



Waterliet Public Schools

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Dear Parents:

I have several school news items to share with you.

- Watervliet Public Schools will have a new Superintendent of Schools. Our Board of Education has selected Ric Seager as the next school leader for our district. Ric is presently the high school principal in Schoolcraft, Michigan. He grew up in Buchanan and has experience as a teacher and principal in several school districts. Ric officially begins his duties on July 1 but I'm sure he will be around the district at times until then.
- We had to cancel school ten days this winter. The state allows for six snow days. They also have a procedure where you can apply for three extra days. They granted us those days. So, that leaves us with one day to make up. Right now our plan is to have the last day of school on Monday, June 10th. That will be a half day for all students.
- We have set a calendar for next school year. Please look on the back of this letter and save the calendar for future use.

On a personal note, I want to say how impressed I have been with Watervliet Public Schools these past few months serving as interim superintendent. Your students are here to learn, our teachers are committed to teaching, the administrators put students first, and the Board of Education cares about the schools and the community. Working here for a limited time I haven't met many parents but from those of you whom I've talked to I can tell you have hopes for your students. Our job as educators is to make those hopes a reality by working as a team.

Enjoy your spring break and Go Panthers!

Sincerely,

John H. Jarpe, EdD

Interim Superintendent



Watervliet Public Schools 2019 - 2020 Calendar

August 23	F	No Students - *Staff Development Day
August 26	M	No Students - New Teacher Day
August 27	T	No Students - Teacher Work Day (Floating)
August 28	W	Welcome Back Day and Teacher PD (3 Hours) Back to School Night 4-6 PM
August 29	TH	No Students - *Staff Development Day
Aug 30 & Sept 2	F, M	No School - Labor Day
Sept 3	T	First Day of School - ½ Day for Students/Teacher PD (3 Hours)
Sept 25	W	2 Hour Early Release - Teacher PD
Oct 4	F	Mid Marking Period Progress Report (Marking Period #1)
Oct 9	W	2 Hour Early Release - Teacher PD
Oct 16	W	½ Day Elementary Only- Afternoon/Evening Conferences
Oct 17	TH	½ Day Elementary Only - Evening Conferences Full Day for MS/HS - Evening Conferences
Oct 18	F	½ Day for Students & Staff
Nov 1	F	½ Day for Students & Staff - Marking Period #1 Ends
Nov 6	W	2 Hour Early Release - Teacher PD
Nov 27	W	½ Day for Students & Staff
Nov 28 & 29	TH & F	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 6	F	Mid Marking Period Progress Reports (Marking Period #2)
Dec 11	W	2 Hour Early Release - Teacher PD
Dec 23 - Jan 3	M - F	No School - Holiday Break
Jan 6	M	Students Return
Jan 15	W	½ Day MS/HS Students Only/Exams/Virtual Records PM
Jan 16 & 17	TH & F	½ Day for All Students & Staff - MS/HS Exams Virtual Records PM/End of Semester #1
Jan 20	M	No School for Students & Staff - Martin Luther King Day
Feb 13	TH	½ Day Elem. Only for Students & Staff - Afternoon/Evening conferences Full Day for MS/HS - Evening Conferences
Feb 14	F	½ Day for Students & Staff - Midterm Progress Reports
Mar 11	W	2 Hour Early Release - Teacher PD
Mar 20	F	½ Day Elem. Students & Staff Virtual Records PM End of 3rd Marking Period
Apr 3	F	½ Day for Students & Staff
Apr 6 - 10	M - F	No School - Spring Break
Apr 13	M	Classes Resume
Apr 29	W	2 Hour Early Release - Teacher PD
May 1	F	Mid Marking Period Progress Reports (Marking Period #4)
May 25	M	No School - Memorial Day
June 3 & 4	W & TH	½ Days for all Students & Staff - HS/MS exams, Elem EOY Parent Meetings - Virtual Records PM
June 5	F	½ Day for All Students & Staff - HS/MS Exams & Record Day End of 2nd Semester & Last Day of School/Virtual Records PM

*IF Floating PD is not completed by Aug 22 (12 Hrs of Summer DPPD Due)