

# ROME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## 2021-2022 CALENDAR

## CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

SCHOOL	OPENING	DISMISSAL
Bellamy .....	9:10 a.m. ....	3:10 p.m.
Denti .....	9:10 a.m. ....	3:10 p.m.
Gansevoort.....	9:10 a.m. ....	3:10 p.m.
John E. Joy.....	9:10 a.m. ....	3:10 p.m.
Ridge Mills .....	9:10 a.m. ....	3:10 p.m.
Staley .....	9:10 a.m. ....	3:10 p.m.
Stokes.....	9:10 a.m. ....	3:10 p.m.
Strough .....	7:30 a.m. ....	2:00 p.m.
RFA.....	7:30 a.m. ....	2:00 p.m.

## SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

The Rome City School District has adopted a new form of school-to-home communication called **ParentSquare**. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with the District.

**ParentSquare**



**Scan QR Code** (to the right) for more information or visit our website  
[www.romecsd.org](http://www.romecsd.org)

The District also utilizes Peachjar, a digital flyer management system that makes it easy to manage eflyers.  
<https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/districts/32521/>

DISTRICT WEBSITE:

 [www.romecsd.org](http://www.romecsd.org)

SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES:



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members of the Rome Community:



On behalf of the Rome City School District team and the Board of Education, welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! The last year and a half has certainly brought its fair share of challenges, adversities, and triumphs. While the general belief throughout our country is that students have suffered massive learning deficits and teachers have struggled to adapt, these perceptions couldn't be further from the truth. Our dedicated and driven faculty here in the Rome City School District has adapted their instructional practices, continuously participated in professional development, and eagerly sought new ways to help our children. Our students have accomplished things in the last 16 months that many of us could never imagine having done at that age. They are better prepared for the world they will someday enter as an adult and have gained important skills related to socialization, adaptation, and time management. I am proud to say that as a school community, we have grown in the last 16 months and as we embark on the upcoming year, look forward to combining the successes of the pandemic with the full return of students to our classrooms. Our team of talented adults are among the most dedicated and hardworking individuals in the field of education. We will provide the children of today with the skills, knowledge, and desire to be the world leaders of tomorrow while providing a progressive and aggressive approach to learning.

As we reacclimate ourselves to a fully functioning school year, we also have uncertainties surrounding health and safety requirements such as masks, testing requirements, and physical distancing to name a few. Please be assured that the Rome City School District will continue to comply with every Federal and State requirement related to schools, while being a progressive leader in getting our schools back to fully open, as a no restriction learning environment. We continue to be committed to the work of providing an equitable learning environment for all students, whether this be through the work of our students leading the way toward a more inclusive school system, or through the courageousness of our teachers, administrators, support staff, and community. The mission of providing a sound education that is beneficial for each and every student is still our top priority.

In closing, please use this calendar as a resource guide for the year. Our website also has a vast amount of information for you with regard to our school district and I highly encourage you to become active members of social media. I am very proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff here in Rome and I look forward to the continued growth and success of our wonderful community. My best wishes for a safe and enjoyable school year!

Peter C. Blake  
Superintendent of Schools

[twitter.com/@pblake\\_RomeCSD](https://twitter.com/@pblake_RomeCSD)

[pblake@romecsd.org](mailto:pblake@romecsd.org)

[leadingthroughlistening.blogspot.com/](http://leadingthroughlistening.blogspot.com/)

# AUGUST 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Moon 8	9	10	11	12 BOE Meeting District Office - 6 p.m.	13	14
First Quarter Moon 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Full Moon 22	23	24 STROUGH 7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION 10:30 AM - 6 PM	25 STROUGH 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION 10:30 AM - 6 PM	26 BOE Meeting District Office - 6 p.m.	27	28
29	Last Quarter Moon 30	31	July 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		

## HEALTH SERVICES

Please contact building nurse if you have additional questions

Should a student become ill/injured at school, he/she will be sent to the nurse to determine the action to be taken. If the injury/illness is significant in nature, you will receive a call/note home. **A Home/Cell and Emergency number must be available to the school nurse in case of injury, illness, or fever greater than or equal to 100.0.** Please be advised that due to Covid-19 you must be aware of how your child is feeling daily and monitor their temperature. If they have any signs and symptoms of being ill and/or have a temperature of 100.0 or greater they **CAN NOT** attend school/be allowed on the bus.

At this time please follow school guidelines for immunizations/registration as listed below.

**Daily and as needed medications must be brought directly to the School Nurse, by an Adult, in its original container.** Medications must be accompanied by a physician's order indicating the type of medication, dosage, and time of day it is to be given, prescription bottle is to match the order. Order forms are available in the nurse's office.

First aid supplies are available and will be used in treating students per the Rome City School District Medical Director's Guidelines. **IF parents choose to OPT OUT of the use of these products, then written notice must be provided to the building nurse as soon as possible. All building nurses' offices have a list available for view. Please indicate child's name, products you do not want used, the date and the parents/guardians name printed and signed on the note.**

Health Forms will be sent home asking for pertinent medical information/changes and phone numbers. Please fill these out to the best of your ability and send back to the school nurse promptly.

## 2021-22 GRADE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICALS AND SCREENINGS

### HEALTH EXAM

**Heath Examination requirements:** Grades PreK or K,1,3,5,7,9,11

**Dental screening recommended** as well but not required.

**Vision and Hearing Screenings required** within 6 months of entering school and in grades PreK or K,1,3,5,7,9,11

**Scoliosis Screening are required** for females in grades 5 and 7 and for males in grade 9

If your child has an abnormal screening result in any of the above areas your building nurse will notify you in writing with a referral for follow up with their primary physician. If you do not receive anything in writing, then your child's screenings were normal.

Please speak to your school nurse or family physician if you have any question regarding these requirements.

## NYS IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRANCE/ATTENDANCE

Information has been sent out to parents/guardians of students who are entering grades requiring vaccinations. Immunizations must be up to date within the 14-day grace period that NYS allows from the start of your child's first day on RCSD School Campus. Students starting Fall Sports in August must be up to date on immunizations in order to be cleared for the start of sports in August. Those who are not up to date by the end of the NYS grace period will be excluded from school. As a reminder, Medical exemptions must be renewed yearly and NYS is no longer accepting Religious Exemptions for public and private institutions. Please do not hesitate to contact your school nurse with any questions or concerns.

For a copy of the updated immunization requirements from the Department of Health, visit: <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>

## REQUIRED BMI AND WEIGHT STATUS CATEGORY REPORTING

As part of the required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. Their numbers are used to figure out the students' body mass index or "BMI". The BMI helps the nurse or doctor know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or low. NYS education law requires that the BMI and weight status category be included as part the student's school health exam. These exams are required in Pre-K or K,1,3,5,7,9 and 11.

The law also directs the schools to report this information to the NYS Department of Health. Only summary information is sent to the DOH (total number divided by sex, grade and weight category). **NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL STUDENT IS SENT.** However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this report.

This information is used by the NYS DOH to help improve and develop more programs to maintain/improve the health of our children.

If you do not wish for your child's weight status information to be included as part of the NYS Health Department Survey, please send in a note to your child's school nurse by September 30, 2021 with the following information:

Please do not include my child's weight status information in this year's school survey.

Print Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prints Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# SEPTEMBER 2021

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## TRANSPORTATION

### FIRSTVIEW® BUS TRACKING APPLICATION

Parents in the Rome City School District can access FirstView® Bus Tracking Application.

Scan the QR code below for more information or contact Andy Thompson: athompson@romecsd.org 315-338-6550



### WHAT IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE SCHOOL BUS

- Guns (real or toy)
- Skis and Ski Poles (not allowed on regular routes)
- Sleds
- Fireworks
- Bicycles
- Spray Cans
- Skateboards and Scooters
- Matches, Lighters and Tobacco products of any kind, including e-cigarettes.
- Knives (real or toy)
- Saws or Axes
- Bags of Returnable Cans
- Animals (pets)

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

The following information is useful for school bus riders and their parents.

**New reopening guidelines for students riding the school bus can be found at:**

<https://sites.google.com/romecsd.org/romereopening/transportation>

### RULES FOR GETTING ON THE BUS SAFELY:

1. Be at the bus stop on time. Never run to or from the bus.
2. Wait at the designated stop in a safe place well back from the side of the road.
3. Remember the danger zone around the bus. The danger zone is anywhere close enough to the bus to touch it. The bus driver cannot see you when you are in the danger zone.
4. If you cross the street to get on the bus: when the bus comes, wait until it has come to a complete stop. The bus driver will make sure all the traffic stops. The stop arm will be out and the red lights will be flashing. Watch the driver. When the driver knows it is safe, he or she will signal you to cross, but watch for traffic yourself. Walk, don't run.
5. Hold the hand rail as you get on the bus. Don't push or shove.

### RULES FOR SAFE SCHOOL BUS RIDING:

1. Take your seat promptly and sit properly, facing forward at all times.
2. Hold bags and parcels in your lap. Do not stick your feet into the aisle; someone might trip.
3. Keep your head and arms-everything-inside the bus. Don't throw anything out the windows or around in the bus.
4. Talk quietly. The driver must concentrate to drive the bus safely.
5. Save snacks for snack time at school or till you get home. They may spill or you may choke if the bus goes over a big bump.
6. No fighting, shouting or playing in or around the bus.
7. Always follow the bus driver's instructions.
8. No spraying of perfumes, deodorants, hairspray, air fresheners, etc. is allowed on the bus.
9. No foul language or improper hand gestures toward students, bus driver or general public.
10. BULLYING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

### RULES FOR LEAVING THE BUS SAFELY:

1. When you leave the bus, hold the handrail and take two large steps away from the bus.
2. To cross the street in front of the bus, walk ahead at least ten giant steps (three meters). Cross only when the driver gives a signal. Cross the street in single file.
3. If you drop something near the bus, don't pick it up. Tell the driver or other adult.
4. If everyone is getting off the bus, the people at the front leave first. Do not push.
5. Be familiar with the rules for emergencies.
6. Parents should meet children on the side of the street where the bus stops. Video cameras have been installed on all buses. Students may be filmed while on the bus. Violations of the Code of Student Conduct or any behavior, which substantially distracts the driver and causes, or has the potential to cause, a safety hazard on a moving bus, may be the basis for suspension from bus/school and/or expulsion from bus-riding privileges.



# OCTOBER 2021

## CREATING SUCCESSFUL FUTURES

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	September 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	November 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			1	2  RFA HOMECOMING DANCE
3	4	5	New Moon 6	7	8	9
10	11  Columbus Day (observed) <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	12  First Quarter Moon  JOHN JOY PICTURE DAY ☼	13	14  STROUGH NJHS INDUCTION CEREMONY - 6-8 P.M.  BELLAMY ☼ PICTURE DAY  BOE Meeting District Office 6 p.m.	15  Strough/RFA 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period Ends	16
17	18  Strough/RFA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Begins	19	20  Full Moon  GANSEVOORT PICTURE DAY ☼	21  HALF-DAY: PRE-K-12 REMOTE INSTRUCTION/ STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT <b>HALF-DAY: PRE-K-12</b>	22  Strough/RFA 1 <sup>st</sup> Period Report Cards  Superintendent's Conference Day <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	23
24  31  HALLOWEEN	25	26	27  RIDGE PICTURE ☼ RETAKES	28  Last Quarter Moon  BOE Meeting District Office 6 p.m.	29	30
← Staley Book Fair ~ October 25-29 →						

## LEGAL NOTICE FROM THE ROME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE to Parents and Eligible Students (students over 18 years of age) of Rights Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

**To: Parents and Eligible Students of the Rome City School District:**

You are notified that you have the following rights in relation to student records:

1. The right to inspect and review student's education records within a reasonable time but not more than 45 days from the day the District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights.

Parents or eligible students may ask the Rome City School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of student's privacy rights. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the District discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

### DISTRICT-PROVIDED INTERPRETERS FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED PARENTS/ GUARDIANS

Regulation 8055: The District shall annually notify parent(s) of the availability of interpreters or other effective reasonable accommodations and of the time limitation for requesting the services. The Superintendent shall determine the means of such notification.

### MILITARY RECRUITER DISCLOSURE

Parents of high school students have a right to request that the district not release the child's name, address and telephone number to military recruiters without prior written consent.

### PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN TITLE 1 PROGRAMS, POLICY 1060

NOTICE: Parents of students in the following Title 1 schools: RFA, Strough, Staley Elementary, Bellamy, Denti, Gansevoort, and John Joy may request from the District certain information relating to qualifications of their student's teacher. A district receiving Title 1 funds must hold an annual Title 1 meeting.

### NCLB TITLE 1 - ANNUAL PARENTAL NOTICE ON TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, this is to advise you that you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers. If you desire such information, please submit a written request for this information to the attention of: Geoffrey Morton, Director of People Operations, Rome City School District, 409 Bell Road, Rome NY 13440. For more information visit the District website at [www.romecsd.org](http://www.romecsd.org).

### DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The school district designates the following personally identifiable information contained in a student's education record as "directory information", and it will disclose the information without prior written consent.

1. Student's name
2. Student's address
3. Student's telephone number
4. Student's date of birth
5. Student's class designation (i.e. first grade, tenth grade, etc.)
6. Student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports
7. Student's achievement awards or honors
8. Student's weight and height, if a member of an athletic team
9. Dates of attendance
10. Student's photograph, video image; and
11. Most recent educational institution attended before the student enrolled in the school district.

You have two weeks from the date of this notice to advise the school district in writing, directed to the office of the Superintendent of Schools, of any and all items which you refuse to permit the district to designate as directory information about the student.



# NOVEMBER 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 DENTI PICTURE  RETAKES	2	3 STOKES PICTURE  RETAKES	4 New Moon RFA SCHOOL  PICTURE RETAKES	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends	8 STROUGH  PICTURE RETAKES	9	10 STROUGH PTSO MTG. 6 P.M.  BOE Meeting District Office: 6 p.m.	11 First Quarter Moon  Veterans Day <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	12 HALF-DAY: PRE-K-12 REMOTE INSTRUCTION/ STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  HALF-DAY: PRE-K-12	13
14	15	16 JOHN JOY  PICTURE RETAKES	17	18 BELLAMY  PICTURE RETAKES	19 Full Moon	20
21	22	23 BOE Meeting District Office: 6 p.m.	24 Thanksgiving Recess <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	25 Thanksgiving Recess <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	26 Thanksgiving Recess <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	27 Last Quarter Moon
28	29	30		October 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

## NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Local Diploma Requirements	Regents Diploma Requirements	Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation Requirements
For students granted an appeal for two required Regents exams and for students with disabilities using safety net/ compensatory scores. Please see your guidance counselor for more information.  See note below*	Passing 65 or higher on one Regents exam (or approved alternative exam) in math, science, English, and social studies. Also must pass one additional Regents exam or approved alternative exam in: CTE Pathway, math or science, (STEM Pathway) or Social Studies (Humanities Pathway). <i>Earn 22 units of credit.</i>	Score 65 or above on 8 required Regents exams or approved alternative exams. <i>Earn 22 units of credit.</i>

\* Students with disabilities may be eligible for a local diploma.

### NEW YORK STATE ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADES 3-8:

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Grades 3-8: **Tuesday, March 29 through Thursday, March 31, 2022**

#### SCIENCE

Grades 4 & 8: **Tuesday, May 24 through Friday, June 3, 2022**

Grades 4 & 8 - Written: **Monday, June 6, 2022**

#### MATHEMATICS

Grades 3-8: **Tuesday, April 26 through Thursday, April 28, 2022**

Parents seeking more information on New York State Testing can visit the New York State Education Department website @[www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov) or contact the building principal.

## EMERGENCY DRILLS

Emergency drills at regular intervals are required by law and are an important safety precaution. It is essential that everyone take note of these procedures for the safety of students and staff.

During the course of the year, our schools conduct multiple drills, including evacuations, lock downs, lock outs, and shelter-in-place drills. For more information on Emergency Response Guidelines, please visit our website at: [www.romecsd.org](http://www.romecsd.org) and click on the link under 'Parents' tab.

## STUDENT VALUABLES

Students are cautioned not to bring large amounts of money and electronic devices to school. Students are responsible for their own personal property.



# DECEMBER 2021

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## STUDENT BEHAVIOR CODES

### PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING CODE OF CONDUCT RESPONSIBILITIES:

As a member of the school community, each student has a duty to:

- A. Accept responsibility for his/her actions
- B. Exercise self-control
- C. Develop habits of honesty, courtesy, and kindness
- D. Use his/her time and talents for worthwhile purposes
- E. Show consideration for the feelings, opinions, and abilities of others
- F. Participate in school events
- G. Encourage parents to participate in school activities

### BASIC RULES FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Each student is expected to:

- A. Attend school regularly and on time
- B. Take pride in his/her own property and respect the property of others
- C. Obey school and community rules of behavior
- D. Observe all safety regulations
- E. Obey school staff and other persons in authority

Each student has a right to expect the same behavior by members of the school community. (Parents receive a summary of the Code of Conduct inserted in this calendar). Complete copies of the Attendance Policy and Code of Conduct are available in all schools and the public library.



## PHILOSOPHY

For a school system to function properly, the conduct of pupils must conform to conditions that are conducive to learning. Principals and teachers in New York State are charged with maintaining such order in school. The burden of maintaining order and dealing with the various forms of disorder falls primarily upon the shoulders of the classroom teachers, for they have a larger portion of contact hours with pupils than do other school personnel.

One of the goals of formal education is to enhance and to develop, on the part of children, a sense of inner directedness, or self-control, which, once attained, allows learning to transpire in a classroom setting and prepares children for the adjustments and demands of society. We desire that the achievement of this goal be accomplished within the confines of humanitarian principles and ideals, thereby insuring adherence to the basic rights and dignity of all concerned.

It must be recognized that the development of self-control begins with the process of socialization at a very early age within the family unit. In effect, the parents are the children's first "teachers." Children whose parents have established clear and consistent rules for behavior have little difficulty adjusting to a formal school environment. With this understanding, it is incumbent upon the parents to remain visible and support the school in efforts to maintain proper discipline.

## THE NEW YORK STATE DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT

The Rome City School District is currently implementing new requirements to protect students and ensure a positive learning experience for your child. New York State signed into legislation a Dignity For All Students Act in September 2010. The goal of the Dignity For All Students Act is to create a safe and supportive school climate where students can learn and focus, rather than fear being discriminated against, harassed or bullied.

No student shall be subjected to 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 by another student or a school employee on school property or at a school function.

This year each school will be planning activities to raise student awareness related to bullying and positive student behaviors. Each school principal will serve as Dignity Act Coordinator for their respective school. For complete list visit: [http://www.romecsd.org/district/dignity\\_for\\_all\\_students\\_act](http://www.romecsd.org/district/dignity_for_all_students_act) Should you wish to report an incident where you feel your child has been bullied, harassed or discriminated against, please contact the principal at your child's school. If you have questions regarding the equal opportunity and non-discrimination policy, please contact the District Compliance Officers: Director of People Operations, Geoffrey Morton at 315-338-6531 or Amanda Jones at 315-338-6518.

# JANUARY 2022

## CREATING SUCCESSFUL FUTURES

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16	Full Moon 17  <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> (observed) <b>SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	Last Quarter Moon 25	26	27	28 HALF-DAY: PRE-K-8 REMOTE INSTRUCTION/ STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT <b>HALF-DAY: PRE-K-8</b> Strough/RFA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Ends	29
30	31  Strough/RFA 4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period Begins	← REGENTS EXAMS →				



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY REQUIRED  
INSTRUCTION - Grades K-6

All students in grades K-6 participate in the physical education program twice a week. The time devoted to such programs is at least 120 minutes with a certified physical education teacher in each calendar week, exclusive of any intramural activities or playtime activities supervised by the classroom teacher.

SECONDARY REQUIRED INSTRUCTION - Grades 7-12

- 7-12 grade students earn 1/2 credit each year toward their two full credits for physical education as required by the Rome Board of Education.
- Grades 7-12 are scheduled for physical education every other day.

SNEAKER POLICY:

Acceptable sneakers must have tie strings or a velcro closure. Slip-on sneakers do not provide support and can come off too easily. Sneakers are not to have a heel or platform or large nubs that can "catch".

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS:

The Rome City School District conducts a comprehensive program of interscholastic athletics for boys and girls in grades 7-12, competing on the modified, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, junior varsity, and varsity levels.

On the interscholastic level, we are governed by NYSPHSAA and Section 3. We are affiliated with and hold memberships in the following leagues:  
Central New York Counties League (Associate Membership)  
Tri Valley League (Full Membership)  
Center State Conference League (Associate Membership)



PHOTO BY JOHN CLIFFORD

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC TEAMS

THE ROME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR  
ATTENTION TO OUR POLICY ON SPORTSMANSHIP:

- Be positive and direct all energies to encouraging your team.
- Demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times.
- Respect the integrity and judgement of the officials and coaches.
- Do not use crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials or spectators, (ethnic and/or racial comments).
- Promote good sportsmanship by setting a positive example.
- Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not as a life and death struggle that requires victory at any price.
- Recognize that the participants in individual or team sports are young men and women with human frailties and limitations who are capable of making mistakes.

	BOYS	
FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Football (V, JV, Modified)	Basketball (V, JV, 9th, Mod)	Baseball (V, JV, 9th, Mod)
Cross Country (V, Mod)	Bowling (Varsity)	Golf (Varsity)
Soccer (V, JV, Mod)	Ice Hockey (Varsity)	Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod)
Indoor Track (Varsity)	Track/Field (V, Mod)	Tennis (Varsity)
Swimming (V, Mod)	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod)	
	GIRLS	
FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Cross Country (V, Mod)	Basketball (V, JV, Mod)	Golf (Varsity)
Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod)	Bowling (Varsity)	Softball (V, JV, Mod)
Gymnastics (Varsity)	Indoor Track (Varsity)	Track/Field (V, Mod)
Soccer (V, JV, Mod)	Cheering (Varsity)	Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod)
Swimming (V, Mod)	Volleyball (Mod)	
Tennis (Varsity)	Volleyball (V, JV)	
Cheering (Varsity)		



# FEBRUARY 2022

## CREATING SUCCESSFUL FUTURES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		New Moon 1	2	3	4 Strough/RFA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Report Cards	5
6	7	First Quarter Moon 8	9	10 BOE Meeting District Office 6 p.m.	11	12
13	14	15	16 Full Moon  HALF-DAY: PRE-K-12 REMOTE INSTRUCTION/ STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HALF-DAY: PRE-K-12	17	18  SENIOR PARENT ADS DUE	19
20	21 Mid-Winter Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	22 Mid-Winter Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	23 Last Quarter Moon Mid-Winter Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	24 Mid-Winter Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	25 Mid-Winter Recess SCHOOLS CLOSED	26
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## COMMITTEE ON SUPPORTED LEARNING AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SUPPORTED LEARNING

Each Board of Education in the State of New York must appoint a Committee on Preschool Supported Learning (CPSL) and Committee on Supported Learning (CSL) in accordance with the provisions of Education Law, Section 4402. The district must locate and identify all children with disabilities from birth to 21 years of age who reside in the district. The purpose of the CSL and CPSL is to determine whether a child has a disability that impairs or affects his/her learning; to ascertain the particular needs of the child with disabilities; and to recommend the appropriate educational program and/or services to meet those needs. Parents of children presented for consideration to the Committee on Supported Learning are notified of such presentation and are invited to attend the meeting.

If you are concerned that your child has a learning, visual, hearing, motor, and/or social problem and you wish to have him/her presented to the district's Committee, please contact the Director of Supported Learning at 315-338-6581 or call your building school psychologist.



## SUPPORTED LEARNING

The Rome City School District provides a comprehensive program for students requiring special education that meets both the mandates and the spirit of State and Federal legislation. The Rome City School District Board of Education has demonstrated a strong commitment to the special needs of students with disabilities as demonstrated in the exemplary level of services offered to our students in striving toward the least restrictive environment.

From birth through age 21 children with special needs have an opportunity to achieve their fullest potential through programs available within the district or through various agencies. Preschoolers 2 1/2 to four years of age are eligible for a multidisciplinary team assessment through the Committee on Preschool Supported Learning (CPSL). There is no cost to families for this service. If you suspect your child might be delayed in speech, language, intellect, motor skills or social-emotional skills, call 315-338-6507 for more information or a referral.

Students age five and older who might have a disability are assessed by building level assessment and that evaluation is reviewed at a CSL meeting. The CSL is an interdisciplinary team composed of district staff and other required members. If you wish to refer a student, please notify his/her teacher/principal. Academic Intervention Services are the first step in this process.

The district offers a full continuum of services ranging from related therapy services, resource room, co-taught classes and small special education classrooms. The support service staff includes teachers, teaching assistants, speech/language therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, guidance counselors, nurses, interpreters, teachers of the blind and deaf as well as administrative and secretarial personnel. The district provides services based on the individual needs of each student determined at the Committee on Supported Learning meeting. Educational achievement, social development, physical development and management needs are all considered for recommended services as well as program modification and test accommodations.

The policy of the Board of Education ensures that students with disabilities, ages 3-21, have the opportunity to participate in school district programs, including extracurricular programs and activities, which are available to all other pupils enrolled in the public schools of the district. Utilizing appropriate accommodations, modifications, instructional techniques and materials enhances access to the full range of programs and services of the district that are appropriate to the student's special educational needs. The district supports placement of students in the least restrictive environment.

# MARCH 2022

## CREATING SUCCESSFUL FUTURES

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<p>6</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>First Quarter Moon</p> <p>BOE Meeting District Office 6 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>HALF-DAY: PRE-K-12 REMOTE INSTRUCTION/ STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>HALF-DAY: PRE-K-12</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Full Moon</p> <p>Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends</p> <p>Superintendent's Conference Day</p> <p>SCHOOLS CLOSED</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Strough/RFA 5<sup>th</sup> Marking Period Begins</p> <p>Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Begins</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>BOE Meeting District Office 6 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Last Quarter Moon</p> <p>Strough/RFA 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period Report Cards Issued</p> <p>Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Report Cards Issued</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		
<p>NYS Assessments ELA - Grade 3-8 - March 29-31</p>						

## BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Education takes a broad view of its required functions. It sees them as:

### 1. LEGISLATIVE OR POLICYMAKING

The Board is responsible for the development of policy and for the employment of a superintendent who shall carry out its policy through the development and implementation of regulations.

### 2. JUDICIAL

The Board is responsible for designating one or more of its members to conduct any hearing in connection with any responsibility of the Board and to make a report on this hearing for Board determination.

### 3. APPRAISAL

The Board is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of its policies and their implementation.

### 4. EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

The Board is responsible for requiring and acquiring reliable information from responsible sources, which will enable it and the staff to work toward the continuing improvement of the educational program.

### 5. PROVISION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Board has major responsibilities for the adoption of a budget which will provide the wherewithal - in terms of buildings, staff, materials, and equipment - which will enable the school system to carry out its policies.

### 6. INTERPRETATION

The Board is responsible for providing adequate and direct means for keeping the local citizenry informed about the schools and for keeping itself and the school staff informed about the wishes of the public.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The nine members of the Board, with the President serving as chairperson, shall constitute a Committee of the Whole. Five Board members present at all regularly scheduled and special meetings shall constitute a quorum.



# APRIL 2022

## CREATING SUCCESSFUL FUTURES

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10	11 <div>Spring Recess</div> <div>SCHOOLS CLOSED</div>	12 <div>Spring Recess</div> <div>SCHOOLS CLOSED</div>	13 <div>Spring Recess</div> <div>SCHOOLS CLOSED</div>	14 <div>Spring Recess</div> <div>SCHOOLS CLOSED</div>	15 <div>Spring Recess</div> <div>SCHOOLS CLOSED</div>	16 <div>Full Moon</div>
17	18 <div>Spring Recess</div> <div>SCHOOLS CLOSED</div>	19 <div>BOE Meeting District Office 6 p.m.</div>	20	21	22	23 <div>Last Quarter Moon</div>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		<div>← NYS Grade 3-8 Math ~ April 26-28 →</div>				



## PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENTAL EVALUATIONS

Preschoolers two and one-half to four years of age are eligible for multidisciplinary team assessment through the Committee on Preschool Supported Learning (CPSL) within the Rome City School District. There is no cost to families for this service. The focus of the evaluation is to determine whether a youngster may be showing signs of developmental delay sufficient enough to warrant special education intervention. A specially-trained team that includes a speech/language therapist, school psychologist, occupational therapist, and counselor evaluates the children. The format of the assessment has been specifically designed to be child and parent friendly.

Parents are encouraged to contact the CPSL office at 315-334-1250 if they suspect their child might be delayed in the areas of speech, language, intellectual, motor, adaptive behavior, and/or social/emotional skills. A referral process is then initiated that must provide parents with due process information related to evaluation requirements, the CPSL process, and child/family rights under New York State Education Law. There is no cost for an evaluation.



## PUBLIC NOTICE: ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Federal Regulations require that schools be inspected for the presence of asbestos, a toxic material that has been used in the construction industry for a number of years. (All buildings in the Rome City School District have been inspected for asbestos-containing materials and the results of the inspections are contained in the Asbestos Management Plan). This plan has been sent to the State Authority in charge of asbestos abatement and has been accepted.

The Asbestos Management Plan includes the results of all the inspections conducted on all the school buildings. It also contains the results of the materials samples, which were taken during the inspections and the plans for abatement.

The Asbestos Management Plan is available for review during regular working hours at the school office. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan will be made, upon request, for a nominal fee of \$.25 per sheet to cover the cost of copying and handling. Each plan contains between 600 and 900 pages.

Recent scientific and medical evidence has shown that asbestos containing material can be harmful to the human body. The Asbestos Management Plan shows the amount of asbestos present in these school buildings as well as the specific locations of the asbestos. Our local Education Authority has decided to undertake a series of actions to reduce the amount of asbestos and the propensity for contact. These actions will significantly reduce the impact that asbestos-containing materials can have and thus continue to maintain the standard of safety that is expected of this institution.

For more information, contact the Buildings and Grounds Department at 315-334-7265.

## INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The Rome City School District follows mandated Integrated Pest Management practices in order to reduce the use of pesticides in and around the District's buildings and grounds. Despite the best practices, it may still be necessary to use pesticides periodically during the year to maintain a safe and healthy environment within the schools.

New York State law requires that all schools maintain a list of any staff members or parents who wish to receive written notice forty-eight (48) hours prior to a pesticide application at their school facility. If you wish to be included on this notification list or would like further information on the Rome City School District Pesticide Program, please contact the Buildings & Grounds Department at 315-334-7265 or via post at 255 Brookley Road, Rome, NY 13441.



# MAY 2022

## CREATING SUCCESSFUL FUTURES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 BOE Meeting District Office 6 p.m.	6 Strough/RFA 5 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period ends	7
	Staley Book Fair ~ May 2-6					
	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK ~ May 2 - 6					
8 First Quarter Moon  Mother's Day	9 Strough/RFA 6 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period Begins	10	11 NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY	12	13 Strough/RFA 5 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period Report cards issued	14 RFA JR. PROM
15	16 Full Moon	17	18 BOE Meeting District Office 6 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Last Quarter Moon	23	24	25	26	27 HALF-DAY: PRE-K-12 REMOTE INSTRUCTION/ STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HALF-DAY: PRE-K-12	28
	NYS Grade 4-8 Science Performance Assessment ~ May 24-June 3					
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## HELPING YOUR CHILDREN

- Join the parent group at your child's school. This is not just for parents of young children, but also at Strough and RFA.
- Read to your child. As your child grows, let her/him see you reading. Make sure your child has a library card.
- Visit your child's school. You are welcome and encouraged to visit school during the school day. Please call ahead for arrangements. Attend the school's Open House or Parent Night in the fall.
- If your child must take medication during school hours, the school nurse will be happy to work with you and the physician. A written request from both the parent and the physician is required. The medication cannot be carried to school by the child.
- Be sure your child has very good attendance.
- Again for this year, the District will still be participating in CEP (Community Eligibility Program). This means that every child, regardless of income, may have their first meal free for breakfast and for lunch. It also means that we will not be collecting or distributing any applications for this year.

## COMMUNICATING DELAYS AND EARLY DISMISSALS

Delays, cancellations and early dismissals are all announced on the following stations, the Rome City School District website and Facebook page:

TV: ONLINE: [www.uticaod.com](http://www.uticaod.com)

Ch. 2 • Ch. 3 • Ch. 9 • Ch. 10 • Ch. 11

RADIO: FM:

WLZW - 98.7 WTKW - 99.5

WFRG - 104.3 WBGK - 99.7

WODZ - 96.1

WOUR - 96.9

WSKS - 97.9

WBUG - 101.1

AM:

WIBX - 950

SCHOOL MESSENGER

[www.romecsd.org](http://www.romecsd.org) / [www.facebook.com/Romecsdny](https://www.facebook.com/Romecsdny)  
[twitter.com/RomeCSD](https://twitter.com/RomeCSD) / [twitter.com/@pblake\\_RomeCSD](https://twitter.com/@pblake_RomeCSD)

## EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Poor weather and/or other conditions occasionally necessitate the closing of schools. In the event of an emergency closing, parents/guardians and students are notified by means of announcements on local radio, television stations and an automated phone calling system.

The decision to close is based upon several criteria - wind speed in combination with temperature, present and predicted precipitation, and overall road conditions.

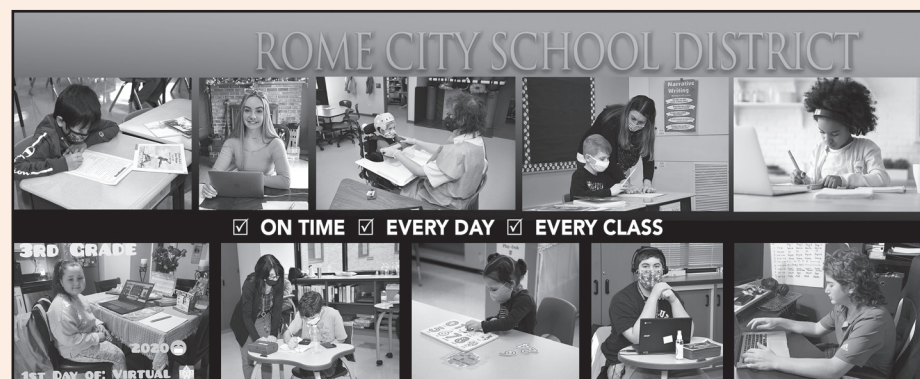
Announcements of school closings/delays are made through the news media and automated phone calling system, generally beginning at 6 a.m. In some instances, it may be necessary to make announcements as late as 6:30 a.m. Since decisions on closing have to be made very early in the morning and weather conditions sometimes change drastically before students actually begin traveling to school, the ultimate decision on safety of travel conditions for students rests with the parent/guardian.

## VISITING THE SCHOOL

Parents must report to the Main Office immediately upon entering a school building, sign in and receive the permission of the Building Principal or his/her designee before visiting\*.


The visitor must sign out at the conclusion of the visit. Parents picking up students for appointments are requested to report to the office where the child is to be signed out.

\*Regulations may change throughout the year due to the pandemic.



# JUNE 2022

## CREATING SUCCESSFUL FUTURES

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## THE DRUG-FREE SCHOOL – YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The law requires that the Rome City School District make you aware of the dangers of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. Drug and alcohol use can:

1. Interfere with how your brain takes in and sorts information. That makes it difficult to learn and causes failure at school.
2. Distort what you see, hear and even feel. When that happens, users aren't fully in control of their actions. They may harm themselves or others, or they may make it impossible for those around them to learn.
3. Make users feel they are performing at their best, when actual performance is poor or less than their best.
4. Cause crime at school, including assault or theft of personal property to finance someone's drug habit.
5. Leave a user or seller with a criminal record, spoiling his or her chances for the future.

The law requires the Rome City School District to outlaw the possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol by students and school employees on school property or during school activities. It also requires us to explain the risks that tobacco, drug and alcohol use pose to your health.

Specific substances such as marijuana, cocaine, crack, steroids, heroin and hallucinogens (PCP, LSD) are illegal. A drug such as alcohol is not illegal, but is illegal for minors. Taking prescription drugs without a prescription is illegal and can be extremely dangerous. The use of inhalants to "sniff" or "huff" such as glue, aerosols, butane, dry cleaning fluids, gasoline, etc., are extremely dangerous and can result in serious injury or death.

If illegal drugs are found on school property and there is evidence that a certain individual is responsible, this evidence can be used in a court of law.

If illegal drugs are found, this evidence could be used in court against the individual who had them. If alcohol or any other substance outlawed on school property is found, action may be taken right up to suspension or expulsion, even if the substance is legal outside school. Under the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, you have certain rights and responsibilities:

- We have to tell you that you can't bring in, use or distribute illegal drugs or alcohol on school premises or as part of any school activity - and that's a mandatory policy.
  - We have to explain that drug and alcohol use is wrong, harmful and what the health risks are.
  - We have to tell you what help is available in combating drug or alcohol problems.
  - We have to explain what disciplinary actions will be taken for drug and alcohol violations.
- The law says discipline can include prosecution for illegal acts, as well as expulsion for students and loss of job for school employees.
- Finally, we have to give you, both students and employees, and the parents of our students, a written copy of our drug-free school policy, including standards of conduct and disciplinary actions for violations.

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act requires us to tell you of any help that's available for dealing with drug or alcohol problems. You can voluntarily make use of this help at any time. The district implemented a School Resource Officer Program. This program provides a full-time Rome Police Officer to implement school programs to address drug and alcohol awareness and prevent incidents of student violence. The School Resource Officer is an additional person who can assist you when needed. You can find out what's available from your building principal, guidance counselors, nurses or health teachers. At each school there are School Partnership for Youth workers. Your family doctor or one of the school physicians can also be of assistance. You can also check your phone directory under alcohol or drug treatment programs, local hospitals, social service agencies, or local "Hotline" service.

By law, the Rome City School District must be totally free of unlawful drugs and alcohol. No one is allowed to have, use or distribute such drugs or alcohol while they're here or while they take part in school activities.

There is help available through the Rome City School District for persons with drug or drug-related problems. Remember that keeping our schools drug-free and alcohol-free is not just good sense anymore — it's the law.



# JULY 2022

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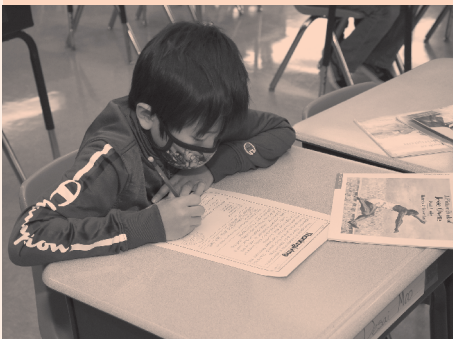
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TITLE IX

In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, the Rome City School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the recruitment and appointment of employees, employment pay and benefits, counseling services for students, access by students to educational programs, course offerings, and student activities.



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## LUNCH BREAK

*From the Desk of Chris Whitmore, School Lunch Manager*

The School Food Service Staff hopes that everyone is enjoying their summer and getting out to the local parks. As we start to move closer to September, there are some important reminders to keep in mind.

Again for this year, the Rome City School District will still be participating in CEP (Community Eligibility Program). This means that every child, regardless of income, may have their first meal free for breakfast and for lunch. It also means that we will not be collecting or distributing any applications for this year.

In addition to that, we will also be under the new USDA waiver "SSO" (Seamless Summer Option). This program helps school districts with additional financial support and like CEP, it also allows all children to eat their first meal for free regardless of income.

Just a reminder...the no charge CEP and SSO is for one full breakfast and lunch every day. If your child would like to purchase snacks, ice cream or a "double lunch", "MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM" will still be available. You can log on to your computer at home to check your child's lunch account and put money on your child's lunch account via credit card. However, this is only one option; you can still pay with cash or check. There is a slight fee for paying with a credit card. Each child in the Rome City School District will have an account that can be accessed on "myschoolbucks.com". You can check the balance of his or her account and add money to the account whenever you need to. We can save you 10% if you put \$50 on your child's account...by check, by cash, or on "myschoolbucks.com". You will get \$5 free for every \$50 you put on your child's account...as long as your child's account is debt free.

The Rome City School District Website ([www.romecsd.org](http://www.romecsd.org)) always has information about the School Lunch Program. You can find menus, programs, policies, links and other fun "stuff". The Lunch Office is located at Rome Free Academy. 95 Dart Circle. If you need to stop in, please sign in at the Security Office, and someone will come down to assist you. If additional information is needed, please contact me at 315-338-6555. Thank you...we look forward to another great year!

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