



Upcoming Events

September 2

Labor Day (School Closed)

September 3

Superintendent's Conference Day
(No Students)

Kindergarten Open House

First Floor Elementary (see schedule)

September 4

School Begins

Grades 1-12 Full Day

Kindergarten 11:30 am dismissal

September 9

BOE Tour of Facilities

6:00 pm, Elementary Cafeteria

September 12

Elementary Open House - Grades 3-5

6:00 pm, Elementary Auditorium

September 16

BOE Business Meeting

6:30 pm, MS/HS Library

September 19

MS/HS Open House

6:00 pm, MS/HS

September 20

MS Dance

6:30 pm, Cafeteria

September 26

Elementary Open House - Grades 1-2

6:00 pm, Elementary Auditorium

September 28

Greenville Day

Scott M. Ellis Playground/ Pavilion Update

Plans have been submitted to the NYS Education Department for the demolition of the former K-2 storage building and the installation of a new pavilion at the elementary school.

We are awaiting approval notification.

Capital Project Status Report

Interior Improvements

Summer has been a busy time on the Greenville campus. We are excited for our students to see all the interior renovations to our educational spaces that occurred over the summer which include:

- * New Science Rooms (MS/HS) - Five (5)
- * New Lab in the Agriculture/Technology Wing (HS)
- * Updated Family and Consumer Science Room (MS/HS)
- * Band Room Instrument Storage (MS/HS)
- * Update Changing and Shower Rooms (Gym Locker Rooms MS/HS)
- * Health Office Renovations (MS/HS)
- * Bathroom Renovations (HS) - Two (2)
- * Replacement of Student Lockers (Ellis)
- * PA System Speakers and Wiring (Ellis)
- * New Flooring in Cafeteria (MS/HS)
- * New Carpeting in Auditorium (MS/HS)

Other interior work included new ceilings, lighting and HVAC system improvements throughout the District.

Outside Improvements

The outside work has been progressing and will continue into the fall. The ongoing athletic field work includes:

- * New Track with Center Athletic Field
- * Athletic Storage Building
- * Restroom and Concessions Building
- * Tennis Courts - Five (5)
- * Baseball and Softball Fields with Dugouts

Other exterior work includes agriculture area, buildings and grounds receiving building, electronic signs, walkway and lighting between Ellis and MS/HS as well as updating and paving the existing north parking lot at Ellis.

As we continue to "Keep Our Eye On The Prize," I ask for your patience and understanding during the first few weeks of school as the work inside of the buildings is finished and we continue to work on the improvements to the campus grounds. While you will notice that some paving work did occur over the summer months, additional paving work will be completed at both the Elementary and Middle School/High School during the 2019/2020 school year and the following summer.

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Capital Project - Photos



New Hires at Greenville CSD

School Resource Officer

The Greenville Central School District would like to welcome Deputy Dustin Rogers as our School Resource Officer (SRO) from the Greene County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Rogers looks forward to building positive relationships with students and adults, providing character education and prevention programs, while incorporating an additional level of security for each of the buildings.

New Teachers

The orientation for new teachers was held on August 19th and 20th. We would like to welcome each of them to the District. They are all eager to work with the children and staff at the Greenville CSD.



[From left to right]

Kendall	Fritze	School Counselor, K-12/IB Coordinator, High School
Andrew	Lammlly	Music Teacher (Instrumental), High School
Colleen	Kross	Special Education Teacher, High School
Kelsey	Mayo	Latin Teacher, Middle/High School
Melissa	Esannason	School Counselor, Elementary School
Kimberly	Lovell	Special Education Teacher, Elementary School
Donald	Mulligan	Health Teacher, Middle/High School

Missing from photo: Christina Ortloff, Speech Language Pathologist, Middle/High School

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Transportation Notes

As a District we are committed to the safety of transporting our students. The mechanics work hard to maintain the fleet of our vehicles so that buses meet all safety standards and are ready for the start of the school year.

Over the past few months, the Transportation Department has been busy installing more chains on buses to provide traction on icy roads and installing block heaters to charge the buses during the long cold winter nights. In addition, the District received eight (8) new buses this summer and are ready to start transporting students in September. Some safety features on the new buses include a stop arm and dash camera and larger luggage compartments for additional storage space.



Thank you to the community for supporting our long-range fleet replacement plan.

Bus assignments were mailed home in the student welcome packets. If your child's assignment was not received, please contact the Transportation Department @ 518-966-5070, Ext. 461/463.

Hidden Treasure Back in Business

This September the **1,000 Book Club Program** of the Scott M. Ellis Elementary School will be revamped and introduced to our incoming Kindergartners. The 1,000 Book Club, which was started in 2005, under the direction of Susan Konas and the previous Challenge Program, has been revitalized this year. It is a free book sign out program for the youngest members of our school district, which makes it a **hidden treasure!**



Parents and/or guardians who reside in the Greenville Central School District can register their child by filling out a short form. After they fill out the form, students can borrow one of the many tote bags, one at a time. When they finish and return the bag to school they will be given additional bags to sign out. The program will run all year long and upon completion students will receive recognition, a t-shirt and certificate. With the partnership of the Kindergarten teachers, parents and volunteers our youngest students will have the opportunity to gain important literacy skills and a love of reading. In recent years, Margaret Robertson has revitalized the program along with Diane Carl.

If you have any questions about the program, or would love to volunteer to support it, please email Margaret Robertson at robertsonm@greenvillecsd.org or Diane Carl at carld@greenvillecsd.org.

We look forward to a great year ahead!

Response to Intervention at Greenville Central School District

Response to Intervention (RtI) is a process that matches instruction and intervention to student learning needs. RtI is designed as an early intervention process to support struggling learners. It requires general education teachers, AIS (Academic Intervention Services) teachers, special education teachers and other school staff (guidance, psychologist, principal) to work together to determine which students have skill deficits, ensure that students receive interventions that match their needs, and check to see if progress is being made.

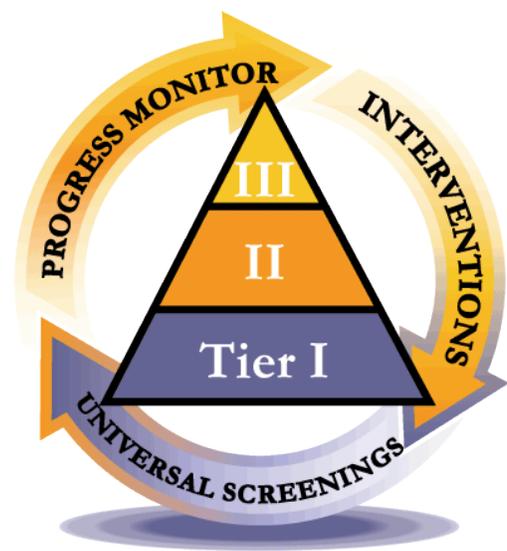
All of our students are screened through the RtI process. This is done to ensure that we are catching students who are not meeting benchmarks and may be at risk of having a weakness in a particular skill. It is also important to generate a baseline of data and demonstrate that our curriculum (classroom instruction, AIS supports, software programs, etc.) is effectively educating our children. Through this process, we can also determine if there are areas of our curriculum where a number of students are struggling. This process allows us to provide valuable information to teachers and parents about the levels at which students are performing.

Screenings are completed during the normal school day and throughout the school year. The screenings tell teachers how their students are performing on grade level skills. Benchmarks are then set for each area identified. For those students that do not meet these goals, intervention activities are put into place through a three-tiered model.

Tier I (General support)—the provision of general screening and group interventions that usually represent the core instructional program (what occurs on a daily basis in the classroom). If this instruction is adequately differentiated, the majority of students will respond and achieve set benchmarks.

Tier II (Strategic support)—if students do not make adequate progress in Tier I, more intensive services and targeted interventions, usually in small group settings, are provided in addition to the instruction in the general curriculum. Researched-based interventions are put in place and progress is closely monitored.

Tier III (Intensive support)—for students who do not respond to the targeted interventions in Tier II, a third tier of support may be needed that increases time spent working on the identified skills and decreases the group size to address more individual needs. Additional testing at this point may be suggested, and eligibility for special education services may be considered



RtI has been promoted by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and NYS Legislation and states that the RtI process should ensure that underachievement in a child suspected of having a specific learning disability is not due to lack of appropriate instruction and/or attempted interventions.

Please feel free to contact your building administrator or our K-12 RtI Coordinator, Daniel Hash, by phone at 518-966-5070 ext. 776 or by email at hashd@greenvillecsd.org with any questions you may have about the RtI process.

Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Application Information

A letter about free and reduced price school meals and an application was included in the welcome packet that was recently mailed to parents. If you are still in need of an application, please visit the Food Service web page or call the District Office at (518) 966-5070 ext. 511 and an application can be picked up or directly mailed to you. If you have any questions or need assistance completing the application, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.



Please note that this application can be submitted at anytime during the school year. All applications are processed promptly upon receipt and if approved, the student's account will be updated immediately. Applications can be returned to the school cafeteria or the District Office.

If a student qualified for free or reduced meals last school year, there is a thirty (30) day grace period from the start of school where the eligibility remains in effect. During this period either the school will receive information that directly certifies the student(s) or a new application must be submitted to the District. A new application must be received by **October 16, 2019** to avoid a disruption in benefits.

Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

Deposits on School Accounts

The Greenville CSD Food Service Program encourages students to prepay on their meal accounts to avoid charging of meals. A la carte items are not allowed to be charged if there are no funds on the student's account. In addition, the Board of Education has adopted policies addressing meal charges (policy #6400) and meal shaming (policy #6410). These policies can be found on the Food Service web page.

The Greenville CSD Food Service program accepts cash or checks (made payable to Greenville CSD Food Service) at the cafeteria line. If you wish to pay by debit/credit card or electronic check, you can make a payment online at MySchoolBucks (<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home>).



The MySchoolBucks website not only accepts payments, it allows parents/guardians to track a student purchases and balance information, receive low balance alerts, and set up automatic payments. Signing up for these features is free, but a small transaction fee of \$1.95 is charged for each MySchoolBucks payment transaction.

You may contact Tracy Churchill, the Food Service Director, at (518) 966-5070 ext. 429 if you have any questions or concerns about the Greenville CSD Food Service Program.

The Food Service staff at Greenville CSD is excited to welcome back students to another school year!

Looking for more information or documents? Visit the Greenville CSD Food Service web page on the District website: <http://www.greenvillescd.org/foodsves/>.



New York State 2019 STAR Program Changes

The NYS STAR (School Tax Relief) rebate program is a state financed exemption offered to aim at reducing school property taxes on the primary residence in NYS. You may not realize that in 2016, NYS made changes to the STAR program. The STAR program had always been exemption based (discount given on the school tax bill), however, this recent change to the STAR program makes it credit based, meaning the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance issues checks to taxpayers for the amount of the STAR rebate.

ITEMS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2019 STAR CHANGES:

- The first and most important piece of information that you need to know about the change, is that for most people, switching to the STAR credit check is optional. It is not mandatory and if you decide to do nothing, you will not lose your STAR exemption.
- If your 2017 income was over \$250,000, but less than \$500,000, the state will automatically switch you from the STAR exemption program to the STAR credit/rebate check program. You do not need to contact the assessor's office. The state will notify you in writing should if this occurs.
- If you decide you want to switch and receive a rebate check, the decision is irrevocable, and you can never switch back to the exemption option.
- If you decide to switch, your school tax bill will no longer have a STAR exemption. Your school tax bill will be for the full amount. The STAR credit check is intended to arrive in your mailbox some time during the month (September) your school tax bill is mailed; however, this is not guaranteed.
- For those property owners who choose to switch, we recommend you contact your mortgage escrow servicer as the school tax bill will be higher than anticipated. This could have an unanticipated impact on your monthly mortgage payment.
- Beginning in 2019, STAR exemptions can not exceed the prior year's dollar savings. The effect is you will NEVER again receive a tax exemption increase.
- Beginning in 2019, STAR credit checks can exceed the previous year's credit check by a maximum of two (2) percent (capped). This increase is only possible if you elect to switch from an EXEMPTION to a CREDIT.
- You do not need to contact the assessor's office to make the switch. This is now handled by the state Department of Taxation and Finance.
- The deadline to switch is June 17th of every year (always 2 weeks prior to July 1). If you make the switch after that date, it will not be effective until the following year, unless you complete a STAR Renunciation form RP-496 prior to the billing of the School Taxes.

You can make the switch online or by telephone:

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Website: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm>

Telephone: (518) 457-2036.

Source: New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Did you know you can look up your school tax bill or make a payment online?

Visit our website at <http://www.greenvillecsd.org/TaxInfo/index.asp>

GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Athletic Corner

IMPORTANT DATES 2019-2020

FALL Sports

JV/V Registration (FamilyID)	Opens July 19th
JV/V Sports	Begin August 19th
Modified Registration (FamilyID)	Opens July 26th
Modified Sports	Begin August 26th

WINTER Sports

JV/V Registration (FamilyID)	Opens October 11th
JV/V Sports	Begin November 11th
Modified Registration (FamilyID)	Opens October 18th
Modified Sports	Begin November 18th

SPRING Sports

JV/V Registration (FamilyID)	Opens February 9th
JV/V Sports	Begin March 9th
Modified Registration (FamilyID)	Opens February 16th
Modified Sports	Begin March 16th

JV/Varsity Athletic Awards Night - June 9th, 6:00 pm

Parents, please click on the following link to register your children for our athletic programs: <https://www.familyid.com/greenville-csd-athletics>. There is also a link on the school athletic webpage that says "Register Now".

Helpful Phone Numbers

Need to get in touch with the District? To contact any building, dial **518-966-5070**. You may either enter the direct extension or listen to the following prompts:

1 Elementary	4 District Office	7 Transportation
2 Middle School	5 Inter-Scholastic Athletics	8 Food Service
3 High School	6 Special Education	9 Buildings & Grounds

Building Extensions	Office	Nurse	Café
Scott M. Ellis Elementary	301	320	329
Greenville Middle School	451	420	429
Greenville High School	401	420	429
Other Extensions			
Athletic Director	404	Denise Wickham	
Pupil Personnel Services	321	Brook Van Fleet	
Transportation	461	Marianne Amato	
Building & Grounds	462	Richard Outtrim	
Superintendent's Office	501	Tammy Sutherland	
Business Office	511	Robyn Bhend	
Assistant Superintendent/ Human Resources	525	Erin Dubois	
Food Service	429	Tracy Churchill	

Help Wanted

We are always in need of substitutes in the following areas:

- Teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- Bus Drivers
- Bus Attendants
- Cleaners
- Food Service Workers
- Aide/Monitors
- Clerical Staff

An application can be found on the district website @ <http://www.greenvillescd.org/district/Human%20Resources/Availablepositions.asp>

Are you receiving eNews?

If not, sign up today!

Stay in the know with school events and information.

Send an e-mail to Rose DiDonato

at the District Office
(didonator@greenvillescd.org)

to get on the list-serv.

Coming in September...

We are updating our District website

Log on to: www.greenvillescd.org

and check it out.

