

*Hicksville  
Public  
Schools*

*2020-2021*

*School District Calendar*

*as of March 1, 2021*



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# BOARD OF EDUCATION



Phil Heckler  
President

The Hicksville School District's Board of Education is composed of local residents, charged by state law to provide for a free and appropriate education to district students. They are elected by district residents to set policies and objectives. Board members serve without pay for a three-year term. Throughout the year, they attend seminars and workshops offered for new officers and trustees by regional organizations. The Board of Education welcomes residents, staff members and other interested persons to its meetings. During COVID-19, these meetings are held virtually. A link to enable residents' attendance is posted to the district website. Decisions made by your local elected School Board affect the district's educational program and the well-being of the Hicksville community.



Brenda Judson  
Vice President



Carla Hoene  
Secretary

## Setting Policy

The Board establishes and revises policies that guide district-wide operations. Work is guided by the District's [Mission Statement and Vision Statement](#). The Board of Education's Policy Manual is available on the District's website under the Board of Education dropdown: [www.hicksvillepublicschools.org](http://www.hicksvillepublicschools.org).

## Meeting Format

The Board of Education holds committee meetings encompassing the areas of communications, curriculum, facilities, finance, policy and safety. These meetings occur monthly and specific dates and times are listed in this calendar.

The Board of Education also meets on a monthly basis to conduct district business. The format for these meetings is as follows:

**6:30-8:00 p.m. Executive Session**  
**8:00 p.m. Public Session Action Meeting**

The dates for all scheduled Board meetings and budget meetings are indicated in this calendar. Public notice will be given for any date not indicated on the calendar. Meeting notices are posted on the district website: [www.hicksvillepublicschools.org](http://www.hicksvillepublicschools.org).

Board of Education members can be contacted at (516) 733-2106.



Christopher Amato  
Trustee



Sunita Manjrekar  
Trustee



Linda Imbriale  
Trustee



Irene Carlomusto  
Trustee

## Budget & Election Dates

**April 20, 2021** Budget Adoption  
**May 5, 2021** Budget Hearing  
**May 18, 2021** Budget Vote & Trustee Election

## Board of Education Meeting Dates

6:30 p.m. Executive Session  
8:00 p.m. Public Session

Wednesday,	<b>September 30, 2020</b>
Wednesday,	<b>October 21, 2020</b>
Wednesday,	<b>November 18, 2020</b>
Wednesday,	<b>December 16, 2020</b>
Wednesday,	<b>January 20, 2021</b>
Wednesday,	<b>February 10, 2021</b>
Wednesday,	<b>March 17, 2021</b>
Tuesday,	<b>April 20, 2021</b>
Tuesday,	<b>May 18, 2021</b>
Wednesday,	<b>June 9, 2021</b>

**Board of Education  
Committee Meetings**

**Communications Advisory Committee**

September 3, 2020  
September 29, 2020  
October 13, 2020  
November 17, 2020  
December 15, 2020  
January 19, 2021  
February 23, 2021  
March 23, 2021  
April 13, 2021  
May 11, 2021

**Curriculum & Instruction Committee**

September 23, 2020  
October 7, 2020  
November 4, 2020  
December 2, 2020  
January 6, 2021  
February 3, 2021  
March 3, 2021  
April 7, 2021  
May 12, 2021

**Facilities Committee**

December 22, 2020  
TBD

**Finance/Budget Committee**

January 12, 2021  
February 3, 2021  
March 3, 2021  
April 7, 2021  
April 20, 2021 (Budget Adoption)  
May 5, 2021 (Budget Hearing)  
May 18, 2021 (Budget Vote & Trustee Election)

# ***A Message from the Superintendent of Schools***

Dear School Community,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! This will be a very different school year as we are reopening schools with new learning and safety protocols in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

We welcome students back to school in-person or remotely using new learning platforms and redefining what “school” will look like. New health and safety protocols are in place. These include wearing face coverings, arranging classrooms to comply with social distancing guidelines, touchless hand-sanitizing stations, water bottle refilling stations, and daily disinfecting regimens throughout our schools.



With community support for the school budget and with funds from the bond, capital and maintenance allocations, we continue to improve our school buildings. Over the summer, the middle school roofing flashing and gutters and new cornices were installed. The new middle school elevator construction is underway. Univent work commenced at the high school, middle school, Lee Avenue, Woodland, East Street, Burns, Dutch and Old Country Road schools. East Street, Lee Avenue and Woodland have new Library Media Centers to meet the learning needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century instruction. Construction continues on the Aquatic Center located at the high school to include masonry and steel construction.

Through all that has transpired, our Board of Education has provided leadership with unwavering dedication. They were ever-present, holding public meetings using online platforms, addressing challenges, listening to the community and answering questions. Our PTA has provided support and guidance at every turn. Our Reopening Task Force members and Board Committee members have worked throughout the summer to problem-solve and think widely and deeply to re-envision our schools.

I want to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to the school community members who worked tirelessly to make the reopening of our schools possible. Their efforts encapsulate the very best our community has to offer.

As we embark on the new school year together, the one thing I know for sure is that we shall overcome and provide an education for all our children in meeting their potential. We will continue to support our students who are trying to grow up in a Pandemic and will look to adults to help them navigate through difficult times. I am looking forward with hope in educating our children through unprecedented times. We are Hicksville strong!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marianne Litzman".

Marianne Litzman  
Superintendent of Schools

## ***Board of Education Committee Meetings***

### **Policy Committee**

September 29, 2020  
October 29, 2020  
November 5, 2020  
December 3, 2020  
January 14, 2021  
February 4, 2021  
March 11, 2021  
April 8, 2021  
May 6, 2021  
June 3, 2021

### **Safety Committee**

October 14, 2020  
February 24, 2021  
April 14, 2021  
May 12, 2021

### **Shared Decision-Making Committee**

October 1, 2020  
January 14, 2021  
March 25, 2021  
May 27, 2021

### **Special Education Advisory Committee**

October 28, 2020  
January 28, 2021  
March 25, 2021  
May 10, 2021



# ***PARENT GUIDE***

## ***The District at a Glance***

Hicksville, New York is located in Nassau County thirty miles east of New York City. Our community has evolved over three centuries from a Native American land purchase to a thriving microcosm of America. The Hicksville Public School District is comprised of seven neighborhood elementary schools with an average annual enrollment of 330 students. There is one Middle School with an enrollment of approximately 1,300 students in grades 6-8 and one High School with an enrollment of close to 1,700 students.

Many of our students are descendants of generations of Hicksville residents; others have recently immigrated to the United States. Ethnic groups representing many countries make up a mosaic quilt that is Hicksville. Fifty-one languages are spoken within the school district and, in many homes, English is not the primary language spoken. Such cultural diversity enriches our educational community, environment, and academic and extra-curricular programs.

The community has a long tradition of providing students with a strong base of values upon which to build their future. The district is dedicated to preparing our students for a diverse future in our competitive and evolving technological world. There is a strong emphasis on preparation for higher education and quality educational programs. A serious commitment to education is the bond that is shared by the entire community.

As of August 2020, **90.2%** of the graduates of Hicksville High School Class of 2020 indicated they planned to move onto higher education; **2%** indicated they will enter the military; and **98.5%** of the graduates earned Regents endorsement on their high school diplomas.

## ***District Communications***

The goal of outreach by Hicksville Public Schools is to maintain timely and transparent communications utilizing multiple channels to disperse information to school community members and residents. It is critically important for all parents to keep their contact information up-to-date so the district has the means to communicate quickly and effectively.

The [District's website](#) is an excellent source of information for students, parents, teachers and community members. The website is tied to the district's mobile app, so in order to receive the most up-to-date information, community members are encouraged to download the free app. The district website and mobile app include important announcements, upcoming events, Board of Education meeting agendas and meetings, policies, budget information and curriculum resources. In addition, each school and department maintains web pages that provide an overview of curriculum, contact information, department-specific calendars, and headlines and features. Teachers maintain an online web presence using a variety of tools, including [Google Classroom](#) and the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All current parents have access to their child's teachers' emails by logging into Parent Portal, accessing their child's page, and clicking on each teacher's name.

The Board also established [Communications Procedures](#) to facilitate communications. The district maintains a [Public Information Office](#) (PIO) that works closely with the Board and district leadership to inform and update the public on a regular basis. The PIO maintains and updates the district and building websites and app, utilizes social media platforms, broadcast messaging using automated phone calls, texts, and eblasts, and produces periodic [district newsletters](#), [informational videos](#), and media releases.

The Board of Education established a Communications Advisory Committee to guide the work of the PIO.



# SEPTEMBER 2020

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Focus: **Community**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1	2	3 - 2 PM Communications Advisory Committee Meeting - 7 PM Special Meeting of the Board of Education	4 - SAT Registration Deadline	5	
	LABOR DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	← Superintendent's Conference Days for Staff →			10 - 7 PM Special Meeting of the Board of Education	11	12
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	- SAT Late Registration Deadline					
13	14	15	16	17 - 7:30 PM HHS PTSA Meeting	18	19	
	- 7 PM Special Meeting of the Board of Education - 8 PM PTA Council Meeting @ Burns	- Elementary PTA Meeting	- 7 PM Curriculum Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM HMS PTSA Meeting	23	24	25	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 - 8 AM SAT Reasoning Test	
	HOLIDAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	- SEPTA Meeting - 3:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting - 7 PM Communications Advisory Committee Meeting	- 8 PM Regular Meeting of the Board of Education	30			
27	28	29	30				

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Registration

There is NO in-person registration. All students new to the district or resident children transferring to public schools may register any time during the school year. In order to be admitted to kindergarten in September, a child must be 5 years of age on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year in which the child enters kindergarten. Kindergarten students will be given a Kindergarten Readiness Test (KRT) prior to entering school. The purpose of this screening is to prepare for the individual needs of the students.

Please download the [Registration Packet](#) from the district website and either email the completed packet, dated and signed, along with copies of all the required documents to: registrar@hicksvillepublicschools.org or, place in a sealed envelope and drop off at the Administration Building located at 200 Division Avenue with the security guard between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., or if after hours, place through the mail slot located on the front of the building. If you do not have access to a printer, you can pick-up a registration packet at the Administration Building with the security guard or contact us at **733-2160** to have one mailed.

### Transportation

The district will provide transportation for students who live in the district and who attend public or non-public school according to policy set by the Board of Education:

- Grades K-5 living more than .5 mile from school**
- Grades 6-8 living more than 1 mile from school**
- Grades 9-12 living more than 1.25 miles from school**

Transportation of children to private and parochial schools outside the district is provided up to a maximum of 15 miles and transportation for disabled children is mandated by state law up to 50 miles. All requests for transportation of non-disabled children attending private and parochial schools outside the district within the 15-mile limit must be made by **April 1** preceding the next school year. Questions may be directed to the Supervisor of Transportation at **(516) 733-2185** between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The District contracts with several bus companies who may be contacted when the transportation office is closed:

- EBT - Education Bus Transportation: (516) 935-2277**
- Levittown: (516) 434-7589**

Bus passes are mailed at the end of August to parents of eligible students. In order to ensure a smooth school opening, no bus stop changes will be made during the first two weeks of school.

### Attendance

The Board of Education recognizes that regular school attendance is a major component of academic success. Attendance is taken daily at the elementary level and during each class period at the secondary level. Education Law permits excused absences or tardiness for the following reasons only: personal illness; illness or death in the family; impassable roads or weather; religious observance; quarantine; required court appearances; medical/dental appointments that cannot be scheduled outside the school day; approved college visits; military obligations; or such other reasons as may be approved. All other unapproved absences, tardiness or early departures are considered unexcused absences. A comprehensive explanation of the district's [Attendance Policy](#) is available on the district website.

### Code of Conduct

The Hicksville School District is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive and district personnel may deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers and other district personnel, parents and visitors is essential to achieving this goal. A complete copy of the [Code of Conduct](#) is

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# OCTOBER 2020

SEL Focus: **Kindness**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				- 4 PM Shared Decision-Making Committee Meeting - 7 PM Mental Health Coalition Workshop 1	2	- 8 AM SAT Reasoning/Subject Tests 3
4	- 8 PM PTA Council Meeting @ Dutch 5	- Elementary PTA Meeting - 7 PM Mental Health Coalition Workshop 6	- SAT Registration Deadline - 7 PM Curriculum Committee Meeting 7	- 7:30 PM HHS PTSA Meeting 8	- Secondary Progress Reports 9	10
11	HOLIDAY SCHOOLS CLOSED 12	- 7 PM Communications Advisory Committee Meeting 13	- 2 PM Safety Committee Meeting 14	15	16	- PSAT Administered @ HHS 17
18	- 7:30 PM HMS PTSA Meeting 19	- SAT Late Registration Deadline - Evening Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences 20	- 8 PM Regular Meeting of the Board of Education 21	- PTA Presidents Meeting w/ Superintendent 22	23	24
25	- MAP Testing Grades 3-8 through November 25 26	27	- 7 PM Special Education Committee Meeting 28	- 3:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting 29	District-Wide Early Dismissal: Elementary Schools & Thurs./Fri. Secondary Cohort 30	31

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available on the district's website.

### ***Reporting to Parents***

Student performance is measured and monitored throughout the year and used to inform instructional decisions. Elementary school students receive report cards on a trimester basis. Secondary students receive progress reports alternating with report cards every five weeks. The dates for these are listed on this calendar. Parent Teacher Conferences are offered to all parents of K-5 students. Dates for these conference opportunities are listed in this calendar.

### ***Parent Dashboard***

The New York State Report Card offers standardized, quantitative measures of accountability for student academic performance required under legislation for student performance. The public can search any public school district and/or individual schools' Report Cards on [NYSED's Public Data site](#).

### ***Emergency School Closings***

In the event that a health emergency or inclement weather requires a full district or individual school closure, families will be notified by an automated calling system and through notifications posted to the district's social media accounts and on the district website.

### ***Breakfast and Lunch***

The District is pleased to offer healthy meals of breakfast and lunch in all schools. The food service operation is provided through a contract with Whitsons Food Service Corp. and is a self-sustaining program. Meals may be purchased at full price, or at a discounted price for eligible students. Breakfast is served immediately prior to the start of school each morning, and lunch is served at various times throughout the district. The District contracts with ScholarChip for a point of sales system. Parents may prepay for meals online through this system, as well as view their child's food purchases. Alerts for food allergies are also included in this system. Parents can call (516) 733-2280 if they have questions regarding the food service program.



### ***SCOPE Child Care***

In keeping with the district's desire to provide a safe, well-supervised, enjoyable and reliable environment for children after school hours, an after-school childcare program is available for elementary students. The tuition-based program is operated by [SCOPE](#), a not-for-profit organization chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and licensed by the New York State Department of Social Services. [For the 2020-2021 school year](#), the program will be held at three sites - Woodland, Lee Avenue and Old Country Road schools. Students from other district schools will receive transportation to the program, which is open until 6:30 p.m. For more information, call SCOPE Childcare at **(631) 360-0800 ext. 123**.

### ***Parent Teacher Association***

Active involvement in PTA is one of the many ways parents can participate in their children's education. Each school in the district has a PTA unit that belongs to the national organization founded in 1897, and is dedicated to the improvement of education, health, safety and protection of children. In addition, the Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) is concerned with children who require special educational services in order to develop to his/her full potential. The Hicksville Council of PTAs is the coordinating body, with its own Executive Committee and representatives of the individual units. Together, they work toward the same goal shared by the district as a whole - excellence in educational opportunities for all Hicksville students.

The PTA sponsors a wide variety of special activities for parents and students. At the annual Founders Day celebration, the PTA honors individuals, including staff members and parents, who have made outstanding contributions to the PTA's goals and objectives. The PTA invites all parents and teachers to join and participate. All PTA unit meetings are noted on the calendar pages. If you would like more information, please contact your unit president listed on the last page of this calendar.

### ***Memorial Scholarship***

Several years ago, the Hicksville High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) established a memorial scholarship fund. It is an ongoing fund which can be used in honor of a special occasion or for memorial purposes. Contributions should be directed to the Hicksville High School Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Hicksville High School PTSA. Appropriate acknowledgments are sent to the person or family of the person in whose name a donation is made.

# NOVEMBER 2020

SEL Focus: *Gratitude*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS</p> <p>1</p>	<p>District-Wide Early Dismissal: Mon./Tues. Secondary Cohort</p> <p>- 8 PM PTA Council Meeting @ East</p> <p>2</p>	<p><b>ELECTION DAY</b></p> <p>ALL SCHOOLS REMOTE EXCEPT HIGH SCHOOL HYBRID</p> <p>3</p>	<p>- 7 PM Curriculum Committee Meeting</p> <p>4</p>	<p>- SAT Registration Deadline</p> <p>- 3:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting</p> <p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>- 8 AM SAT Reasoning &amp; Subject Tests</p> <p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>- 7:30 PM HMS PTSA Meeting</p> <p>9</p>	<p>- Elementary PTA Meeting</p> <p>10</p>	<p><b>VETERANS DAY</b></p> <p>SCHOOLS CLOSED</p> <p>11</p>	<p>- 7:30 PM HHS PTSA Meeting</p> <p>12</p>	<p>- End of First Quarter - Secondary Schools</p> <p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>- SAT Late Registration Deadline</p> <p>- 7 PM Communications Advisory Committee Meeting</p> <p>17</p>	<p>- 7:30 PM Athletic Booster Club Meeting</p> <p>- 8 PM Regular Meeting of the Board of Education</p> <p>18</p>	<p>- Elementary Schools Closed Afternoon</p> <p>- Elementary Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences</p> <p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>- SEPTA Meeting</p> <p>23</p>	<p>- PTA Presidents Meeting w/ Superintendent</p> <p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>HOLIDAY RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED</p>		<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>					

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## ***Educational Program***

Hicksville Public School's educational program is designed to prepare students for the world into which they will graduate. The district curriculum is aligned to the rigor of the State Standards and designed to ensure students meet graduation requirements for college and career readiness. Development and evaluation of curriculum is an annual process to guarantee that students are provided with a program that meets this rigor and preparation. Performance objectives are established for each course with flexibility to allow for individual growth and differentiated instruction.

Educational goals and objectives set by the Board of Education serve as a framework upon which the educational program is built. These objectives include the development of academic and study skills, physical and intellectual development, scientific understanding, aesthetic expression, career development, and an awareness of the interaction between the individual and society. Hicksville Public School's programs provide for excellence in education in each curriculum area, with opportunities for intervention and enrichment.

## ***Internet Safety Policy***

It is the philosophy of the school district that integration of technology with the curriculum is an essential part of instruction. At the same time, there is an inherent responsibility on the part of users to conduct themselves in an appropriate and considerate manner when using this medium. The Internet contains a rich array of educational content as well as information that is illegal or inappropriate for children. Therefore, Internet resources are filtered for inappropriate content, students are educated about the district's [Internet Safety Policy](#), and appropriate online behavior, and student use is monitored and supervised by staff. However, the security, accuracy and quality of information that is available through our network cannot be guaranteed. While the guidelines that follow have been developed to ensure responsible use of our computer network and the Internet, we respect each family's right to deny independent Internet use by their children in school.

## ***Parent/Guardian Option***

A parent/guardian may deny their child independent access to the Internet at any time by submitting a letter to the school. However, teacher-directed Internet activities are part of our curriculum and not subject to parent/guardian authorization. Such activities may include the use of various online educational websites and services that may require students to set up individual user accounts, with the minimum required personal information, solely for the purpose of accessing such services in connection with approved classroom instruction. Unless a parent/guardian denies access for their child, students will be permitted to set up their accounts, with the consent of their teachers, in accordance with the [Children's Online Privacy Protection Act](#). For the full Board of Education Policy 4526, please visit: [www.hicksvillepublicschools.org](http://www.hicksvillepublicschools.org).

## ***Elementary School***

Hicksville's seven elementary schools - [Burns](#), [Dutch](#), [East](#), [Fork](#), [Lee](#), [Old Country Road](#), and [Woodland](#) - offer a standards-based curriculum with skills and activities aligned to those standards. The hands-on science program encourages children to observe, ask questions, touch and experiment. Field trips offer students experiential learning throughout Long Island. A district-wide bilingual program offers students the opportunity to learn academic content in two languages with varying amounts of each language in accordance with the district's program model. Students can participate in music with band, orchestra and chorus and the district's string instrumental program begins in third grade. Students take advantage of the new library-media centers in all seven elementary schools. Hicksville's Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) begins in fourth grade.

## ***Middle School***

[Hicksville Middle School](#) educates approximately 1,200 students. Students are accelerated in both mathematics and science. The language program expands at this level and students may begin studying American Sign Language (ASL), French, Italian and Spanish. The music department offers exceptional opportunities for Band, Orchestra and Chorus students. In addition, middle school students can take advantage of our state-of-the-art curriculum for class piano, as well as discover different types of world music in our sixth and seventh grade general music curriculum. The art program continues the robust work the students explored in grades K-5. Students that have their eye on more artistic pursuits have an opportunity to be recommended for Studio in Art when in eighth grade. There

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# DECEMBER 2020

SEL Focus: *Empathy*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			- Elementary Schools Closed Afternoon - Elementary Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences - 7 PM Curriculum Committee Meeting	- 3:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting		- 8 AM SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests	
			1	2	3	4	5
						- Elementary First Trimester Ends	
	- 8 PM PTA Council Meeting @ Fork	- Elementary PTA Meeting	- 7:30 PM Athletic Booster Club Meeting	- Evening Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
						- Secondary Progress Reports	
		- 7 PM Communications Advisory Committee Meeting	- 8 PM Regular Meeting of the Board of Education				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
			- Elementary Report Cards	← HOLIDAY RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED →			
		- 6:30 PM Facilities Committee Meeting					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	← HOLIDAY RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED →						
27	28	29	30	31			

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are public art displays for all students year round. Other offerings include robotics, family and consumer science, technology and computer education. Social and emotional learning is a daily practice supported by the advisory period and the Sandy Hook Promise. There are interscholastic and intramural sports programs for all students.

## ***High School***

[Hicksville High School](#) educates approximately 1,700 students. A wide selection of classes and programs are offered at the high school including 20 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and 17 College Level classes in mathematics, business, science, engineering, world languages and video technology. Parents and students can access the high school [Course of Studies Catalog](#) to learn more. Additional electives include Nassau BOCES career and technical education as well as courses in engineering, science, computer science, art and photography, business, English, world languages, math, music and social studies. A variety of co-curricular activities are available to students, including special interest clubs, service organizations, and publications. Students participate in varsity athletic teams and interscholastic sports as well as extracurricular activities.

For more information about each curricular program, please contact the appropriate administrator listed on the last page of this calendar.

## ***Summer Programs***

The Board of Education and Administration are committed to providing opportunities for emotional and social growth, as well as intellectual and skill development for students during the summer months. Contingent upon Board and budget approval, programs are offered to students who are residents of Hicksville. These programs may include Summer Academic Programs, the Summer Recreation Program, and Summer Enrichment Program.



## ***NOTIFICATIONS***

### ***Free and Reduced-Price Meals***

Free and reduced-price meals are available for students who qualify under federal income eligibility guidelines. Confidentiality is assured for all participants in this program. [Applications](#) are emailed annually for all students, and may be obtained on the district website and the main office of each school. Residents wishing to apply for these programs should contact the Assistant Superintendent for Business at **(516) 733-2110**.

### ***Student Records***

Under the [Family Education Rights and Privacy Act](#) (FERPA), parents of students under age 18, and students or graduates age 18 or older, may review, obtain copies (for a nominal fee), and challenge the accuracy or fairness of the student's educational records. Requests to review instructional materials should be directed to the building Principal. Upon receipt of such request, arrangements shall be made to provide access to such material to within 30 calendar days after the request has been received. Complaints should be forwarded to the Superintendent's Office, 200 Division Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801-4800. Subsequent complaints may be filed in writing to: The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act Office, Department of Education, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

### ***Student Directory Information***

The district has the option under FERPA of designating certain categories of student information as "Directory Information," including a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major course of study, participation in schools activities and sports, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent school attended, photograph/image (still or moving), audio clips, grade level, email address and class roster.

Once FERPA notification is given by the district, the parent/guardian will have 14 days to notify the district of any objections they have to any of the "Directory Information" designations. If no objection is received, the district may release this information without prior approval of the parent/guardian. Once the parent/guardian provides the "opt out" notice, it will remain in effect after the student is no longer enrolled in the district. The district may elect to provide a single notice regarding both directory information and information disclosed to military recruiters and institutions of higher education.

### ***DASA - Dignity for All Students Act***

It is the policy of the district to prohibit bullying, harassment or discrimination against any student by a student or students and/or employee or employees on school property or at a

# JANUARY 2021

SEL Focus: **Acceptance**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					HOLIDAY RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED  1	2
3	SCHOOLS RE-OPEN  - MAP Testing Grades K-2 January 4-29 - 8 PM PTA Council Meeting @ Lee 4	5	- 7 PM Curriculum Committee Meeting 6	7	8	9
10	- 7:30 PM HMS PTSA Meeting 11	- 6:30 PM Finance/Budget Committee Meeting - Elementary PTA Meeting 12	- 7:30 PM Athletic Booster Club Meeting 13	- 3:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting - 4 PM Shared Decision-Making Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM HHS PTSA Meeting 14	15	16
17	HOLIDAY SCHOOLS CLOSED 18	- 7 PM Communications Advisory Committee Meeting 19	- 8 PM Regular Meeting of the Board of Education 20	- PTA Presidents Meeting w/ Superintendent 21	- End of Second Quarter - Secondary Schools 22	23
24 /	- SEPTA Meeting 25	26	- 7 PM Special Mental Health Workshop: Finding Hope and Resilience 27	- 6 PM Google Classroom Workshop - 7 PM Special Education Committee Meeting 28	29	30
31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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school function including, but not limited to, the discrimination based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex. Acts of bullying or harassment are prohibited, whether they are committed directly or indirectly, in person (face-to-face), or remotely by use of electronic technology, either on school property, at a school function, on a school or coach bus or off school property where there is a sufficient nexus to the school environment. For the Board to effectively enforce this policy and to take prompt corrective measures when the policy is violated, it is essential that all victims and persons with knowledge of bullying, harassment, or similar behavior report it immediately to district administrative staff.

[Dignity Act Coordinators](#) for each school have been trained in human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender and sex:

<b>Burns Avenue:</b>	John Comer	<b>(516) 733-2311</b>
<b>Dutch Lane:</b>	Janine Rossi	<b>(516) 733-2361</b>
<b>East Street:</b>	Jean-Marie Serra	<b>(516) 733-2321</b>
<b>Fork Lane:</b>	Susan Guiliano	<b>(516) 733-2341</b>
<b>Lee Avenue:</b>	Stephanie Stam	<b>(516) 733-2351</b>
<b>Old Country Road:</b>	Laura McConnell	<b>(516) 733-2301</b>
<b>Woodland:</b>	Beth Swanson	<b>(516) 733-2331</b>
<b>Middle School:</b>	Mara Jorisch	<b>(516) 733-2261</b>
<b>High School:</b>	Raymond Williams	<b>(516) 733-2201</b>
<b>District:</b>	Rosemarie Coletti	<b>(516) 733-2125</b>

## Parents' Bill of Rights

The purpose of the Parents' Bill of Rights is to inform parents (which also include legal guardians or persons in parental relation to a student, but generally not the parents of a student who is age 18 or over) of the legal requirements regarding privacy, security, and use of student data. In addition to FERPA, Education Law 2-d provides important protections for student data, and remedies for breaches of the responsibility to maintain security and confidentiality of such data.

## Non-Discrimination - Equal Access and Opportunity for All

Hicksville Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of economic status, intellectual ability, race, national background, religion, disability, sex or age in any of its educational programs or activities, or in its employment practices. [Title IX](#) of the Educational Amendments of 1972, [Section 504](#) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), [The Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#), and [The Age Discrimination Act](#), prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, disability, and age, respectively. This policy of nondiscrimination includes: recruitment and employment of employees, salaries, pay and other benefits, counseling services to students, student access to course offerings, educational programs, and other activities.

Inquiries concerning the application of this policy on nondiscrimination, or complaints of discrimination based upon any of the above-referenced categories may be directed to the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, Hicksville Public Schools, 200 Division Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801-4800, **(516)733-2125**.

## Title I and IX - Complaint Procedures

As required by Title IX, General Provisions of the [Elementary and Secondary Education Act \(ESEA\)](#), the NYS Education Department (NYSED) has adopted procedures for receiving and resolving complaints and for reviewing appeals from decisions of Local Education Agencies (LEA/District). Complaints concerning violations of ESEA Title I, Parts A, C, and D, or of the General Education Provisions Act; or of Section 110.2(ee) Academic Intervention Services of the Regulations of the Commissioner are covered by these procedures.

## Sexual Harassment

The Board of Education recognizes that harassment of students, staff, and "non-employees" (which includes contractors, subcontractors, vendors, consultants and other persons providing services pursuant to a contract, or their employees) on the basis of sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression and/or sexual orientation is abusive and illegal behavior that harms

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# FEBRUARY 2021

SEL Focus: *Self-Awareness*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	- Kindergarten Open Enrollment for ALL Elementary Schools through March 26 <sup>th</sup>  - 8 PM PTA Council Meeting @ OCR 1	2	- 6:30 PM Finance/Budget Committee Meeting  - 7 PM Curriculum Committee Meeting 3	- 3:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting 4	5	6	
7	- 7 PM Mental Health Workshop (Elementary): Mindfulness at Home - 7:30 PM HMS PTSA Meeting 8	- 7 PM Mental Health Workshop (Secondary): Mindfulness at Home - Elementary PTA Meeting 9	- 7:30 PM Athletic Booster Club Meeting  - 8 PM Regular Meeting of the Board of Education 10	- 7:30 PM HHS PTSA Meeting 11	- SAT Registration Deadline 12	13	
14	← WINTER RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED →					19	20
21	SCHOOLS RE-OPEN 22	- SAT Late Registration Deadline  - 7 PM Communications Advisory Committee Meeting 23	- 2 PM Safety Committee Meeting 24	- PTA Presidents Meeting w/ Superintendent 25	26	27	
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victims and negatively impacts the school culture by creating an environment of fear, distrust, intimidation and intolerance. The Board of Education further recognizes that preventing and remedying such harassment in schools is essential to ensure a healthy, nondiscriminatory environment in which students can learn and employees and “non-employees” can work productively. To this end, the Board of Education condemns and strictly prohibits all forms of sexual harassment on school grounds, school buses, and at all school-sponsored activities, programs and events including those taking place outside the school district. The District provides a [Sexual Harassment Formal Complaint Form](#) for complaints.

### ***Pesticide Spraying***

For several years, the district has been involved in an Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) in accordance with NYS Department of Education regulations. The Pesticide Notification Law requires the district to form a registry of any student, parent or staff member who wishes to receive written notification 48 hours prior to a regular pesticide application. Individuals may request that their names be added to the school registry at any time during the school year. Please be aware that in a case of emergency, we may not be able to provide a 48-hour notice. All interested parties should contact the district’s pesticide representative in the facilities and operations office at **(516) 733-2180**, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### ***Asbestos Management Plan***

Public Notice of Asbestos Management Plan in accordance with NYS Department of Education requirements under Environmental Protection Agency regulation (40 CFR Part 763): The Asbestos Management Plan and any response actions taken or planned are available in the district’s facilities and operations office. All interested parties should contact the local education agency’s designated person in the facilities and operations office at **(516) 733-2180**, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### ***Fire Safety Reports***

Notice is hereby given that the annual fire safety inspections, conducted during April 2020 for Hicksville High School, Hicksville Middle School, Burns Avenue School, Dutch Lane School, East Street School, Fork Lane School, Lee Avenue School, Old Country Road School, Woodland School, Willet Avenue School, the Administration Building, Hicksville Public Library, Library Administration Building and the Library Computer Resource Center of Hicksville UFSD, for fire hazards which may endanger the lives of students, teachers and

employees therein, have been completed and the report is available at the facilities and operations office at 200 Division Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801, for inspection by all interested parties.

### ***Sheltering/Early Dismissal Drill***

The annual sheltering and early dismissal will be held on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> for elementary schools and the Thursday and Friday secondary cohort; and On Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Monday and Tuesday secondary cohort. This drill is a requirement of the NYS Education Department.

### ***Special Education***

It is the goal of the Hicksville School District to provide each student with “free” and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. To meet the special education needs of children with disabilities, the district provides a full continuum including support services, resource rooms and special classes designed to meet the individual child’s capabilities and learning style. The network of teaching and support staff is aimed at encouraging students to work and learn with their non-disabled peers to the maximum extent possible. In some cases, the severity of the disability may require placement in special classes or schools operated by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) or in other private schools. However, no placement is made without the approval of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and the child’s parent.

If you believe that your child (from birth to age 21) may have a disability, you are urged to call the Office of Special Education at **(516) 733-2160**.

### ***Speech and Language Services***

Speech and language therapists employed by the district work with the speech, language, and hearing impaired students ages 3-21 years. Services are provided by the Committee on Special Education/Committee on Preschool Special Education to classified parochial and public school students to help remediate these areas. Instructional services are provided in a public or private school setting on an individual or small-group basis.

### ***Parents’ Right to Know***

Parents of students attending public school districts must be notified annually of their right to request information regarding the qualifications of their child’s teachers and any teaching

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# MARCH 2021

SEL Focus: *Integrity*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	- REMINDER: Kindergarten Open Enrollment for ALL Elementary Schools through March 26 <sup>th</sup>  - 8 PM PTA Council Meeting @ Woodland <b>1</b>	- 4 PM Curriculum Council Meeting   <b>2</b>	- 6:30 PM Curriculum & Budget Committee Meetings   <b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	- Secondary Progress Reports    <b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	- 7:30 PM HMS PTSA Meeting   <b>8</b>	- Elementary PTA Meeting   <b>9</b>	- 7:30 PM Athletic Booster Club Meeting   <b>10</b>	- 3:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting   - 7:30 PM HHS PTSA Meeting   <b>11</b>	- Elementary Second Trimester Ends    <b>12</b>	- 8 AM SAT Reasoning Test    <b>13</b>
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS    <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	- 8 PM Regular Meeting of the Board of Education   <b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	- SEPTA Meeting   <b>22</b>	- 7 PM Communications Advisory Committee Meeting   <b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	- PTA Presidents Meeting w/ Superintendent - 4 PM Shared Decision-Making Committee Meeting - 7 PM Special Education Committee Meeting <b>25</b>	- Kindergarten Registration for ALL Elementary Schools Closes  - Elementary Report Cards   <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	← SPRING RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED →			<b>31</b>		
	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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assistants providing services to their child. Under Section 3012-c of the Education Law, districts must notify parents that they have the right to access composite APPR score for their child's teacher and/or principal.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Hicksville School District is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, well-being and ability by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Pursuant to 204 of the Child Nutrition and Women, Infants and Child Reauthorization Act of 2004, and 918 of the NYS Education Law, the district established the Wellness Policy to enhance learning and development of lifelong wellness practices. The Wellness Policy includes nutrition educational goals, physical activity goals and school activities goals and establishes nutrition standards for food and beverages served to students. The policy also includes annual monitoring and evaluation of goals.

The district maintains robust web pages focused on [Student Health & Wellness](#), including important information concerning Health Services, Home Teaching, Wellness Policy and contact information for the district and school nurses (nurse contacts are also listed on the inside back page of this calendar). Each School has a full-time registered nurse on duty to provide a variety of health-screening services, and to administer first aid. School nurses maintain health histories of all children and conduct vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings during the year. It is important that parents keep the Health Office informed of any changes in their child's health.

In order to guide practice during the pandemic, the district established a [Mental Health & Wellness Coalition](#) that meets on a regular basis. The Coalition is made up of district psychologists, social workers, administrators, teachers and community organizations.

### Student Physicals

According to Education Law Section 903, every student in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades and all new admissions to the district are required to submit a health certificate signed by a duly licensed physician authorized to practice medicine in New York State. The physical examination form will request a body mass index (BMI) and weight status category. NYS requires biennial reporting of weight status categories. To opt out of weight status reporting, please contact district Nurse Coordinator Gail Hunker: [ghunker@hicksvillepublicschools.org](mailto:ghunker@hicksvillepublicschools.org). All students in Pre-K, K and first grade in public elementary school are requested to present a dental certificate. Whenever possible, physical examinations should be conducted by your family physician. The physical cannot be more than 12 months old when presented to the district. If we do not receive the information from you or your family physician, your school nurse will contact you to remind you of the need to provide the physical form. Please be advised that the school nurse will send a final notification that will inform you that you must comply with this requirement or the district physician will perform the medical examination.

### Immunizations

All schools are obliged to enforce the requirements of New York State Public Health Law, Section 2164. As of July 1, 2015, no child shall be admitted to school, or in the case of students entering from outside New York, be allowed attend school, in excess of 14 days without satisfactory written evidence that the student has been immunized. Below is a summary of the School Immunization Requirements for the 2020-2021 school year based on NYSDOH amended regulations:

- MMR (grades K-12) 2 doses; (Pre-K) 1 dose
- Tdap (grades 6-12) 1 dose
- DTaP (grades Pre-K-6) 4-5 doses - if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose is received after age 4, then 3 doses required; (grades Pre-K -5 and 12) 3 doses required
- Polio (grade Pre-K) 3 doses; (grades K-12) 4 doses required - if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was received after age 4, then 3 doses required
- Varicella (grades K-12) 2 doses required; (grades Pre-K) 1 dose required
- Hepatitis B (grades Pre-K-12) 3 doses required
- Meningococcal (grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11) 1 dose required; (grade 12) 2 doses required - 1 dose acceptable if given after age 16
- Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (HIB) (Pre-K) 1-4 doses required
- Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) (Pre-K) 1-4 doses required

Any student who does not meet the required immunization criteria is in violation of New York State Health Law, Section 2164, and **will not be admitted to school** until the student presents satisfactory written evidence of compliance. Doses must meet proper intervals established by ACIP.

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# APRIL 2021

SEL Focus: **Resilience**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				SPRING RECESS SCHOOLS CLOSED		
				1	2	3
4	5 - 8 PM PTA Council Meeting @ MS	6 - Elementary PTA Meeting	7 - 6:30 PM Finance/Budget Committee Meeting - 7 PM Curriculum Committee Meeting	8 - SAT Registration Deadline - 3:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM HHS PTSA Meeting	9	10
11	12 - 7:30 PM HMS PTSA Meeting	13 - 7 PM Communications Advisory Committee Meeting	14 - 2 PM Safety Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM Athletic Booster Club Meeting	15	16 - End of Third Quarter - Secondary Schools	17
18	19 - NYSESLAT Speaking Through May 28 <sup>th</sup>	← Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Tests →		21 - PTA Presidents Meeting w/ Superintendent	22	23
25	26	20 - SAT Late Registration Deadline - 8 PM Budget Adoption - Board of Education Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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### ***Medical Exemption***

Medical exemptions must be renewed annually; it must contain information to identify medical contraindications to specific immunization, must specify the length of time immunization is contraindicated and must be written by a physician licensed to practice in the state of New York.

### ***Guidance and Counseling***

Hicksville offers a comprehensive program of guidance and counseling services to all students, their parents, and members of the school community. Counseling services are diversified and address the special needs of each grade level. Guidance counselors provide support services addressing the academic as well as social and emotional needs of students faced with important personal and career choices. They guide students in making appropriate decisions, solving problems, and accepting responsibility for planning their programs of study by examining future goals, special skills and talents, and individual capabilities. Guidance counselors serve as resources for parents with information about scholarships, financial aid, interpreting test scores, graduation requirements, and college and technical choices.



### ***Career Resource Center***

The Career Resource Center, located at the high school Guidance and Counseling Center, provides students with information for college and career planning. The Center is available during regular school hours to students attending Hicksville High School.

### ***Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)***

In our elementary schools, our support staff provides classroom presentations, individual/group counseling and community support/referrals. This creates a supportive forum for students to talk about feelings, express concerns, share ideas and problem solve. The goal is to incorporate social-emotional learning, mindfulness and teach coping skills. This will help students achieve academic success and develop social-emotional skills in response to the various issues they are facing. Our elementary guidance counselor presents guidance lessons in the classroom. These lessons align with our district's social-emotional learning focus and incorporate components of the [Olweus Bullying Prevention Program](#).

In our secondary schools, support staff assist students with developing skills in areas such as healthy interpersonal relationships, decision-making, coping with emotions, life skills, resilience and goal achievement. A special emphasis is placed on developing and utilizing mindfulness techniques. Through in-person and virtual support, services can include individual and group counseling, phone sessions, activities/lessons, classroom presentations, school-wide initiatives, and community referrals. As a result of these interventions and supportive relationships, students increase their level of self-awareness, confidence, self-esteem and overall personal management. In addition, they develop healthier connections with the adults and peers in their lives.

### ***School Psychological Services***

Psychological counseling services are provided to students designated by the Committee on Special Education. Evaluations are conducted to determine special education needs. Attempts are always made to reach early diagnosis and appraisal of each child and direct assistance is given to students and parents, as appropriate, to help with the child's education. School support teams, comprised of administrators, teachers, counselors, psychologists and social workers, review student performance and make educational recommendations.

### ***School Social Work Services***

The services of the district team of social workers are available in the following areas: child abuse, chronic truancy, family court petitions, home-school liaison and visitation, severe discipline problems, drug abuse, teen pregnancy, maltreatment and educational neglect, medical and physical neglect, child-family counseling, special education services, mandated counseling, alternative family placement and agency referral and liaison.

Social workers coordinate efforts with other school community agencies to provide services to students and their families.

### ***Working Papers***

Students under the age of 18 seeking employment require working papers. Applications and working papers are issued by the High School Guidance Office between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. when school is in session, and from 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. during July and August. The completed application must be signed by a parent or guardian, and must be accompanied by a birth or baptismal certificate to verify age, and a doctor's certification that the student is physically fit to work. For additional information, call **(516) 733-2220**

# MAY 2021

SEL Focus: *Respect*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 - 8 PM PTA Council Meeting @ HS	4	5 - 7:30 PM Budget Hearing - Board of Education Meeting	6 - SAT Registration Deadline - 3:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting	7	1 - 8 AM SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests 8
MOTHER'S DAY 9	10 - 7 PM Special Education Committee Meeting	11 - Elementary PTA Meeting - 7 PM Communications Advisory Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM HMS PTSA Meeting	12 - 2 PM Safety Committee Meeting - 7 PM Curriculum Committee Meeting - 7:30 PM Athletic Booster Club Meeting	13 HOLIDAY SCHOOLS CLOSED	14 - Secondary Progress Reports - MAP Testing Grades 3-8 May 14-28	15
16	17 - NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing Through May 28 <sup>th</sup>	18 BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION - SAT Late Registration Deadline - 8 PM Regular Meeting of the Board of Education	19 - PTA Presidents Meeting w/ Superintendent	20 - 7:30 PM HHS PTSA Meeting	21	22
23	24 - SEPTA Meeting	25	26	27 - 4 PM Shared Decision-Making Committee Meeting	28	29
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOLS CLOSED					

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Due to the pandemic, many services to our community have been postponed until further notice for safety reasons including the Adult Continuing Education Program, Senior Citizen passes to school events, and the Senior Citizen Club Program.

### *Community Use of Facilities*

Public schools serve as centers for community life. Not-for-profit, nonsectarian organizations may use school facilities according to district regulations. Applications and inquiries should be directed to the Office of Facilities and Operations at the Administration Building by calling **(516) 733-2180**. Although the Board of Education encourages community groups to use school facilities for civic, educational, cultural or recreational purposes under normal circumstances, school-sponsored activities will take precedence in scheduling the use of schools or school grounds.

### *Vandalism*

School property belongs to the citizens of Hicksville and we must all do our part to see that no purposeful damage is done. If vandalism or other deliberate damage occurs, full restitution will be required from the guilty parties, parents or guardians in accordance with the law.

To report acts of vandalism or unauthorized activity on school grounds, 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. weekdays or 24 hours/day on weekends and/or holidays, call:

**Security (mobile): (516) 297-1614**

or the **Nassau County Police Department: (516) 573-6200**

All calls will remain confidential; District personnel will contact the police when necessary.

### *Hicksville Community Parent Center*

Currently closed due to the pandemic, the Parent Center was established by a dedicated group of Board of Education members, school administrators and parents in their effort to help improve the academic, social and emotional development of our students by providing parents and guardians with the resources to do so.

The Center is located in the District Office, 200 Division Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801. It is dedicated to providing support, resources, information, programs and workshops for children, students and parents. The Center will focus on positive parenting, health and safety issues, academics, social and emotional well-being for a diverse audience. The Parent Center was established to be a link between home and school. It is a place where parents can meet for lectures, receive guidance, share ideas, and learn from the community. When open, workshops are geared to community need. Computers, books and resource materials are housed in the Parent Center. For more information, call **(516) 733-2379**.

### *Hicksville Gregory Museum*

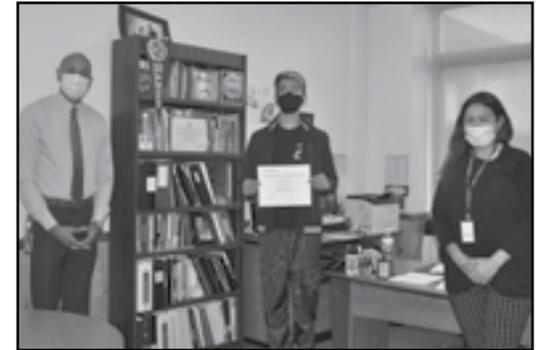
The [Hicksville Gregory Museum](#) provides educational and cultural displays and services in earth and environmental sciences, natural history and Long Island history. Personalized group and school tours can be arranged by appointment. The Hicksville Gregory Museum is located on Heitz Place and Bay Avenue, and Hicksville residents receive **free** admission to the museum. Contact the museum directly for more information: **(516) 822-7505**.

## Trustee Election, Budget and Voter Information

### *Voter Qualifications*

Every eligible school district resident should exercise his or her right to participate in the democratic process, and to vote on the school budget and for Board of Education trustees. This is an important way for community residents to make their voices heard and play an active role in our public schools. Hicksville residents who have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote date, who are U.S. citizens and 18 years of age or older, and who are currently and properly registered, may vote. In-person registration is

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# JUNE 2021

SEL Focus: *Perseverance*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		- MAP Testing Grades K-2 June 1-11  1	- U.S. History & Government Regents Examination  2	- 3:30 PM Policy Committee Meeting  3		- 8 AM SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests  5
6	- Grade 4 Science Written Test  - 8 PM PTA Council Meeting @ Burns  7	- Elementary PTA Meeting  8	- 7:30 PM Athletic Booster Club Meeting  - 8 PM Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  9	- 7:30 PM HHS PTSA Meeting  10	- Elementary Third Trimester Ends  - Elementary Schools Closed Afternoon  11	12
13	- HMS Last Full Day of Classes  - 7:30 PM HMS PTSA Meeting  14	← HS Finals/Regents Examinations →			- Elementary Schools Closed Afternoon  - Grade 5 Commencement  18	19
FATHER'S DAY  20	← HS Finals/Regents Examinations →			LAST DAY OF SCHOOL		10 AM Graduation Congratulations Class of 2021!
27	21	22	23	24	- 9:30 AM HMS Commencement - End of Fourth Quarter - Secondary Scholols - Elementary Schools Closed Afternoon - Elementary Report Cards - Rating Day 25	26
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conducted before each regular and special election, and a voter remains registered by voting at least once in each four-year period and maintaining residence in the district. Residents currently registered for general elections and meeting the qualifications outlined above are also eligible to vote in school elections. For additional information, contact the office of the District Clerk between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at **(516) 733-2104**.

### ***Requisitos Para Votar***

Todo residente del distrito escolar que sea elegible, debe ejercer su derecho a participar en el proceso democrático y a votar por el presupuesto de la escuela y a elegir los administradores de la Junta de Educación. Esta es una manera importante por medio de la cual los residentes de la comunidad pueden hacer que se oigan sus voces y de jugar un papel activo en nuestras escuelas públicas.

Los residentes de Hicksville que han vivido en el distrito por lo menos por 30 días antes del voto, quienes son ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos y quienes tienen 18 o más años de edad que estén inscritos apropiadamente, pueden votar. Se conduce el registro en persona antes de cada elección regular y especial y un votante permanece registrado si vota por lo menos una vez en cada período de cuatro años y si continúa viviendo en el distrito. Los residentes que están inscritos actualmente para las elecciones generales y que reúnan los requisitos que se enumeran más arriba, también son elegibles para votar en las elecciones de la escuela. Para más información, favor de ponerse en contacto con la oficina del secretario del distrito entre las 8:30 a.m. y las 3:30 p.m. llamando al teléfono **(516) 733-2104**.

### ***STAR Property Tax Exemptions***

If you have recently bought your home or you have never applied for the STAR Benefit on your current home, you may be eligible for the BASIC or Enhanced STAR Credit Check. Visit the [NYS STAR web page](#) for more information and forms.

### ***Tax Exemptions for Senior Citizens***

Hicksville Public Schools demonstrates its support for our senior community by adopting the Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption, which provides partial property tax relief on a sliding-scale basis to residents meeting the required criteria.

Under the current provisions of the law, the maximum income permitted, including Social Security, for a senior citizen's real property exemption is \$37,999. Exemptions ranging from 50 percent to 5 percent are based on a sliding scale. For more information, contact the [Nassau County Department of Assessment](#) at **(516) 571-1500**.

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## ***JULY 2021***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## ***August 2021***

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# District, School and PTA Contacts

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<b>Burns Avenue School</b> (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)		
<b>Office</b> .....	(516)733-2311	
40 Burns Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801-2684		
Principal - <i>John Comer, Ed.D.</i>		
Nurse - <i>Patricia Wakely-Altman, R.N.</i> .....	(516)733-2315	
<b>Dutch Lane School</b> (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)		
<b>Office</b> .....	(516)733-2361	
50 Stewart Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801-6199		
Principal - <i>Janine Rossi</i>		
Nurse - <i>Amy Siegenthaler, R.N.</i> .....	(516)733-2365	
<b>East Street School</b> (9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)		
<b>Office</b> .....	(516)733-2321	
50 East Street, Hicksville, NY 11801-3196		
Principal - <i>Jean-Marie Serra</i>		
Nurse - <i>Diane Genco, R.N.</i> .....	(516)733-2325	
<b>Fork Lane School</b> (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)		
<b>Office</b> .....	(516)733-2341	
4 Fork Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801-6200		
Principal - <i>Susan Guiliano</i>		
Nurse - <i>Andrea Mazz, R.N.</i> .....	(516)733-2345	
<b>Lee Avenue School</b> (9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)		
<b>Office</b> .....	(516)733-2351	
1 Seventh Street, Hicksville, NY 11801-5805		
Principal - <i>Stephanie Stam</i>		
Nurse - <i>Maria Mignano-Ippolito, R.N.</i> .....	(516)733-2355	
<b>Old Country Road School</b> (8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)		
<b>Office</b> .....	(516)733-2301	
49 Rhodes Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801-4697		
Principal, <i>Laura McConnell</i>		
Nurse - <i>Susan Keogan, R.N.</i> .....	(516)733-2305	
<b>Woodland School</b> (9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)		
<b>Office</b> .....	(516)733-2331	
85 Ketchams Road, Hicksville, NY 11801-2099		
Principal - <i>Beth Swanson</i>		
Nurse - <i>Joan Welsh, R.N.</i> .....	(516)733-2335	
Elementary Assistant Principal		
<i>Philip Grusenmeyer</i> .....		(516)733-2141

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<b>Hicksville Middle School</b> (7:25 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.)		
<b>Office</b> .....	(516)733-2261	
<b>Attendance Office</b> .....	(516)733-2263	
215 Jerusalem Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801-4998		
Principal - <i>Mara Jorisch</i>		
Assistant Principal - <i>Barbara Mroziak, Ed.D.</i> .....	(516)733-2289	
Assistant Principal - <i>Todd Wallace</i> .....	(516)733-2290	
Assistant Principal - <i>Benjamin Tangney</i> .....	(516)733-2288	
Nurses - <i>Frances Venezia, R.N. &amp; Elizabeth Giordano, R.N.</i> .....		(516)733-2276

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<b>Office</b> .....	(516)733-2200	
<b>Attendance</b> .....	(516)733-2215	
<b>Student Activities</b> .....	(516)733-2201	
180 Division Avenue, Hicksville, NY 11801-4899		
Principal - <i>Raymond Williams</i>		
Assistant Principal - <i>Walter Roche</i> .....	(516)733-2203	
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Assistant Principal - <i>Timothy Sweeney</i> .....	(516)733-2217	
Assistant Principal - <i>Patrick Harris</i> .....	(516)733-2219	
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