill Road PK-5 Report Cards Issued  NYS Math Grades 3-8 Makeups	25
		NYS Math Assessments Grades 3-8				
		PTA Story Hour				
26	27 DLT Meeting HS Library 3:30 PM  NYS Math Grades 3-8 Makeups	28 BOE BOCES Budget Vote Mill Road 8:00 AM  PTA Story Hour	29 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	30		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 NYSESLAT Testing (ELL Students) 5/1 -5/15	2
3	4 Mill Road 3-5 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	5 Mill Road PK-2 BLT Meeting MR PK-2 Library 3:30 PM	6 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	7	8	9
Kindergarten Screening MR PK-2 Lobby						
NYSESLAT Testing (ELL Students) 5/1 -5/15						
10	11 LAMS BLT Meeting LAMS Conference Room 2:30 PM	12 NJHS Induction LAMS Café 6:00 PM PTA/PTSA Meeting: Budget Presentation HS Café 7:00 PM	13 RHHS BLT Meeting HS Library 2:30 PM	14 Mill Road Jazz Ensemble & 2nd Year Band Concert MR 3-5 Café 7:00 PM	15 Mill Road 3-5 Grandparent's Day MR 3-5 Café	16
NYSESLAT Testing (ELL Students) 5/1 -5/15						
17	18 DLT Meeting HS Library 3:30 PM	19 1/2 Day Mill Road Only School Budget Vote 12:00-9:00 PM	20 BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	21 <b>NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY</b>	22 <b>NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY</b>	23
4th Grade NYS Science Performance Test						
24	25 <b>NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY</b>	26 <b>NO SCHOOL - SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY</b>	27	28 Awards Night 2020 HS Gym 7:00 PM	29	30
31				8th Grade NYS Science Performance Test	8th Grade NYS Science Performance Test Makeups	
4th Grade NYS Science Performance Test						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>  <b>8th Grade NYS Science Written Test Makeups</b>	<b>2</b> Jr. Class Awards Ceremony HS Café 3:30 PM Mill Road PK-2 BLT Meeting PK-2 Library 3:30 PM <b>US History Regents Exam</b> <b>8th Grade NYS Science Written Test Makeups</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Mill Road PK-2 Volunteer Tea	<b>6</b>
	<b>4th Grade NYS Written Science Test</b>					
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> PTA Meeting MR PK-2 Library 7:00 PM	<b>10</b> BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	<b>11</b> Mill Road 3-5 Chorus & 1st Year Band Concert MR 3-5 Café 7:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Class of 2020 Prom
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> DLT Meeting HS Library 3:30 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Mill Road PK-2 Field Day LAMS End of Year Dance/Activity Night LAMS Gym/Café 7:00 PM	<b>20</b>
			<b>LAMS Final Exams</b>			
			<b>Regents Exams</b>			
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 4th Grade Pool Party Mill Road PK-2 Field Day Rain Date	<b>23</b> 3rd Grade Pool Party 5th Grade Celebration	<b>24</b> 5th Grade Pool Party BOE Meeting Mill Road PK-2 Library (6:00 PM Executive Session) 7:00 PM Public	<b>25</b> 1/2 Day PK-8 Kindergarten Graduation 9:15 AM & 10:30 AM 8th Grade Recognition Night, LAMS Café 7:00 PM	<b>26</b> LAMS Field Day 1/2 Day PK-8 End of 4th Marking Period Mill Road PK-5 Report Cards Issued Last day of school	<b>27</b> RHHS Graduation 2020 LAMS Lawn 11:00 AM
	<b>LAMS Final Exams</b>					
	<b>Regents Exams</b>					
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

# JULY 2020

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# AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## Curriculum and Instruction

The Red Hook Central School District provides a continuum of effective programs and services that support all students in meeting or exceeding challenging learning standards. We continually strive to implement high quality educational programs, recognizing that children develop and learn at different rates and in different ways. Because of this, we commit ourselves to offering a high-quality PreK-12 curriculum aligned with district, New York State and federal standards.

The district's Professional Development priorities for faculty remain focused on building students' confidence and skills through reading and writing. As a district, we believe that each student reaches his or her full potential as a learner through well-designed instruction, passionate teaching, and a robust home/school collaboration.

For more information, contact the RHCSD Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 845-758-2241 ext. 55210.

## RHHS International Baccalaureate Program

The full International Baccalaureate Diploma involves completing advanced coursework in six distinct areas (i.e., language and literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies, experimental sciences, mathematics and computer science, and the arts). Additionally, all students must complete a Theory of Knowledge course that includes a Community Action Service Project and a 4,000-word essay. All final assessments are evaluated and graded by external evaluators from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO).

We thank the community for its continued support of this important program. It has allowed our full diploma candidates as well as hundreds of other students to access rigorous, college-level curricula while attending RHHS. The IB Program first became a part of the educational program at the high school in September 2002. For more information, please visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) or email the IB Coordinator for RHHS, Mike McCrudden at [mmccrudden@rhcsd.org](mailto:mmccrudden@rhcsd.org).



### Enrollment at a Glance

The Red Hook Central School District begins the 2019-2020 school year with a total anticipated enrollment of 1,817 in-district students. Building enrollment is expected to be as follows: Mill Road Primary (grades PreK-2), 319; Mill Road Intermediate (grades 3-5), 405 students; Linden Avenue Middle School (grades 6-8), 418 students; and Red Hook High School (grades 9-12), 675 students.

### Graduation Requirements

In order to receive a NYS Regents Diploma, all high school students graduating in 2020 must acquire at least 22 units of credit: English 4 credits, social studies 4 credits, science 3 credits, mathematics 3 credits, languages other than English 1 credit, health .5 credit, art or music 1 credit, physical education 2 credits, and electives 3.5 credits.

### Regents Exam Requirements

Regents Diploma - a score of 65 or better is required on these Regents exams: Comprehensive English; Mathematics (any one); Global History; US History; Science (any one); Language other than English.

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation - a score of 65 or better is required on these Regents exams: Comprehensive English; Mathematics (All three); Global History; US History; Science (One physical and one life science); Language other than English.

### Additional Designations

The “with honors” designation is added to either Regents Diploma option for students with an average score of 90 or more on all required Regents exams.

### Red Hook Continuing Education

Red Hook Continuing Education offers classes to community members on a wide range of topics and interest areas in the fall and spring. The list of classes, dates, and meeting times is available at [www.redhookcentralschools.org](http://www.redhookcentralschools.org). If you are interested in teaching a course or have questions about courses offered, please contact Continuing Education Coordinator Gail Jaffe-Bennek at 845-758-2241, ext. 71351, or by e-mail at [continuinged@rhcsd.org](mailto:continuinged@rhcsd.org).

### School Hours

Mill Road Primary School.....9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Mill Road Intermediate School.....9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Linden Avenue Middle School .....7:40 a.m.-2:19 p.m.  
 Red Hook High School.....7:40 a.m.-2:21 p.m.  
 District Office Hours .....8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 (during Summer).....7 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Keeping in Touch

The district uses several forms of technology to communicate with parents/guardians of children in the district. SchoolMessenger® is a school-to-home system used for voice calls, email and text messages to parents/guardians to share information and broadcast emergency announcements. Parents are expected to keep their email addresses and phone numbers up-to-date with the main office staff in their student’s school to receive these alerts.

The district’s web site—[www.redhookcentralschools.org](http://www.redhookcentralschools.org)—is another valuable resource for information. You will also find closing and delay information for RHCS D posted on [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com) and on the district’s Twitter feed @rhcsd. The district also manages a Parent Portal which provides encrypted, online access to parents for viewing student attendance, marking period and report card reports, assignment grades, class schedules, and more. Any parent/guardian of a child enrolled in Red Hook schools can request an account to the Parent Portal by visiting <https://esd-parentportal.mhric.org> and completing the registration process.

We believe that home-to-school communication is an important part of your child’s success in school. Every teacher in Red Hook has a voice mailbox and an email account (first letter of the teacher’s first name, full last name followed by @rhcsd.org). A directory of all staff phone extensions is available on our web site or you can our main number and access the voicemail system’s directory. Please keep in touch!

### Shared Decision Making

The purpose of school-based planning and shared decision-making is to improve the educational performance of all students in our schools, regardless of factors such as socio-economic status, race, gender, language background, or disability.

Each school has a Building Level Team (BLT). Members of the team include teachers, parents, administrators, and support staff. Each BLT meets monthly. An agenda is determined in advance and decisions are arrived at by consensus. The public is welcome to attend the meetings and speak during visitor recognition.

A District Leadership Team (DLT) meets monthly to discuss District-wide student achievement issues. The DLT believes that post-secondary student outcomes are improved when each child feels valued and connected to his or her community.

### Emergency Closing Days

Schools may be closed five times before a make-up day is required for students. If there are more than five closing days, the make-up days for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

If one day: May 21\*

If two days: May 21 and May 22

If three days: May 21, May 22, and April 13

If four days: May 21, May 22, April 13 and April 6

If five days: May 21, May 22, April 13, April 6 and April 7

\*If five or more snow days have been used by February 1, 2020, February 14th will revert to a regular school day. If there are no emergency school closings, the order of the give back dates will be determined in March.

### Lunch Prices

K-12 Breakfast**	\$1.75	<i>**If a child qualifies for a free or reduced lunch through the application process they also qualify for a free or reduced breakfast.</i>
K-5 Lunch	\$2.75	
6-12 Lunch	\$3.00	
K-12 Milk	\$.60	
K-12 Reduced Price	\$.25	
Grades K-5	Breakfast served 8:35 am to 9:00 am in K-2 Cafeteria	
Grades 6-12	Breakfast served 7:30 am to 9:00 am in school cafeteria	

### School Closings, Delays & Emergency Dismissals

Information on school closings, delays or emergency dismissals can be found at [www.redhookcentralschools.org](http://www.redhookcentralschools.org), on Twitter @rhcsd, on Instagram @redhookcsd, by calling 845-758-2241, or on local radio stations.

### Admission of Nonresident Students

In 2014, the Board of Education adopted a policy allowing nonresident, tuition-paying students to request admission to the District. When the Superintendent of Schools determines that classroom space is available within the District and the District is able to offer such placement without incurring any additional cost to the taxpayers of Red Hook Central School District, it shall be the policy of the Board of Education to admit nonresident students to its schools upon the payment of tuition, as set by the Board of Education in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of New York. For more information, please contact the Superintendent’s office at ext. 55010.

### Attendance MATTERS!

Did you know that regular attendance is one of the most important determinants of your child’s success in school? We encourage you to schedule all non-emergency absences from school – routine medical or dental appointments – for after school hours, and to plan vacations for days that school is not in session. The negative impact of missing school – whether absences are excused or unexcused – for more than 10 percent of the school year (about 18 days total) is the same. Poor attendance in the early grades (kindergarten through second grade) can influence whether your child will be reading proficiently by the end of third grade. Chronic absenteeism in the secondary grades (6–12) is a leading indicator that a student will drop out of school before completing graduation requirements.

## Public Use of School Facilities

Individuals interested in requesting to use district facilities and/or grounds to host an activity are required to submit an Application For Use of School Facilities at least 45 days in advance of the requested date(s). Applications are available on the district website as a printable download or you can pick one up at the District Office. The district retains the right to give preference to groups that are associated with and/or sponsored by the district. The requirements for any entity making a request to use district facilities are indicated on the application form.

Red Hook's athletes, coaches and maintenance staff take great pride in the athletic fields. Our fields benefit from a comprehensive grounds-keeping program that includes routine fertilization and over-seeding. Maintaining healthy turf provides much more than a good-looking athletic field; it is a solid footing and a cushioning-impact surface for our athletes. Without healthy turf, the potential for injury to athletes increases greatly.

Use of the outdoor grounds and athletic facilities by individuals and groups are permitted providing the activity does not cause damage to the property or interfere with the district's use of these resources. No cleats, spikes or other footwear that could cut, puncture or tear the surface of the track are allowed.

Please be aware that dogs are prohibited from our school grounds and property. While most pet owners behave responsibly, numerous incidents of pet waste being left on athletic fields, recess areas and other public access areas necessitated these rules to protect the health and safety of our students and staff. The district strives to maintain a balance between good stewardship of its facilities and use of those facilities by the public. We appreciate your cooperation. Please contact the Facilities and Operations Department at 845-758-2241, ext. 59010 if you have any questions.

## MySchoolBucks.com Parent Portal

The District's Cafeteria Program manages a parent portal for the Point of Sale breakfast and lunch program.

The online parent portal allows parents to access their child's breakfast/lunch account from any computer connected to the Internet. From the portal web site, parents can make advance payments for breakfast &/or lunch by using a debit or credit card or an e-check; view their child's fund balance, and see what their child is buying in the cafeteria. We encourage parents to create an online account! (Payments are also accepted in person via check or cash in each school building.)

To create your online parent portal account, you will need to visit [www.mySchoolBucks.com](http://www.mySchoolBucks.com) and follow the online directions found there. Keep in mind that payments can be made for all of your children at one time by using the mySchoolBucks portal. No more separate checks per building! Please remember that each time you make a deposit transaction in MySchoolBucks.com, there is a processing charge. Plan ahead and deposit funds for all of your children in one transaction to avoid multiple processing charges.

## SchoolMessenger App

We encourage parents/guardians to download the SchoolMessenger app on their mobile device to manage communications sent to you by your student(s)' building principals, teachers and the district office. With the app installed on your mobile device, all of the communications sent to you via SchoolMessenger (text, email, teacher-initiated messages) are easily accessed in a single location. Use of the SchoolMessenger app requires you to create an account using the email address we have on file for you in our student management system. Need help? Please contact [mlooney@rhcsd.org](mailto:mlooney@rhcsd.org) or by phone at 845-758-2241 ext. 59501.

## Safe Arrival

Safe Arrival is a new way for parents/guardians to report student absences. It replaces having to submit handwritten notes or contact your child's school attendance clerk to report MOST absences. The system requires authorized parents/guardians to create an account which then links them to their student(s) for the purpose of absence reporting. Parents of students in grades PK - 12 who are marked absent AND for whom we do not have a reported reason, will receive an automated phone call from the district regarding that absence. We encourage you to use the Safe Arrival system to manage your student(s) absences. For more details about Safe Arrival and how to create an account, please visit the district website > Our District > Safe Arrival - Parent Resources.

## Say Something Anonymous Reporting System

The Red Hook Central School District has the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System for students and adults to easily and confidentially report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies. Say Something is provided by Sandy Hook Promise - a national violence prevention nonprofit organization - focused on preventing gun violence (and other forms of violence and victimization) by educating and mobilizing youth and adults to identify, intervene and get help for individuals who may be at-risk of hurting themselves or others. More information about the program and the resources you need to report safety concerns are available at <https://www.saysomething.net>. Say Something is NOT a replacement for 911 and should NOT be used in the event of an emergency or a crime in progress.

## School Budget Voter Registration Information

To vote on the school budget or school board elections, a person must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote date, and registered to vote. If a person is registered to vote in a general election and has voted within the past four years, there is no need to register separately for the school district vote. In the event that a person is not registered, a voter registration date will be established by the district for school district-only elections. Please call the district clerk at 845-758-2241, ext. 55010, if you have any questions.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Historically, a small percentage of the 8,000 eligible voters vote on the school budget.

**This year's School Budget Vote Date is May 19, 2020**

**Please get involved and exercise your right to vote!**

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The Board of Education meetings are normally held on two Wednesdays of each month in the K-2 Library of the Mill Road Elementary School, beginning at 7 p.m. (executive session starts at 6 p.m.). Please see the calendar for specific dates. Check out recordings on the meetings on YouTube @ RHCSD BOE Meetings.

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## Go Raiders!

The interscholastic athletic program at Red Hook Central Schools is available to students in grades 7-12. Students in the middle school are eligible to participate in modified sports, and students in the high school are eligible to participate in junior varsity and varsity sports. Over 800 student-athletes participated in the athletic program during the 2018-2019 school year. Red Hook currently offers teams competing in football, soccer, field hockey, volleyball, cross country, boys' golf, tennis, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, track and field, and boys' and girls' lacrosse. Questions? Contact Tom Cassata, Director of Athletics, at 845-758-2241, ext. 18800. Follow the Raiders on Twitter @RH\_Athletics.

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