

Groton Central School District
2018-19 School Calendar



Full

STEAM

Ahead

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

July 2018

Dear Parents, Students, and Community members,

I hope this letter finds all of you enjoying your summer break! We have had a very active summer here at the school. The Groton Jr-Sr High School is under renovation in several areas, including new flooring throughout the halls and classrooms, some bathroom upgrades, updates to the HVAC system in the auditorium, and renovations to the main entrance to the building. There has also been some work completed at the bus garage, to include new trench drains, HVAC, and garage doors. Since April of 2018, contractors have been renovating the sixth grade wing into a STEAM learning center. Please check out the Superintendent's page on the District website for up-to-date photos of the progress. It has been quite a project and the transformation of that space is amazing!

Last year, we had great success and received several compliments from parents when we initiated the staggered start to the school year. Unfortunately, changes to state requirements for total hours of instruction provided to students in a given year has forced us to revert back to a normal start to our school year. **Therefore, all students in grades K-12 will start classes on Wednesday, September 5th.** As has been the norm, UPK students will have a staggered start to the school year, as shared with all parents of that program via a separate mailing. The 2018-2019 school year also brings with it some change to the instructional schedule for the junior-senior high students. **First period classes will begin at 8:00am promptly, with homeroom being incorporated into the first period time frame.** Each period of instruction will be increased by a couple of minutes, with the instructional day ending at 2:45pm. This time change will allow the district to meet the new state mandate of 990 hours of instruction within the school year. Because the elementary school's instruction time is 900 hours, no changes are necessary at that building. As such, the school day will continue to commence at 8:40am, and end at 3:08pm.

Finally, I would like to end by informing you all of a new food service program we will be bringing to our students this coming fall. **All students will receive free breakfast and lunch via a CEP grant offered through the state.** In addition, as recipients of a Park Foundation grant, we have been working diligently all summer on revitalizing the food service program to include more nutritious choices for students at meal times. Coined Groton HARVEST, this program will afford us an opportunity to introduce several fresh, locally grown produce to the student menus. Some new options include smoothies for breakfast, a fresh salad bar option at lunch, as well as several new entrees. The Food Service Department will be sending out informational flyers in a separate mailing that more fully describes the changes.

I am looking forward to a great school year! Please don't hesitate to contact us whenever your son/daughter is having difficulty. We want to make sure *all* our students are meeting with success!

Sincerely,




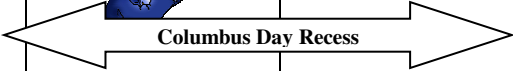

Margo Martin - Superintendent

*** Note: All calendar entries are subject to change.***




Please refer to GrotonCS.org for additional information.

September 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 LABOR DAY No School	4 Conference Day – No School Kindergarten Meet and Greet	5 First Day of School for Students Grades K-12	6 UPK Staggered Start	7 UPK Staggered Start	8
9	10 UPK – All Students Attend	11	12	13	14 Homecoming Game and Dance	15
SPIRIT Week and Homecoming						
16	17 BOE Meeting	18	19	20 Picture Day Seniors and Staff	21 Picture Day (Grades 6-11) Back to School Picnic (10:45 am – 1:00 pm)	22
23	24	25 Open House ES Grades UPK – 2 6:00-7:30 pm	26	27 Open House ES Grades 3-5 6:00-7:30 pm	28	29
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October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BOE Meeting	2	3 Open House Jr.-Sr. High School 6:00 – 7:30 pm	4	5 Go Home Early Drill 15 min Early Dismissal for all students. 5 Weeks End	6
7	8 <i>COLUMBUS DAY</i> <i>No School</i> 	9	10	11	12 Picture Day (Grades UPK-5) and Staff	13
						
14	15	16	17	18	19 Conference Day – No School	20
21	22 BOE Meeting	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 			

November 2018



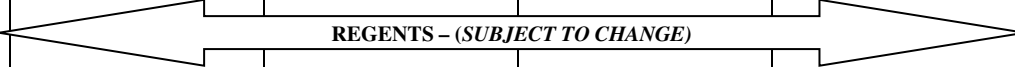
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 JSHS Picture Retake Day.	2	3
4	5 BOE Meeting	6	7	8	9 End of 1 st Marking Period	10 Craft Fair
11	12 VETERANS' DAY <i>No School</i> 	13	14	15	16 ES Picture Retake Day	17
18	19 BOE Meeting	20	21	22 	23	24
 <p style="text-align: center;">THANKSGIVING RECESS – No School</p>						
25	26	27	28	29	30 ES Parent/Teacher Conferences -- NO SCHOOL for ES Students ONLY	

December 2018


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 BOE Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 15 Weeks End	15
16 	17 BOE Meeting	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Holiday Recess					

HOLIDAY RECESS – No School

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 	2	3	4	5	
6	7 BOE Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY No School	22	23	24	25 End of 2 nd Marking Period	26	
		 REGENTS - (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)					
27	28 BOE Meeting	29	30	31			


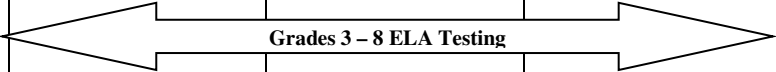

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 “	6	7	8	9
10	11 BOE Meeting	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22	23
<i>WINTER BREAK – No School</i>						
24	25	26	27	28		


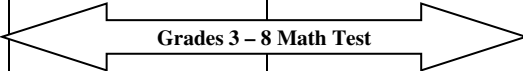
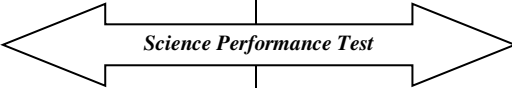


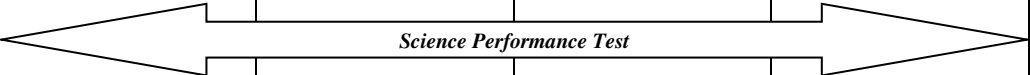
March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 25 Weeks End	9
10	11 BOE Meeting	12	13	14	15 HS Musical Production	16 HS Musical Production ..
17 	18 Conference Day – No School	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 BOE Meeting	26	27	28	29	30
31						

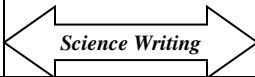



April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 End of 3 rd Marking Period	6
 <p>Grades 3 – 8 ELA Testing</p>						
7	8 BOE Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
 <p><i>SPRING BREAK – No School</i></p>						
21	22 BOE Meeting	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				


May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			 Grades 3 – 8 Math Test			
5	6 BOE Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 BOE Meeting Public Hearing on Budget Vote & Meet the Candidates	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Vote on 2019-20 Budget and BOE Election noon - 9 pm Art Show	22	23	24 35 Weeks End	25
			 <i>Science Performance Test</i>		 Holiday Recess	
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY - No School 	28	29	30	31	
		 <i>Science Performance Test</i>				


June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Grades 4 & 8 Science Performance Test and Makeup	1
2	3 BOE Meeting 	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 BOE Meeting	18	19	20	21 ES Field Days End of 4 th Marking Period	22
						
23	24 ES Field Days Rain Date	25 Kindergarten Graduation	26 5 th Grade Graduation	27 Senior Awards Night	28	29 CLASS OF 2019 COMMENCEMENT 
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July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY</i> 	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			

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 ▪ Alumni Picnic 
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

~ PHONE NUMBERS ~

District Office

Superintendent, *Margo Martin*

Treasurer, *Heather Ferris*

Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, *Randy Sovocool*

Phone..... 898-5301

Fax..... 898-4647

Athletic Director, *Mark Triolo*

Phone 898-4550

Fax..... 898-5824

School Tax Collector

Tax Collector, *Julie Kephart* (TST BOCES)

Phone 607-257-1555 ext. 1042

Elementary School

Principal, *Kent Maslin*

Phones:

- Office..... 898-5853

- Nurse, *Frances Downey* 898-5837

- Fax 898-5896

CSE/CPSE Coordinator, *Ramona Luettger*

- Phone..... 898-5330

- Fax..... 898-5886

Junior/Senior High School

Principal, *Billie Downs*

Associate Principal/Director of Technology, *Jacob Roe*

- Phone..... 898-5803

- Fax..... 898-4555

Student Services

Phone 898-5802

- Fax..... 898-4555

- Nurse, *Lorie Pitcher*..... 898-5858

Bus Garage

Transportation Supervisor, *Lou Mikula*

- Phone..... 898-3355

Groton Recreation

Coordinator, *Jennifer Jones*

- Phone 898-4569

~ COMMUNICATING IMPORTANT INFORMATION & SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION~

We have implemented an **automated calling service**. This will add an additional method for communicating emergency closings and other important information. The service will be able to call each household and deliver an automated message so be sure to keep your contact information up to date. You can do this by contacting the elementary school or junior/senior high school offices. In the event that schools will be closed, these calls will go out shortly after 6:30 am. We will continue to use local radio and TV stations for closing announcements.

TV STATIONS

Channel 3 Syracuse

Channel 5 Syracuse

Channel 9 Syracuse

Channel 10 Syracuse

Channel 36 Elmira

RADIO STATIONS

WXHC (fm) Homer

WYXL (fm) Ithaca

WHCU (am) Ithaca

WQNY (fm) Ithaca

WIII (fm) Cortland

WNYY (am) Ithaca

WFIZ (fm) Ithaca

~ DOES YOUR CHILD PLAY A SPORT? ~

Students must have a current physical (by NYS law within the past 12 months) by the first day of a season practice. Sports physicals for winter sports will be scheduled in October and spring sports in February. Physicals for the fall season will be scheduled in April and May (and usually the first day of Varsity sports' practices). If your child chooses not to have a physical with the school health provider, the physical must be completed **prior** to the first day of the season practice.

~ GROTON CENTRAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ~

Transportation services shall be provided to meet the needs of the students of the District within specified limits and areas established by the Board of Education.

The Board of Education authorizes and provides busing in School Safety Zones. These areas are designated where traffic patterns pose a threat to student safety.

To provide the safest possible transportation and operate the transportation program efficiently and economically, the following procedures are presented.

- A. On an annual basis, parents are to complete a *Transportation Request Form* to register designated pick-up/drop off points for their child(ren) and submit to the appropriate building principal no later than August 1st.
- B. A family moving into the District after the August 1st deadline will complete the *Transportation Request Form* as part of the standard registration process.
- C. The District recognizes that on occasion emergency situations arise that may require a change in a child's transportation arrangements. When these changes are necessary, the following should be conveyed as far in advance as possible.
 1. Parent presents a written, signed request containing the information listed below.
 - a) Student name with phone number of parent/guardian.
 - b) Name, address and phone number of person at requested location change.
 - c) Date and time special transportation is needed.
 2. If the timeframe of the emergency transportation change does not allow for a written note, a fax or phone call request can be made, preferably by noon of the date of the change.
- D. In no event will the District transport students to parties, scout meetings, or recreational activities.

~ GROTON VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTER CLUB ~

This group provides support to all of the art programs in the Groton Central School including equipment purchases and funding field trips. The Club tries to help procure items needed that aren't in the regular school budget. For information, please contact the main office of your student's building.

~ GROTON EDUCATION FUND (GEF) ~

The **Groton Education Fund (GEF)** was established to provide financial support for educational initiatives that supplement and enrich the Groton Central School District. Projects selected for funding would be those outside the realm of the District's general operating budget and are evaluated based on their ability to support our students by demonstrating a focus on academic excellence, support for innovative ideas, opportunities for collaboration and partnerships and financial efficiency.

Fundraising programs for the GEF have included pancake breakfasts, merchandise sales, and the **Memorial Garden Brick Campaign**. For those wishing to make a tax free donation to the Fund, please make out your check to the **Community Foundation of Tompkins County — Groton Education Fund**. Mail your donation to **Community Foundation of Tompkins County, 309 N. Aurora St., Ithaca, NY 14850**.

For other opportunities to contribute, please contact Eric Harrington, Chair, Groton Education Fund (607-898-4746 or eh22@cornell.edu).

~ 2018-19 BOARD OF EDUCATION ~

Sophia Darling, *President*
Linda Competillo, *Vice President*
Kristina Boyes
Monica Dykeman
Susan Bishop
Otto Aagaard
Samuel Rose

The Board of Education welcomes residents, staff members, students, and other interested persons to its meetings. Meetings are held on Mondays in the District Office., starting at 6:30 p.m. Occasionally, meeting times may change,

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SCHEDULE FOR 2018-19**

September 17	February 11
October 1, 22	March 11, 25
November 5, 19	April 8, 22
December 3, 17	May 6, 13
January 7, 28	June 3, 17

Groton Central School's website:

www.grotoncs.org

~ EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ~

Notice to Parents

Parents of a student in the Groton Central School District, under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers and teaching assistants instructing their child. The No Child Left Behind Act gives parents the right to ask for the following information about their child's classroom teacher and teaching assistants:

- Whether New York State has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grade level and subject the teacher teaches
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional certificate by which State certification criteria have been waived
- The academic degrees held by the teacher as well as the teacher's college major
- The qualifications of any teaching assistants providing services to their child

If you would like to receive any of this information, please send your written request including your child's name, classroom teacher(s) and/or teaching assistant(s) to:

*Margo Martin, Superintendent
Groton Central School District
P.O. Box 99
Groton, NY 13073*

After we have processed your request, the information will be mailed to you.

**GROTON CENTRAL
SCHOOL
TAX CODE
245**

~ COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS ~

Groton Central School has been approved to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision. The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. This makes every student in the district eligible for free breakfast and lunch for the 2018-2019 school year.

STUDENT CAFETERIA ACCOUNTS

Each student has an individual debit account through our cash register system, which is accessed by a Personal Identification Number (PIN). This allows the students account information to remain confidential. The system also tracks all purchases, deposits, and charges. If you would like to deposit money on your child's account for extra meals, snacks or other foods, please visit the myschoolbucks.com website. Parents can set up an account to view the activity on their child's account and/or make deposits to their accounts. Please see the districts website for the directions and link.

Buying Meals, Milk or Other Foods

Students' accounts must remain open even with the free breakfast and lunch program. Students will still need money on their accounts to buy extra entrees, ice cream, snacks, and bottled beverages. Students will not be able to purchase any extras if there is no money on their accounts.

Personal Identification Number (PIN)

Each student will be assigned a 4-digit PIN, which he or she should memorize and keep secret. If a student forgets his or her PIN, the cashier can access the account by entering the student's name. Students will still need to enter their PIN each day even though meals

Groton HARVEST

In the spring of 2018 Margo Martin and Kelley Neville had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Park Foundation about our school nutrition program. We discussed district challenges in serving nutritious meals, as well as new initiatives the district had aspirations to implement in the future. The Park Foundation representatives were impressed with the initiatives presented to them, the overall district as a whole, and the Groton community at large. As a result, they have chosen Groton CSD and the Groton community as a partner to pilot the development of access to healthy meals for all households. Work has been initiated at both the District and community level to begin to implement this program. Below is the vision of the Groton CSD as it relates to the Groton HARVEST initiative. *Thank you to the Park Foundation for their financial support in making this aspiration come to life!*

VISION: A community driven, sustainable nutrition project that improves access throughout Groton to nutritious meals, educational programs, and wellness activities now and for future families.

Program Objectives:

1. Increase food service worker expertise in the preparation and cooking of fresh produce.
2. Provide all students access to nutritional meals while at school.
3. Promote children's and families' well-being through healthy eating and physical activity in a district-wide culture of wellness.
4. Establish a collaborative partnership between the school district, public library, food pantry, youth recreation, and other relevant community agencies that will work towards building a culture of wellness within the Groton community.

~ FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT ~

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Groton Central School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the Groton Central School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Groton Central School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include: a playbill showing your student's role in a drama production, the yearbook, honor roll or other recognition lists, graduation programs, and sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. The Groton Central School District does not typically release information to any commercial enterprise. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed to military recruiters without their prior written consent.

If you do not want the Groton Central School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by **September 15, 2018**. The Groton Central School District has designated the following information as directory information:

- student's name
- photograph
- major field of study
- grade level
- participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- weight and height of members of athletic teams
- degrees, honors, and awards received
- most recent educational agency or institution attended

*** ATTENTION ***

~ 2018-19 SCHOOL TAXES ~

Our school taxes are no longer being processed at Groton Central School. TST BOCES Central Business Office is processing our school taxes.

Tax bills will be mailed to property owners during the last week of August and collection begins on **September 4, 2018**. If you don't receive your tax bill by September 6 or if you have any questions about your taxes, you should call Julie Kephart at TST BOCES at 607-257-1555 ext. 1042 or send an email to grotontax@tstboces.org. You can also click on www.taxlookup.net to find your Groton School District tax bill.

Tax payments are to be mailed to: Groton Central School, c/o TST BOCES CBO-TAX, 555 Warren Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Please make checks payable to Groton Central School District. Please be sure to include a copy of all tax bills to be paid with your check.

Taxpayers can still pay their taxes in person at the First National Bank of Groton, Groton Office, during normal business hours (except Labor Day and Columbus Day). **THE TAX BILL IS REQUIRED IF PAYING AT THE BANK.**

Taxes will be accepted from Tuesday, September 4th through Thursday, October 4th without penalty if postmarked by October 4th. *Beginning Friday October 5th, a 2% interest penalty will be added to all taxes due.* Collection of taxes with penalty will end Monday, November 5th. No payments will be accepted after Monday, November 5, 2018, unless postmarked by that date.

~ TITLE IX NOTICE ~

The Groton Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, without regard to sex, race, national origin or handicap.

Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to Title IX Officer, Mrs. Billie Downs, Groton Central School, 400 Peru Road, Groton, NY 13073, (607) 898-5803.

~ INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH ~

If your family lives in any of the following situations, you have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act:

- in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- on the street
- in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

You have the right to go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. You must be given access to the same public education provided to other students.

When you move, you should do the following - contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education, Mr. James Southard, at 898-5301, for help in enrolling in a new school or arranging to continue in your former school.

~ SMOKE-FREE SCHOOLS ~

There is no use of tobacco, including cigarettes, pipes, cigars, snuff, and chewing tobacco in or on property owned by Groton Central School. (This includes all athletic fields.)

~ ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION ~

A complete re-inspection of all school facilities for asbestos-containing materials has been completed and submitted to the State Education Department. All known friable asbestos materials have been removed from the elementary building, the bus garage, and the junior/senior high school building. The Management Plan is available for review in the District Office during normal business hours.

~ DISTRICT PROPERTY ~

The use of any recreational vehicles such as, but not limited to, snowmobiles, motorcycles, dirt bikes, or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited on all property belonging to Groton Central School, unless such vehicles are on school property as part of a school-sponsored activity. Also, roller skates, roller blades, and skate boards are prohibited.

~ PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION ~

On August 21, 2000, legislation was signed requiring schools to establish the following notification procedures to provide information on pesticide applications at school facilities.

Written notification to staff and parents at the beginning of each school year and within one week of enrollment for new students during the school year to include:

- Pesticides may be used periodically during the school year.
- Schools are required to maintain a list of staff and parents who wish to receive 48 hour prior written notification of pesticide applications at relevant facilities and procedures on how to register with the school to be on such a list for notification.

For further information, please call Randy Sovocool, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, at 898-5301.

~ STOPPED SCHOOL BUSES ~

It is against the law to pass a stopped school bus, whether the bus is stopped on the road or at school. **Please**, whenever you see the yellow blinking lights, prepare to stop. On the red blinking lights, STOP and remain stopped.



**FREE PASSES FOR ALL HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS AND
STAGE PRESENTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL SENIOR
CITIZENS 60 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER. CONTACT THE
DISTRICT OFFICE AT 898-5301**

~ SCHOOL VISITORS ~

Parents and other citizens of the District are encouraged to visit the schools to better understand the process of education. In order to avoid disruption of the educational process, visitors are expected to comply with this policy and other applicable district policies.

Visitations to classrooms or any part of the school facility for any purpose require permission in advance from the Building Principal. Visits are for the purpose of learning about school programs. Visits should not be disruptive to the educational process.

All visitors must report to the school office or other designated individual to request a visitor's pass to be allowed further access to the building.

Visits by Parents

Parents are welcome at school. All visitors shall be required to report to the main office upon arrival at school and state their business.

Visitations to classrooms for any purpose require permission in advance from the Building Principal in order to allow teachers the opportunity to arrange their schedules to accommodate such requests. During special events and performances, parents and community members may be invited to visit the school.

Members of the School District staff will treat parents and other members of the public with respect and expect the same in return. The District must keep schools and administrative offices free from disruptions and prevent unauthorized persons from entering school/district grounds.

Accordingly, this policy promotes mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among the District employees, parents, and the public. We do not intend this policy to deprive any person of his or her right to freedom of expression. Rather, we seek to maintain, to the extent possible and reasonable, a safe, productive and harassment-free environment for our students and staff. In the interest of presenting teachers and other employees as positive role models, we encourage positive communication and discourage volatile, hostile, or aggressive actions. This District seeks public cooperation with this endeavor.

1. Disruptive Individual Must Leave School Grounds. Any individual who disrupts or threatens to disrupt school/office operations/events, threatens the health and safety of students or staff, willfully causes property damage, uses loud and/or offensive language that could provoke a violent reaction, or who has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on school district property will be directed

by the School's Principal or other person in charge to leave school, school district property, or event promptly. If the person does not comply it will be considered a trespass and law enforcement authorities will be called. Future access to school property or events may be restricted.

2. Directions to Staff in Dealing with Abusive Individual. If any member of the public uses obscenities or speaks in a demanding, loud, insulting, and/or demeaning manner, the administrator or employee to whom the remarks are directed will calmly and politely warn the speaker to communicate civilly and that a failure to do so could result in a request to leave or end the contact. If the individual does not stop the abusive behavior, the District employee will verbally notify the individual that the meeting, conference, or telephone conversation is terminated. If the individual is on district premises or at a district event, the administrator, custodian or other person in charge, may request the abusive individual to leave promptly or law enforcement authorities will be called.

3. Provide Policy and Report Incident. When a staff member determines that a member of the public is in the process of violating the provisions of this policy, the staff member should direct the person to the building administrator, or other school official in charge, who should provide a written copy of this policy at the time of occurrence. The staff member will provide a written report of the incident to his or her supervisor.

~ GROUPS THAT SUPPORT GROTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ~

Groton Central School is supported by various groups that contribute to our programs. Each of these groups is always looking for new members. If you are interested in assisting, please see contact information below

ES Groton Parent Teacher Organization –

Call the Elementary School at 898-5853. Find information on their webpage - <https://grotonpto.wikispaces.com/>

JR.-SR. HS Groton Parent Teacher Organization

Call the Jr.-Sr. High School at 898-5803.

Groton Sports Boosters

Call either Tracy Cooper (at the jr./sr. high school) – 898-5803 or Lorri Hunter at 898-5853

Groton Visual and Performing Arts Boosters –

Call the Jr.-Sr. High School at 898-5803.

Groton Alumni – PO Box 42, Groton, NY 13073

Groton Educational Fund – Eric Harrington – 898-4746

**~ PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN PROGRAMS
AND PROJECTS FUNDED BY TITLE I ~**

Notice to Parents

The Board of Education believes that positive parental involvement is essential to student achievement and encourages participation of parents in all aspects of their child's education. In order to facilitate parent participation, the District will:

- Provide parents with information about the following topics: the state's academic content and curriculum, student achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, Title I requirements and procedures to monitor their child's educational progress;
- Provide parents with notification of academic and behavioral difficulties encountered by their child and suggestions for communicating effectively with staff;
- Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement;
- Provide annual notice to parents of students attending Title I schools within the district that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s) and paraprofessional staff;
- Provide parents with information on their child's level of achievement in each of the state assessments and provide opportunity promoting ongoing communication between home and school;
- Educate all Title 1 staff about the value of parent contributions and how to communicate with parents as equal partners in the educational process;
- Involve parents in the development of the Title I application process and conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of parent involvement in improving the academic quality of Title I schools;
- Coordinate parent involvement strategies under other funded programs, including Even Start, Universal PreKindergarten, Head Start, and Committees on Special Education;
- Conduct other activities in Title I schools through the parent resource center which support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children;
- Convene an annual meeting to review the Title I program, student

- selection procedures, and parent involvement policy;
- Provide parents and community with an annual accountability status of student achievement in Title I schools.

In addition to the above, the District shall, jointly and in agreement with parents of students receiving Title I services, establish expectations for parent involvement in Title I programs in accordance with Section 1118(a) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Similarly, each Title I school within the District shall establish building level school/parent involvement policies in accordance with Section 1118(b). Such school/parent policies shall include, where applicable, school-parent compacts outlining how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help students achieve the state's high standards.

Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests must be submitted in writing to the Records Access Officer. Requests can be delivered in person, mailed, faxed or emailed as indicated below.	
Records Access Officer:	Groton Central School District Clerk
Mailing or Delivery Address:	Records Access Officer Groton Central School P.O. Box 99 Groton, NY 13073
Telephone:	607-898-5301
Fax:	607-898-4647
E-mail:	<i>FOIL@groton.cnyric.org</i>
More information about the Freedom of Information Law can be found at the <i>Committee on Open Government</i> .	

~ DISTRICT POLICY – ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY ~

To help maintain safe and healthy conditions for students, staff and visitors to the school, it is a violation of district policy for anyone to bring a dog or any other animal to school including any athletic or extra-curricular events. Animals are also prohibited from walking on school property, including ball fields, Ross Field and the track areas.

Those individuals with disabilities who require the assistance of an animal, such as a recognized guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, shall be exempt from this policy.

Under certain circumstances, police and other emergency services may require the presence of animals in performing their duties (such as bomb or drug searches). This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis as determined by the responding emergency agency.

The Board of Education also recognizes the educational uses of animals in the classroom. Permission must be obtained by the building principal before animals are brought to the school or classrooms.

Go to www.grotoncs.org (click on Board of Education, then Policy) for the complete policy.

~ SCHOOL START TIMES ~

Elementary class will begin at 8:40 am.

Jr.-Sr. High School 1st Period will begin at 8:00 am.

~ DON'T FORGET BREAKFAST! ~

FREE for all students and available beginning:

❖ **8:00 am at the Elementary School**

❖ **7:30 am-at the Jr.-Sr. High School**

~ MEDICATION POLICY ~

In order for the school nurse to administer medication, including non-prescription medications such as Tylenol, Advil, and cough drops, please note the following:

1. All medication is to be brought in to the nurse in the original container from the pharmacy by a parent/guardian.
2. Written parental permission to administer medication must be on file.
3. A physician's order to administer the medication must be on file in the nurse's office. This should include:
 - Name of medication
 - Dosage amount
 - Frequency to be given
 - Date and signature of physician
 - Physician's full address with phone and fax numbers
 - Time period of medication order
 - Diagnosis
 - Physician NPI number

~ VOLUNTEERS AT GCS ~

School volunteers are critical to the success of our students by offering additional support and opportunities. Are you interested in reading to a child, helping on a field trip, offering your talents in the classroom, or helping on the athletic field? All school volunteers are required to have an approved application on file with the District. If you would like to become a volunteer, please complete and return the Confidentiality Agreement and the Volunteer/Athletic Application to a building principal/athletic director. These forms can be found on the District's web page www.grotoncs.org (click on Employment/Volunteer Information) or call any of the school offices to request the forms.

Groton Distinguished Graduate Hall of Fame

History of the Hall of Fame



The Groton High School Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) began the Hall of Fame program in 2010 as a way to promote academic achievement, inspire current students, and honor our own alumni. Located in the main lobby of the High School, the Hall of Fame already pays tribute to the accomplishments of fifteen of Groton's finest, and counting.

The current members of the NHS accept and review nominations each year making their final selection(s) by a majority vote. Nominees are then invited to attend the annual Banquet of Academic Excellence as our guest of honor, keynote speaker, and to be presented their award.

Nominee Selection

Nominees are selected for induction into the Hall of Fame based on their outstanding character, contributions to their profession, and or their extraordinary service to the community.

The Groton Chapter of the National Honor Society will annually select a maximum of two inductees from its pool of applicants. The NHS will review all applications and makes its selections by a majority vote after February 1st of each year. The decisions of the NHS, in every case, are final, and members will not discuss decisions.

The applications of nominees not chosen in a given year will be kept on file and reviewed each year thereafter.

To Submit an Application

Application forms for Hall of Fame consideration are accepted throughout the year. Additional application forms can be found on the district Web site at:

<https://goo.gl/afrUk1>

Application forms should mailed to:

Attn: Distinguished Grad HoF
Groton Chapter of the NHS
Groton High School
400 Peru Road
Groton, NY 13073

GROTON DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE HALL OF FAME



Nominee's Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Work phone _____
Year of graduation _____
Name when enrolled at GCS _____

E-mail _____

Sponsor's Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Work phone _____
E-mail _____

Education/Training/Degrees: _____

Please describe the nominee and his/her accomplishments by answering the questions below. **Feel free to attach information with your completed application.**
Please outline the nominee's professional career.

Please list and describe the nominee's previous awards, recognitions, appointments, titles, etc.

Please outline the nominee's community/charitable involvements or Groton School District contributions (if applicable). _____

In the space below, please tell us why you feel this person should be considered for the Hall of Fame. _____

2018-2019 School Calendar

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- = Vacations/Legal Holidays
- = Superintendent Conference Days
- = BOE meeting days
- = First and last day of classes
- = Testing Days
- = Regents
- = ES Parent/Teacher Conf. - NO SCHOOL FOR ES STUDENTS ONLY
- = Professional Development Day -- No School for Students
- = Go Home Early Drill Oct. 5th -- 15 minute early dismissal.

- Order of Give Back Days**
1. 2/15 (first to go)
 2. 5/23
 3. 3/15
 4. 4/12
 5. 5/28 (last to go)