

Superintendent's Newsletter

Dear Parents, Staff, and Community Members:

It is with both hard work and great pride that our District Security and Safety Committee shares with you an update of their work and Newtown Public School's Safety Plan. Under the strong leadership of Co-Chairs Tom Kuroski and Mark Pompano, a continued daily focus is in place for safety and security best practice. I hope that everyone will take a moment to read the update by clicking on the link below, and if necessary, let my office know of anything you feel needs to be better defined regarding the safety within our schools.

In addition, please be reassured that this update is sent to you as a proactive note and not reactionary to any recent event within our schools.

Finally, on behalf of all students, staff, and community members, thank you to the Governance Board which has oversight for the Newtown Youth Academy. This facility now serves as a secondary relocation and reunification site for all of our public and private schools in the event of an emergency.

Respectfully,

*Dr. Joseph V. Erardi, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools*

Click the link below to view the District Security and Safety Committee letter.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8vtr4h5pspjR0ZyMlFLZ19IVW8/view?usp=sharing>



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Jean Evans Davila
Assistant Superintendent



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Keith Alexander, Chair
Dr. Michelle Ku, Vice Chair
Debbie Leidlein, Secretary
John Vouros, Member
Rebekah Harriman-Stites, Member
Andrew Clure, Member
Dan Cruson, Member

Board Meetings

March 7th, March 21,
April 4, April 18,
May 2, May 16,
June 6, June 20



Follow Dr. Erardi everyday, and especially on bad weather days.....[www.twitter.com/erardij](https://twitter.com/erardij)

“understands the importance of kindness in their community.” *Daniel Cruson, Board of Education Member*

“will have had at least one teacher who has made a positive and life-long impact on their lives.” *David Abbey, Interim Director of Human Resources*

“will have grown as a digital citizen, always using technology appropriately, with empathy for others, and an awareness for personal safety online.” *Carmella Amodeo, Director of Technology*

“has engaged in meaningful and relevant learning experiences, felt respected and valued as members of the high school community, and discovered academic pathways that inspired their future college and career goals.”
Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Principal, Newtown High School

“achieved his/her ‘hopes and dreams’ established at the beginning of the school year.” *Christopher Geissler, Principal, Middle Gate Elementary School*

“feels she/he has a connection with at least one trusted and caring adult in school and knows she/he has met the challenge of reaching newer and higher levels of academic and personal growth.” *Jean Evans Davila, Assistant Superintendent*

NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 4(7)

M	T	W	TH	F
28	29	30	31	

23-All Teachers Report
23, 24 & 25-Staff Development Days
28 Students Report

SEPTEMBER 19(19)

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	--	22
25	26	27	28	29

4-Labor Day, Schools Closed
21-Rosh Hashanah-Schools Closed

OCTOBER 22(22)

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	*6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

6 - 2-hr. delay - Staff Dev.

NOVEMBER 19(20)

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	--	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	*22	--	--
27	28	29	30	

7-Election Day-Schools Closed For Students, Staff Development Day
22-Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving
23-24-Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER 16(16)

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	*6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	*22
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*6-Early Dismissal-Staff Dev.
*22-Early Dismissal for holiday
25-29-Holiday Recess

JANUARY 21(21)

M	T	W	TH	F
--	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	*12
--	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

1-New Year's Day
*12-Early Dismissal-Staff Dev.
15-Martin Luther King Day, Schools Closed

FEBRUARY 18(18)

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	*2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
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26	27	28		

*2 - 2-hr. delay-Staff Dev.
19-20-Schools Closed

MARCH 21(21)

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	*13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	--

*13-Early Dismissal-Staff Dev.
30-Good Friday, Schools Closed

Student Days - 183
Teacher Days - 187

APRIL 16(16)

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	*4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
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23	24	25	26	27
30				

*4-2-hr. delay - Staff Dev.
16-20- Schools Closed

MAY 22(22)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	*18
21	22	23	24	25
--	29	30	31	

*18-2-hr. delay - Staff Dev.
28-Memorial Day- Schools Closed

JUNE 5(5)

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	☀7	8
11	12	13	■14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

☀-Projected last day of school without emergency closing days
■-Projected last day of school if the 5 built-in days are used

The calendar builds-in five emergency closings, with the last day of school projected at June 14th. Unused closings will be deducted from this date. Extra closings will be added on June 15, 18, 19 and 20 with additional days taken from the April break starting with 4/20, 4/19, etc.

Open House Dates:
Elementary - Sept. 5 & 6
Reed Intermediate - Sept. 7 gr. 5 / Sept. 19 gr. 6
Middle School - Aug. 30 gr. 7 / Aug. 31 gr. 8
High School - Sept. 14

Conference Dates/ Early Dismissal Times:
Elementary - Oct. 24, 25 26 & 27 - 1:07 p.m. dismissal.....Mar. 15 & 16 - 1:37 p.m. dismissal
Reed Intermediate - Oct. 24, 25, 26 & 27 - 12:20 p.m. dismissal.....Mar. 15 & 16 - 12:49 p.m. dismissal
Middle School - Oct. 24, 25, 26 & 27 - 11:42 a.m. dismissal.....Mar. 15 & 16 - 12:02 p.m. dismissal
High School - Nov. 14, 15, 16 & 17 - 12:02 p.m. dismissal.....Mar. 15 & 16 - 12:02 p.m. dismissal

Adopted: February 7, 2017

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