

JASPER-TROUPSBURG CSD NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL YEAR
2023-2024
OCTOBER 2023



A Monthly Insight into the News Across Our District

Jasper-Troupsburg Wildcats

EMERGENCY GO HOME EARLY DRILL

The Statewide Emergency Go Home Early Drill will be held on Friday, October 6, 2023. Students will be released 15 minutes early.

CONSTITUTION DAY

All school districts receiving federal funding are required to hold Constitution Day events. Our elementary students learned about Constitution Day during Morning Program, while our Jr/Sr High School students participated in activities through the Annenberg Foundation Trust.

BOE MEETINGS

October 18, 2023
November 15, 2023
December 20, 2023
January 17, 2024
February 28, 2024
March 20, 2024
April 3, 2024
April 17, 2024
May 1, 2024
May 21, 2024—Budget Vote
June 12, 2024

Hello Wildcat Community,

With our students back in our buildings, school feels like school once again. I have had the pleasure of riding our bus routes with our fabulous Jasper-Troupsburg bus drivers and monitors since the first day. Not only does this allow me to report to our community with pride about how our children are greeted with warm smiles and friendly conversation as they board the bus, but also has given me the opportunity to talk with our drivers and see first hand the areas of their 2023-2024 routes that have the potential to be tricky in the winter.

This edition of our newsletter highlights our Transportation Department, and the dedicated men and women who are the first and last to see our students each day. Upon arrival to the bus garage in the morning, the drivers conduct a detailed pre-trip check of their bus which includes inspecting a plethora of items such as: all headlights, tail-lights, blinkers, emergency doors and windows, emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers and emergency kits, wipers and wiper fluid, heaters, seats and seat belts, inside indicators, windows, and even the tires and tread depth.

Bus drivers are required by Article 19-A of vehicle law to test yearly for defensive driving and to pass a written exam and behind the wheel road test ever two years. Medical exams are conducted yearly to be sure drivers are medically qualified to drive. Drivers must recertify annually with the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol clearing-house, pass physical performance testing, and participate in a yearly abstract review including an interview.

Our Jasper-Troupsburg bus drivers cover a whopping 1,422 total miles every day and are absolutely deserving of our community's respect and appreciation for the role they play in our students' lives.

October 16—20 is School Bus Safety Week, so please take a moment to review the Bus Safety Tips included in this newsletter and to review the Transportation related portions of the Student Handbook.

Please remember that all transportation changes MUST be requested by 12 pm. This allows Mr. Cornish plenty of time to communicate with drivers and before afternoon routes.

LeeAnne Jordan, Superintendent

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

With September under their belts, the students at the high school have settled right into the daily routine. We had a nice turnout for our annual Meet & Greet for students and parents. Many families like to see the building after the summer months and it is a wonderful opportunity for the new 7th grade students to walk the halls, meet their teachers and begin to feel like a true high schooler.

The ELA and Math iReady assessments for 7th, 8th and 9th grade students were given during the middle two weeks of September. These assessments help give us baseline data for the students while also helping to get any needed intervention strategies in place.

The Student Council kicked-off Homecoming Weekend with spirit week the 18th through the 22nd and finished off the week with a Pep Assembly on Friday September 22nd during an Activity Period. It was really great having all the high school students together playing musical chairs, three-legged races and supporting the student athletes.

We had one of our annual field trips this month which the students always enjoy. The 11th graders went to Letchworth State Park on Friday September 29th. This is always a great cross-curricular trip blending the environment and Earth Science with a little health and wellness.

The first five-week Progress Reports will be rolling out on October 10th, so be looking for those to be coming home from your students. Also, we will have the annual "Go home early" drill on Friday October 6th with dismissal time at 2:45pm and lastly, don't forget there is no school on Monday October 9th for observance of Indigenous Peoples Day, formerly known as Columbus Day.

Reading for Pleasure; Reflecting on the Future

This quarter the seniors in English 4 are engaging in book clubs and personal writing. We are attempting to detox from the more formulaic ways of thinking about reading and writing for states tests by doing the kinds of reading and writing many adults do for their own pleasure or growth. Students began by speed-dating several books and choosing a book to read with a small group of peers. After reading independently in and outside of class for about a week, this Tuesday the students met for their first book club discussions, which were enhanced by the homemade pumpkin roll contributed by Kaylie. The students are developing personal essays that explore the theme "When I Grow Up," imagining and reflecting on their future adult lives. They will finish the quarter with a second book club and a second personal essay (that they may choose to submit with their college applications).

Graduation Pathways Updates

We are excited to announce that Jasper-Troupsburg students now have two additional graduation pathways to choose from. We have applied to the state and have been approved to offer the Individual Arts Assessment Pathway and the Civics Pathway as pathways to graduation.

The Individual Arts Assessment Pathway (IAAP) involves students taking 3 full credits in art over the course of 4 to 5 years with the opportunity to begin this path in 8th grade with teacher recommendation. The student is required to maintain an art portfolio and follow a state approved rubric. The IAAP involves goal setting and teacher, self-, and peer reviews of artwork. For more information on the IAAP, please visit <https://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/individual-arts-assessment-pathway-iaap>

The Civics Pathway involves students obtaining 6 points from the state approved list of civic knowledge and civics participation activities. Students must earn at least two points from both categories to use this pathway. This pathway may also begin at the middle school level. Some examples of approved activities are a civics project, service-learning project, proficiency or mastery on a social studies regents, and research projects. For more information on the Civics Pathway, please visit <https://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/seal-civic-readiness>

If you would like more information on graduation pathways available to your child, please call the guidance office at 607-792-3500.

Message from Mr. McCaffrey – The Elementary school is excited to start the year as a Lighthouse School. Our Leader in Me leadership positions have been filled and are up and running again this year. The students went through an application and interview process for the following positions: Helping Hands, Student Lighthouse, Greeter, News Crew, and Birthday Crew. We are also running our clubs again this year. Students were able to choose from 19 different clubs including Yearbook Club, Mad Scientist Club, Spanish Club, 2"x 4" Furniture Club, Dance Club and many others. We have two new teachers that we welcomed to our Wildcat community this year. Mrs. Amber Weidman, our new Art and STEM teacher and Mr. Stanley Matteson is back helping us with our Music program again this year. We also have one new support staff addition, Mrs. Jennifer Smith. We are very fortunate to have such enthusiastic, dedicated, teachers and staff working with our students at the elementary school.

J-T Yearbook - Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser



All students in grades K-12 will have the opportunity to earn one **FREE** yearbook or **50%** off one yearbook depending on how many boxes are sold. The pre-sale dates are October 2-13, with all order forms and money due no later than Monday, October 16th. Doughnuts will be delivered on Saturday, October 28th with pick-up times between 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the high school (Greenwood Campus). Please watch for packets to come home with your child.

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Aldrich or Mrs. Devine at the high school.

2023-2024 J-T Yearbooks - ON SALE NOW!

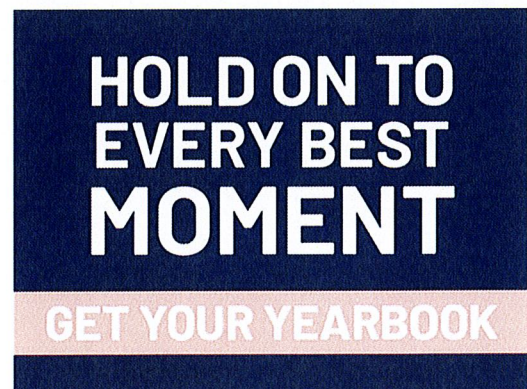
New year. New yearbook. Hold on to every moment! Get your yearbook.

◇ Low cost of \$45 + tax

Options to Pre-order:

◇ Go to: Jostens.com/2024yearbook

◇ Scan the QR Code

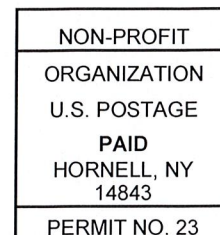


◇ Send in your payment (make sure to include the 8% sales tax) along with the order form to: **Yearbook Advisor**. Make checks payable to: **J-T Yearbook**.

Thank you for your continued support!

J-T Yearbook Staff

Jasper-Troupsburg CSD
3769 State Route 417
Jasper NY 14855



2023 IMPORTANT SCHOOL PICTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 11th ~ Fall Picture Day for ALL J~T Students and Staff

Parents can preorder online at <http://inter-state.com/order>
and use the following order codes:

HIGH SCHOOL: **80434EF**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: **80454XF**



November 28th ~ Fall Picture Retake Day (*Elementary & High School*)

November 28th ~ Elementary School ~ Club/Group Pictures

Cafeteria News

Thank you to all the families that sent in income information for free school meals eligibility! While all students in the JT school district already receive free meals, this information is beneficial not only for us, but for you, too. Families that qualify for free meals based on income may also be eligible for additional benefits, including testing vouchers and discounts from various service providers. If your family participates in SNAP and/or Medicaid, please note that your students automatically qualify for free meals so you do not need to submit an income application to be eligible for these additional benefits.

If your student qualifies for free meals based on income or SNAP/Medicaid benefits and you need a copy of the letter confirming this, please contact Tori Parmenter by phone (607-792-3690 x7128) or email (tparmenter@gstboces.org). If you have questions about the application itself, please also feel free to contact Tori.

High School Building
2661 State Route 248
Greenwood, NY 14839
607-792-3690

District Office
2661 State Route 248
Greenwood, NY 14839
607-792-3675

Elementary School Building
908 State Rt 36
Troupsburg, NY 14885
607-525-6301

J-T Athletic Update

It is that time of year when we begin to feel the chill in the air and the leaves begin to change. This means that Fall sports have started and are well under way. As we open up the month of October we start to think about postseason plans for our fall varsity teams. Our XC team will keep building their endurance for their November 4th Sectional Meet at Letchworth State Park. Our combined CG/JT varsity girls' soccer team and combined Andover/Whitesville/JT boys' varsity soccer team will continue to push forward to earn the best possible seed for their sectional tournaments, which will begin in the middle of October. The exact dates for the soccer tournaments will be determined by their end of the season seed. Our JT JV and modified soccer teams will continue to work hard and develop their craft to best prepare them for the next level of competition. The Jasper-Troupsburg School District wishes all our athletes the best of luck as they wrap up the end of their seasons.

Plans for our winter season are under way. Sign-ups began September 18th and will run through October 13th. The winter parent meeting will be held November 6th at 6:00pm in the Troupsburg Elementary Gym. All parents must attend that have a student athlete playing a winter sport. Athletes will be unable to practice until all paperwork is signed and returned to their coach. Practices will begin November 13th for winter athletes. If your child is planning to play a winter sport, please check with Barb Leach that their physical is up to date. Athletes will be unable to practice until there is an updated physical on file.

As we cheer on our JT athletes I would like to make spectators aware of an update to the Sportsmanship section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. This is verbatim from the Handbook that all NYSPHSAA members must follow:

Section c. Spectator:

1. Expectation Statement: Officials, just like student athletes and coaches, are critical to interscholastic sports programs. Without officials, NYSPHSAA and its member schools would not be able to provide interscholastic sports in the manner that is desired and expected by student athletes, coaches, and parents. Spectators are expected to "Be Loud, Be Proud, and Be Positive." Negative comments and inappropriate behaviors by spectators are required to be addressed by all and any school supervisors and administrators, as a member of NYSPHSAA. Spectators may be prohibited from attending current and future interscholastic contests based on their behavior. (Oct. 2022)

2. Spectator Regulation: Any negative, inappropriate, derogatory comments or actions that draw the direct attention of a supervisor or school administrator by a spectator or group of spectators are required to be addressed by the host school, Sectional or NYSPHSAA representative in the following non-sequential order depending on the comments or behavior:

- First warning – Directing the spectator or group of spectators to refrain from any negative comments or actions.

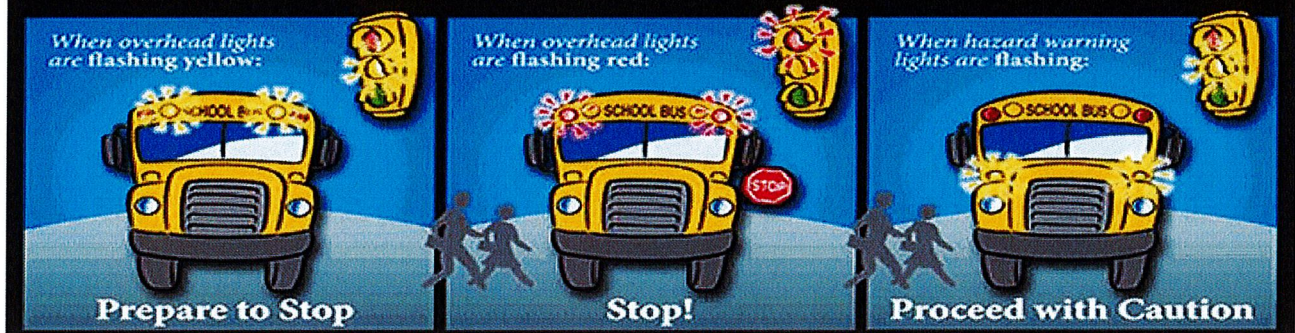
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- Second warning – A personal discussion with the spectators or group of spectators on the above NYSPHSAA expectations and reminding the spectators or group of spectators of the next step, removal of the game or event, will be utilized if the behavior continues.
- Removal from the contest – The spectator or group of spectators will be directed to leave the facility for the remainder of the game or event. If spectators or group of spectators refuse to leave the game or event, play will be stopped until they vacate the premise.

Penalty for being removed from a game or event: Any spectator removed from a game or event will have a minimum penalty of completing the NFHS Parent Credential course or a one game suspension before they are allowed to attend any interscholastic event. Once the course is completed the spectator will provide a certificate of completion to the athletic department office. Schools are required to communicate with the offending spectator on the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Expectations.

Please be aware of this rule and let's work together to make sure we are all staying positive toward officials, coaches, and players. Thank you in advance being a positive role model for our JT athletes.

School Buses Are Like Traffic Signals



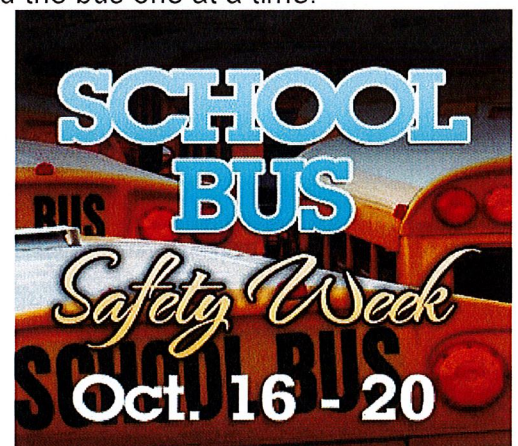
SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

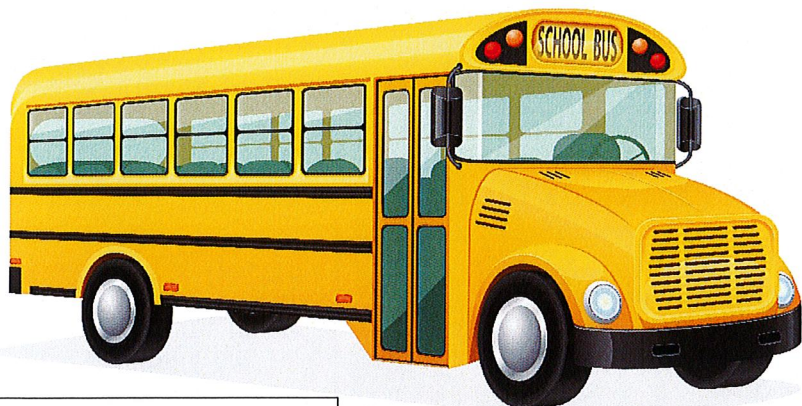
On the bus have your children:

- Buckle up, if seat belts are available.
- Keep the noise down — loud noises could distract the driver.
- Stay seated in the seat, rather than standing or leaning into the aisle.
- Keep hands and arms in the bus, not out any windows.
- Keep aisles clear of books and bags, as well as legs and feet.
- Gather belongings together before reaching the stop.
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from the seat.

Around the bus:

- Parents walk young children to the bus stop, wait with them until it arrives and make sure the driver can see the children.
- Have children stand at least three giant steps back from the curb as the bus approaches. Let the bus come to a complete stop and board the bus one at a time.
- If your child needs to cross the street, have your child take ten giant steps forward so they are 15 feet ahead of the bus on the side of the road, make eye contact with the bus driver and cross when the driver indicates it's safe. Teach children to look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Instruct children to use handrails when boarding or exiting the bus. Watch for straps or drawstrings that could catch in the door. If your child drops something, they should tell the bus driver and make sure the bus driver is able to see them before they pick it up.





2023-2024 Wildcat Bus Drivers and Bus Monitors

Drivers

Bonnie Bolger
Jack Button
Bob Cornish
Kim Kegolis
Deb LeMay
Sandy Mattison
Lance McCaig
Darla Reisman
Leonard Reisman
Kim Russell
Karen Shultz
Gerald Symonds
Tonya Tompkins
Agatha Tucker
Ken Wade
Cara Walter

Monitors

Katie Dennis
Kim Herrington
Tyahna Marvin
Terri Rogers
Wanda Ross
Judith Smith

"I enjoy being part of the Transportation Department because I get to provide a service to my alma mater. I get to work 10 minutes from home and give back and help the community that I live and grew up in while getting a paycheck. It is a great feeling to be able to transport the children of my fellow classmates that I went to school with. What creates an even greater feeling is being able to transport the children of some of the kids that I first transported when I started 20 years ago. Children are so fun to be around. I feel they keep us young, and oh the stories they tell!"

Bob Cornish, Transportation Director

"26 years ago when I started, I was farming and looking for a little extra income. The schedule worked good. After I started I really enjoyed it and I liked the kids."

Jack Button, Bus Driver

"I had just moved to New York and was looking for work. Someone said they needed help with monitors and bus drivers in JT. So here I am 5 years later and wouldn't go anywhere else. People are friendly and I enjoy it."

Karen Shultz – Bus Driver

"I love kids and thought it would be fun and interesting."

Cara Walter – Bus Driver

"My children had grown and moved out on their own. I decided I wanted to work at the school and help with kids."

Terri Rogers – Bus Monitor

"I like being a sub bus driver because it gives me the flexibility to do other things that I need to do. This is my "After Retirement" job and the extra money comes in handy. I enjoy working for my hometown school."

Kim Kegolis – Substitute Bus Driver

"It allows me to be on the same schedule as my children. Both of my grandparents retired from Jasper-Troupsburg School District."

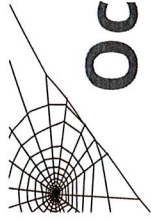
Tyahna Marvin – Bus Monitor

I enjoy having the same schedule as my children. I also get to meet new kids and find out what interests them."

Katie Dennis – Bus Monitor

"The schedule allows me to run my farm and still earn money. It is close to home and gives me the ability to talk and meet members of the community."

Tonya Tompkins – Bus Driver



October 2023



JASPER-TROUPSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Celebrate National School Lunch Week Oct. 9-13th!

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
2	Crispy Chicken Tender Sub Tuna Salad Sandwich Sliced Carrots	3	Meat Taco w/Rice Tuna Salad Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	4	Cheese Ravioli & Marinara Sauce w/Bread Tuna Salad Sandwich Green Beans	5	Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tuna Salad Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Hot Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumber Slices!	6	Pizza Dunkers w/Marinara Sauce Tuna Salad Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots
9	 Chicken & Waffles Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sliced Carrots NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes	10	NY MENU DAY! NY Cheddar Cheese Quesadilla NY Cheddar Cheese Quesadilla w/Chicken Fresh NY Kale & Apple Salad NY Pepper Strips! NY Grapes! NY Juice!	11	Baked Ziti w/Bread Egg Salad Sandwich Green Beans	12	Chicken Teriyaki w/Rice Egg Salad Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!	13	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Egg Salad Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots
Come celebrate National School Lunch Week with us! It's a great time to give our lunch & breakfast a try!									
16	Chicken & Waffles Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sliced Carrots NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes	17	Meat Nacho Grande w/Rice Ham & Cheese Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	18	Homemade NY Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans	19	Italian Meatball Sub Ham & Cheese Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices!	20	Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots
23	Pancakes & Sausage Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sliced Carrots	24	Big Apple Crunch Day! Chicken Soft Taco w/Rice Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	25	Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans	26	NY Hot Dog on a Roll Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Oven Fries Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!	27	Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots
30	Crispy Chicken Tender Sub Tuna Salad Sandwich Sliced Carrots	31	Happy Halloween! Meat Taco w/Rice Tuna Salad Sandwich Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	What is Apple Crunch Day? Schools across the U.S. show their support for fresh, local produce by crunching into an apple on Apple Crunch Day @ 2 pm. https://farmon.org/big-apple-crunch/ #BigAppleCrunch				This menu is subject to change with out advance notice	

DAILY ENTREES

PBJ Sandwich

Chef Salad w/Bagel

NY Yogurt & Cheese Stick w/Bagel

Assorted Sandwiches

Mon: Cheeseburger on a Roll

T/Th: Cheese Pizza

W/F: Chicken Nuggets w/Bread

DAILY SIDES

Tossed Salad

Fresh Vegetables

Assorted Fruit

100% Fruit Juice

Chilled NY Milk

PRICING

Breakfast & Lunch: \$0.00

Milk/Ala Carte Sides: \$0.75

Snacks: \$0.75-\$1.30

NOTE: Every J-T student

receives 1 breakfast & 1

lunch at no charge per

school day. Each breakfast &

Lunch must be a COMPLETE

REIMBURSABLE MEAL, or

student will be charged ala

for each item on their tray.

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday: Cereal & Oatmeal

Bar

Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll

Wednesday: Mini Waffles

Thursday: Breakfast on a Stick

Friday: Muffin Top & Goldfish

Graham

Daily Items: Asst. Fruit, 100%

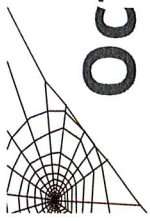
Fruit Juice & Chilled NY Milk

wake up!

School Breakfast

Contact the Food Service Office at (607) 792-3675 or go to the School District Website Food Service Page & click on the Contact Us button to fill in and submit your info. If you have a food allergy or need allergy info, please notify us.

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JASPER-TROUBSBURG MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Celebrate National School Lunch Week Oct. 9-13th!

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16 Chicken & Waffles Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Sliced Carrots NY Seasoned Roasted Potatoes	17 Meat or Bean Nacho Grande w/Rice Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	18 Homemade NY Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Buffalo Wing Macaroni & Cheese Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Green Beans	19 Italian Meatball Sub Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Steamed Broccoli Fresh Cucumber Slices!	20 Ultimate Cheese Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Crispy Fish Fillet Sandwich Chicken BLT Salad w/Bread Choice Fresh Baby Carrots
23 Pancakes & Sausage Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots	24 Big Apple Crunch Day! Chicken Soft Tacos w/Rice Buffalo Ranch Wrap Golden Sweet Corn Baked Beans	25 Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/Pasta & Sauce Buffalo Ranch Wrap Green Beans	26 Buffalo Ranch Wrap Steamed Broccoli Fresh Pepper Strips!	27 Homestyle Chicken Bowl w/Bread Buffalo Ranch Wrap Sliced Carrots
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PBJ Sandwich
Chef Salad w/Bread Choice
NY Yogurt & Fruit Parfait w/Bread Choice
Assorted Wraps & Sandwiches
Assorted Pizza
Mon/Wed: Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich

DAILY SIDES

Tossed Salad
Fresh Vegetables
Assorted Fruit
100% Fruit Juice
Chilled NY Milk

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BREAKFAST MENU

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Tuesday: Breakfast on a Stick
Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza
Thursday: Mini Waffles
Friday: Breakfast on a Stick
Daily Items: Breakfast Sandwich, Muffin Tops, Bagel, Cereal, Oatmeal Bars,
Smoothies (T/TH), Asst. Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice & Chilled NY Milk

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