

Milford Central School
Important Reminders from Mrs. Wenck
Friday, March 25, 2022

Dear Parents, Community members, Students and Staff,

This has been a very busy week and I am excited to share tons of information with you!! Within this ***Friday Reminder*** you will find information on about each of the following:

- * Superintendent Search Process
- * Building Principal Search Process
- * Returned Unused Emergency Days!!
- * Clark Scholarship Recipients
- * Spring Theater Production
- * Budget for the 2022-2023 school year

I encourage each of you to go grab a cup of coffee or tea and sit down to read all that is attached. The information is important to our school, our students and our community! As always, should you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Have a pleasant weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Romona N. Wenck

MCS Interim Superintendent

Important Information and Reminders

- * **Superintendent Search Process**
The Board of Education has been working with Dr. Catherine Huber, our BOCES District Superintendent with regard to the search for our new superintendent. On March 10th, 2022, the Board met with Dr. Huber to review the applications for the Superintendent position. At that meeting the Board selected 6 candidates to interview.

On March 21st, 2022, the Board of Education, again working with Dr. Huber, interviewed each of the selected candidates. At the close of those interviews, the Board selected 2 candidates to bring forward to the Stakeholder groups.

On March 28th, 2022, there will be a mandatory meeting of the members of the Stakeholder Groups who will be participating on interview committees for the candidates selected by the Board, and, on April 7th and 8th the Stakeholder groups will hold their interviews. All of the information gathered from those interviews will be shared with the Board of Education who will have one last meeting with each candidate, at which time the Board will make their final selection.

It is our goal to have the new Superintendent in place and starting on July 1, 2022. We are also hoping the individual will be able to participate in the interviews for the Building Principal which will take place in May.

*** Building Principal Search Process**

We are presently advertising for this position. As of this date, we have received 8 applications. The due date for all applications is April 8th, and as I just stated, we are planning to interview in May.

*** Returned Unused Emergency Days**

As was shared at the March 24th meeting of the Board of Education, as of this writing we still have 5 unused emergency days left in this year's school calendar. At this time, I have decided to use 2 of the 5 remaining days to the April Break. Therefore, the break will be extended to include Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19. There will not be school on those days.

I am also looking at using 2 days, May 27 and 31, to extend the Memorial Day weekend. . That leaves me with one day to decide upon. Presently, I am looking at taking a day on May 16.

I hesitate to fully make those decisions at this time. We all know the weather in our area can change on a moment's notice, but I also want everyone to know these are the days I am looking at for planning purposes.

April 18 and 19 are definite. Everyone can plan on no school on those days. Look for a final decision as we move into the month of May and closer to the Memorial Day weekend.

*** Clark Scholarship Recipients**

While I am not at liberty to share names at this time I did want to congratulate our seniors. 16 out of 30 members of the senior class have qualified for Clark Scholarships. The process of notifying students and their parents has started. Congratulations to our recipients!

Please remember also: If you did not qualify this time or you choose not to apply, as a Milford graduate, you may apply in the future. Please contact the Clark Association for details.

*** Spring Theater Production**

Yes, I know it is late in the year, but we have students who would love to have the opportunity to perform a "show" before graduating, and there are others who have been waiting two years for a chance at this. So, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce, Sarah Lynn Serafin, as our new Director for a spring production. Sarah comes to us with many years of theatrical experience, including personal acting, directing, producing and the list goes on and on.

This coming Wednesday, March 30th, there will be an interest meeting. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. Come and join us. We are looking for students, parents, faculty and staff, and community members to support us with this endeavor. It should be great fun!!

*** Budget for the 2022-2023 school year**

At the March 24, 2022, meeting of the Board of Education, the budget for the 2022-2023 school year was approved. We are pleased to share that the budget will require a tax levy increase of 0.0466%.

That is correct, **0.0466%**, or less than ½ a percent. During the planning process we were very much focused on maintaining all student programs without having to reduce staff, and to being sensitive to the financial and economic needs of our residents. Due to multiple factors that include the reduction of debt service, and the careful use of state aid and federal funding, we were able to achieve all of this and do so with a minimal increase in the tax levy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Business Office, especially the efforts of our School Business Official, Marissa Christensen, for the dedicated work and endless hours she puts into the development of the school budget. Thank you Marissa!