



# M Marathon

Central School District

## 2026-2027 BUDGET NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

### BUDGET VOTE:

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Jr./Sr. HS

**1.98%** Nurses, Social Workers, Counselors, Psychologists, Speech Pathologists: \$463,500

**2.82%** Librarians, Computer Labs, Teacher Training: \$659,040

**4.87%** Student Transportation: \$1,139,350

**3.37%** Other Support Services - includes BOCES Administrative Costs: \$788,000

**6.39%** Facilities, Maintenance: \$1,494,570

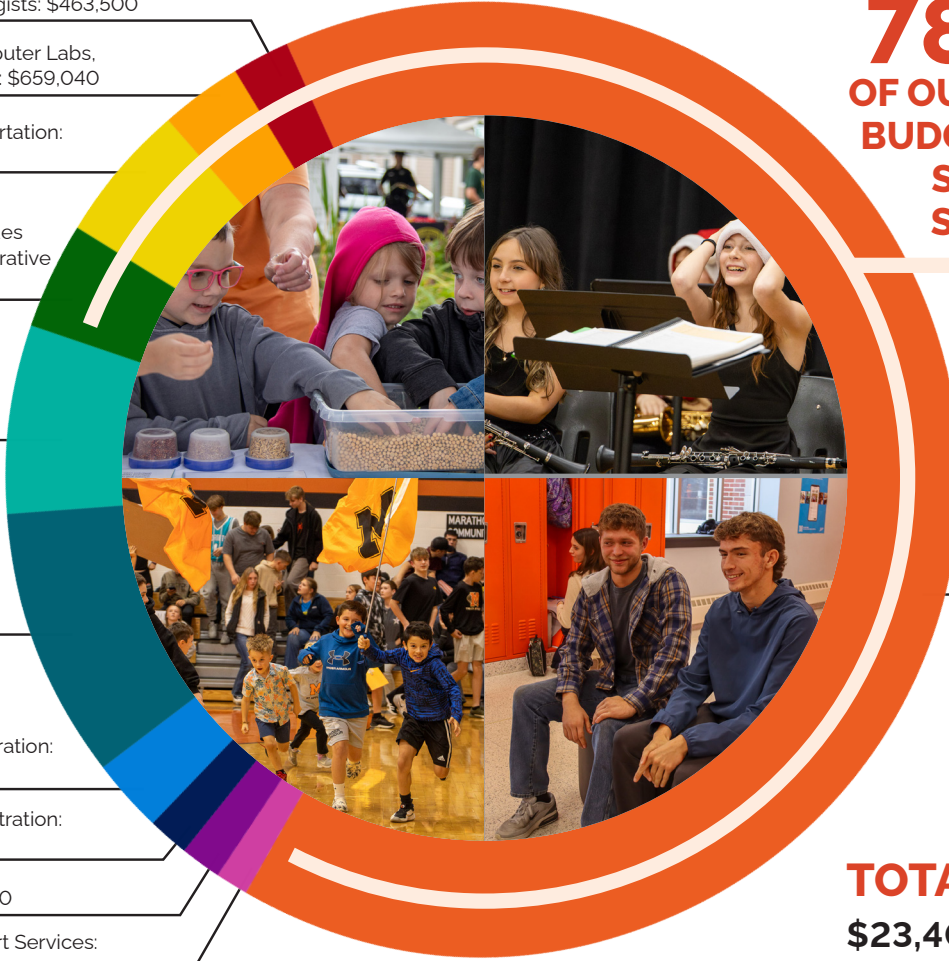
**9.23%** Debt Service: \$2,159,828

**2.54%** School Administration: \$593,500

**1.41%** General Administration: \$329,470

**1.25%** Utilities: \$291,500

**1.12%** Business Support Services: \$262,200



**78.08%**  
OF OUR OPERATING  
BUDGET DIRECTLY  
SUPPORTS  
STUDENTS

**65.04%**  
Instruction:  
\$15,219,042

**TOTAL BUDGET:**  
**\$23,400,000**

### Dear Members of the Marathon Central School District Community,

I would like to invite you to participate in an important **Community Forum regarding the proposed 2026-2027 school budget. The forum will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium.**

During this event, district leadership will present details of the proposed budget and answer questions from community members. In addition, we will host a "Meet the Candidates" session, providing an opportunity for residents to hear from individuals who have submitted petitions to run for seats on the Board of Education.

The annual budget vote and Board of Education election will take place on

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Voting will be held in Room 107 of the High School,** and signage will be posted throughout the building to guide voters to the appropriate location.

Planning for the school budget is a complex and ongoing process that includes considerations such as transportation, food services, and student programming. This year, the development of the budget has been particularly challenging. We are anticipating reduced revenue, which means we are unable to maintain our current level of spending. As a result, adjustments are necessary, and some changes will impact the Marathon Central School District. There are no easy decisions in this process.

We remain hopeful that the New York State budget, as proposed by Governor

Hochul, will provide additional financial support. However, we still expect a revenue shortfall compared to previous years. At this time, we must base our budget on the most current information available. Please note that adjustments may be required later in the school year in response to state or federal actions.

We encourage all community members to attend the forum, stay informed, and participate in the voting process. Your engagement is vital to the success of our schools and our students.



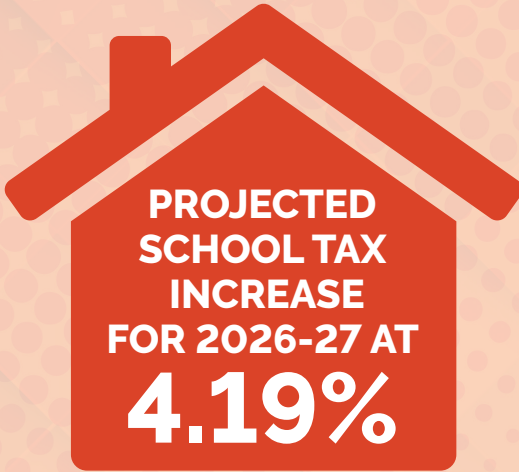
Sincerely,

*Jamie M. Coppola*

Jamie M. Coppola,  
Superintendent

# ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

Property Value	Actual 2025-26	Projected 2026-27	Increase Per Year	Increase Per Month
<b>Per \$1,000 full value</b>	<b>\$10.30</b>	<b>\$10.73</b>	<b>\$0.43</b>	<b>\$0.04</b>
\$100,000 full value	\$1,030.00	\$1,073.16	\$43.16	\$3.60
\$200,000 full value	\$2,060.00	\$2,146.31	\$86.31	\$7.19
\$300,000 full value	\$3,090.00	\$3,219.47	\$129.47	\$10.79



## UPCOMING 2026 BOARD MEETINGS AND BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

All are in the High School Library unless otherwise noted. Please check [marathonschools.org](http://marathonschools.org) for the most updated information.

**ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING/  
COMMUNITY FORUM**

**ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE &  
BOE ELECTION**

**Monday, May 11, 6 p.m.**  
**Location: Auditorium**  
**Meet the BOE Candidates**  
**BOE Meeting following (HS Library)**

**Tuesday, May 19, 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
**Location: CSE Office 107**  
**9 p.m. - BOE Meeting**

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### TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

- Appleby Health Office. . . . . 607-849-3180
- Appleby Main Office. . . . . 607-849-3282
- Bus Garage. . . . . 607-849-3295
- Transportation Office. . . . . 607-849-3325
- Business Office. . . . . 607-849-3230
- Food Service Director. . . . . 607-849-3149
- District Office Phone. . . . . 607-849-3117
- District Office Fax. . . . . 607-849-3305
- Family Health Network (Appleby/HS). . . . . 607-849-3900
- Guidance Office. . . . . 607-849-3229
- HS Health Office. . . . . 607-849-3210
- HS Main Office. . . . . 607-849-3252
- Special Education/CSE. . . . . 607-849-3169

### STUDENT/PARENT ACCESS TO GRADES

Stay informed on your students' progress! Marathon Central School District provides access to attendance, contact information, and discipline for students in UPK-12th grade. Parents of students in grades 7-12 can access student grades.

Grades and assignments are available online for parents/guardians. If we have your email on file, instructions for sign-up and access have been sent. Students in grades 7-12 can also access their grades here:

[marathon.schooltool.cnyric.org/schooltoolweb/](http://marathon.schooltool.cnyric.org/schooltoolweb/)

Signing up will allow notifications each time a teacher inputs a grade.

**Contact Heather Brown (brownh@marathonschools.org) for the Jr./Sr. High School and Jessica Elwyn (elwynj@marathonschools.org) for Appleby Elementary.**

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING MAY 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Budget Hearing of the inhabitants of Marathon Central School District, Towns of Marathon, Freetown, Lapeer, Harford, Virgil, Willet and Cincinnatus, Cortland County; Lisle and Triangle, Broome County; Richford, Tioga County; qualified to vote at school meetings in said district, will be held in the library of the Marathon Central School building at 1 Park Street, Marathon, New York, on Monday evening, May 11, 2026, at 6:00PM, Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The PROPOSED BUDGET for the School Year 2026-2027 and the BUS PURCHASE RESOLUTION, will be reviewed, as well as the transaction of such business as is authorized by Education Law.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the time of the VOTING on the Annual Budget, the Bus Purchase Resolution, and the Election of three Board Members shall be Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from **12:00 PM (Noon) through 9:00 PM** in room 107 (CSE suite) located in the Main Building, 1 Park Street, Marathon, New York.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the election of members of the Board of Education and voting upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures may be done by qualified voters by means of an absentee ballot as provided by Education Law Section 2018-b and in accordance with policy 1640 of the Marathon Central School District.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained in the office of the Marathon Central School in the Village of Marathon, New York, by any resident during the fourteen days immediately preceding the budget vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following Propositions will be submitted:

### PROPOSITION #1

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Marathon Central School District be authorized to purchase 4 diesel school buses (4-66/44 passenger) school buses at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$665,000; and that such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed such estimated maximum aggregate cost shall be issued.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District not later than MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026. The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:

TRUSTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS  
LUCAS BAKER

TRUSTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS  
KIMBERLY MOORE

TRUSTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS  
RICHARD STEARNS

Each petition, a copy of which may be obtained at the District Clerk's office, must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters, must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Date: April 2026.

KACIE PENROSE  
District Clerk  
Marathon Board of Education

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for absentee ballots for the Marathon Central School District budget vote are available from Kacie Penrose, [penrosek@marathonschools.org](mailto:penrosek@marathonschools.org), District Clerk, 607-849-3117.

Applications may be filled out in the District Office until 3:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026.

**All absentee ballots must be returned to the office of the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote, May 19, 2026.**

## PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES 2026-2027

BUDGET ITEMS	2025-2026 BUDGET	2026-2027 BUDGET	CHANGE
Board of Education	\$19,800	\$20,250	\$450
District Clerk	\$5,625	\$9,100	\$3,475
District Meeting	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$1,200
Chief School Administrator	\$224,200	\$248,700	\$24,500
Business Administration	\$173,500	\$188,750	\$15,250
Auditing	\$29,500	\$29,500	\$-
Tax Collector	\$7,100	\$7,950	\$850
Fiscal Agent	\$12,000	\$-	(\$12,000)
Legal	\$34,000	\$35,000	\$1,000
Operations	\$895,450	\$1,173,770	\$278,320
Maintenance	\$317,000	\$348,900	\$31,900
Security of Plant	\$200,000	\$10,000	(\$190,000)
Unallocated Insurance	\$65,000	\$93,000	\$28,000
Refund-Property Tax	\$1,000	\$-	(\$1,000)
BOCES Administrative Costs	\$600,000	\$660,000	\$60,000
Supervision	\$478,800	\$496,500	\$17,700
Teaching - Salaries	\$4,685,000	\$3,636,970	(\$1,048,030)
Teaching - Other	\$1,064,600	\$1,155,550	\$90,950
Students with Disabilities	\$2,761,500	\$3,043,975	\$282,475
BOCES - Occupational Education	\$500,000	\$575,000	\$75,000
BOCES - Adult Education	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$-
Library	\$110,750	\$93,500	(\$17,250)
Computer Assistant Instructor	\$402,000	\$381,500	(\$20,500)
Guidance	\$249,500	\$274,500	\$25,000
Health Services	\$107,000	\$110,800	\$3,800
Psychological Services	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$-
Co-Curricular	\$103,700	\$61,750	(\$41,950)
Athletics	\$265,500	\$280,333	\$14,833
Transportation	\$821,975	\$922,500	\$100,525
Bus Garage	\$72,500	\$85,800	\$13,300
Census	\$3,000	\$-	(\$3,000)
Employee Retirement System	\$200,000	\$220,000	\$20,000
Teacher Retirement System	\$710,000	\$905,812	\$195,812
Social Security	\$675,000	\$705,000	\$30,000
Workers Comp.	\$85,000	\$75,000	(\$10,000)
Unemployment	\$-	\$350,000	\$350,000
Health Insurance	\$4,708,500	\$4,788,500	\$80,000
Debt Service	\$1,890,175	\$1,505,500	(\$384,675)
Serial Bonds - Bus	\$328,325	\$432,608	\$104,283
Budget Anticipated Notice Principal & Interest	\$-	\$159,332	\$159,332
Revenue Anticipated Notice Interest	\$-	\$-	\$-
Bus Debt	\$-	\$-	\$-
Debt Service - EPC	\$-	\$62,388	\$-
Interfund Transfers	\$127,000	\$127,000	\$-
Capital Outlay Project*	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$-
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,937,800</b>	<b>\$23,400,000</b>	<b>\$462,200</b>

*\*Included in this budget is funds for a capital outlay project that generates expedited building aid.*

## PROJECTED REVENUE 2026-2027

GENERAL REVENUES	2025-2026	2026-2027	CHANGE
Appropriation of Planned Balance	\$75,000	\$-	(\$75,000)
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$12,500	\$8,000	(\$4,500)
Student Fees and Charges	\$500	\$-	(\$500)
Admissions	\$3,500	\$-	(\$3,500)
Tuition from Other Districts	\$20,000	\$-	(\$20,000)
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$40,000	\$130,000	\$90,000
Interest and Earnings on Investments	\$65,000	\$100,000	\$35,000
Sale of Equipment	\$12,000	\$5,000	(\$7,000)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$27,000	\$22,000	(\$5,000)
Medicare Part D Reimbursement	\$75,000	\$50,000	(\$25,000)
<b>STATE AID</b>			
Basic Formula/Foundation	\$12,123,174	\$12,070,164	(\$53,010)
BOCES Aid	\$1,639,237	\$1,594,734	(\$44,503)
Excess Cost Aid	\$120,590	\$276,218	\$155,628
Hardware, Technology	\$13,683	\$12,504	(\$1,179)
Textbooks, Software, Library	\$56,383	\$53,320	(\$3,063)
Transportation Aid	\$889,006	\$1,288,029	\$399,023
Building Projects	\$1,835,627	\$1,578,057	(\$257,570)
<b>FEDERAL AID</b>			
Universal Pre-K	\$331,003	\$-	(\$331,003)
<b>USE OF RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</b>			
Estimated Fund Balance 6/30 for General Purposes	\$500,000	\$1,131,376.00	\$631,376
Transfer from Employee Retirement Contribution Res.	\$195,000	\$-	(\$195,000)
Transfer from Teacher Retirement Contribution Res.	\$230,000	\$-	(\$230,000)
Transfer from Workers' Compensation Reserve	\$85,000	\$-	(\$85,000)
Transfer from Unemployment Reserve	\$-	\$140,000	\$140,000
Transfer from Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	\$100,000	\$-	(\$100,000)
Transfer from Debt Service Fund	\$100,000	\$-	(\$100,000)
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$18,549,203</b>	<b>\$18,459,402</b>	<b>(\$89,801)</b>
<b>ESTIMATED LOCAL TAX WARRANT**</b>	<b>\$4,388,597</b>	<b>\$4,572,449</b>	<b>\$183,852</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$22,937,800</b>	<b>\$23,031,851</b>	<b>\$94,051</b>

**\*\*4.19% INCREASE TO THE TAX LEVY**

### HISTORICAL TAX LEVY INCREASES

YEAR	MCSD INCREASE	ALLOWABLE LIMIT
2026-27	4.19%	4.19%
2025-26	1.98%	2.97%
2024-25	0.00%	0.54%
2023-24	1.95%	3.93%
2022-23	1.80%	4.04%
2021-22	2.00%	2.72%
2020-21	2.00%	2.65%
2019-20	1.47%	2.14%
2018-19	1.00%	1.06%
2017-18	0.00%	1.48%

### VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

All voters must possess the following qualifications:

1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. Be 18 years of age
3. Be a legal resident of the Marathon Central School District for at least 30 days prior to May 19, 2026.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Voters will elect three (3) members of the Board of Education



READ FULL CANDIDATE BIOS HERE:

Scan the QR code or visit [www.marathonschools.org/business](http://www.marathonschools.org/business)



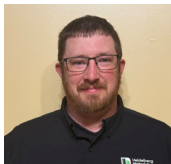
## KIM MOORE

Kimberly Moore is a Marathon Alumni, class of 2010. She was the captain of the color guard and was involved in the concert band. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Roberts Wesleyan University. She currently works at Greek Peak Mountain Resort and volunteers at the Marathon Christian Academy, where she teaches art and music classes...



## RICHARD STEARNS

Richard has lived in the Marathon School District for over 20 years and is married to Karen, a Marathon native and graduate. They have three children—David, Jeffrey, and Alexandria—and six grandchildren who attend MCS. He is self-employed and, with his wife, founded the Marathon Cares Group, which has brought together local business owners...



## MICHAEL MCALLISTER

Mike McAllister has been proud to call Marathon home for the past 16 years. He is raising three daughters in the Marathon school district, including a daughter with special needs. Having children in the schools gives him a strong, personal understanding of the importance of academic excellence, inclusive education, and reliable student support services...



## GABRIELLE MCCRACKEN

Gabrielle has lived in Marathon her entire life, where she attended and graduated from school, and is now raising her family in this community. Over the past three years, she has worked within the school district, gaining experience and insight. Now that she will be moving on from her current role, she is eager to remain involved and give back...



## KRISTIN KASHUBA

Kristin Kashuba is a 2005 graduate of MCS. She has been an educator, both in the classroom and in administration, for the last 15 years, spanning K-12th grade in both public school and BOCES settings. Her husband, Jordan Kashuba (MCS Class of 2000), is a coach within the district for Modified Boys Basketball and Baseball. Their two sons currently attend Marathon...

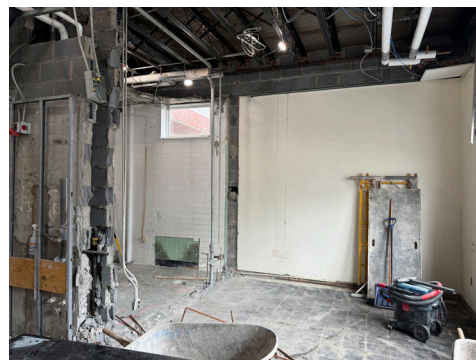


## JARED LAPIN

Jared lives on a small farm in Marathon with his partner, Marcie Palmer Eaton, and five daughters. Watching his oldest stepdaughter, Sarena, graduate from Marathon Central School in 2025 and go on to the University of Rochester made the stakes of this community's schools deeply personal — and the quality of those schools something he wants...

## BREAKING GROUND ON THE CAPITAL PROJECT

Capital project work began in March! The crew broke ground in the Jr./Sr. High School building. Making way for new bathrooms, office space, and a storage room for food service.



# JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

**Dear Community,**

As the snow finally retreats and the campus begins to thaw, there is a distinct energy in the hallways; springtime in the high school is always a whirlwind of activity, growth, and a bit of "senioritis" beginning to bloom. With the final stretch of the school year officially upon us, I want to emphasize that while the warmer weather is a welcome distraction, these final months are the most critical for academic success. We are asking for your partnership in prioritizing consistent attendance and helping our students prepare for the upcoming state testing; being physically present and well-rested is the best way to ensure they can confidently showcase the hard work they have put in all year. Our seniors are especially busy as they enter their "home stretch," and I have been incredibly impressed by their

tireless dedication to fundraising for the senior trip. Your commitment to ensuring this experience is memorable for the entire class speaks volumes about this community, and we are deeply grateful for your efforts through the recent raffle baskets. The class raised close to \$4,300! Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Maple Festival! Your hard work and local spirit make this a truly special place for our students to grow. Let's work together to finish this year strong!



Megan Tracy,  
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 29 . . . . . National Honor Society Induction
- May 4-9 . . . . . Senior Trip
- May 4-8 . . . . . Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8 . . . . . Junior High Semi-Formal
- May 16 . . . . . Prom

- May 14 . . . . . Class of 2029 Dinner
- May 20 . . . . . Spring Concert
- June 9 . . . . . Academic Awards
- June 11 . . . . . Athletic Awards
- June 28 . . . . . Graduation

## MARATHON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the 5K RACE for the Scholars, which is the main fundraiser for the MCSF effort to ensure that all scholarships are awarded at Marathon Central School graduations. This event has helped raise money to ensure every scholarship is at least \$100.00. There is also a \$3,000 scholarship given out by the Foundation. The application is open to any Senior and uses a ten-point qualification format, so students are evaluated on a variety of attributes. This scholarship is given out at graduation.

The 5K Race is held on Saturday morning before graduation on Sunday. On the morning of June 27, join us on the village green for a whole lot of fun and great competition. The 5K Race is a sanctioned race that covers a route around the village. Before the 5K race, a Fun Run has been added for children under 10. They put all their effort into the route around high school and onto Main St., where they cross the finish line. They all get a medal, and everyone has such a good time.

After the 5K race, awards are presented to the top three winners in each age group. There is also a "prize table" open to all runners by lottery number, while the race

winners are tabulated. Besides the runners' registration fee, local sponsors donate to the event, which is the backbone of the event. You will see advertising flags of each sponsor on the lawn around the gazebo. The continued support of our local organizations and businesses is greatly appreciated. We have also received donations from individuals for this cause. Listed below are the sponsors from last year's race. Over the past 20 years, over \$50,000 has been given to keep all the scholarships in place. Thanks again to all who help with this endeavor.

**2025 Sponsors:**

- Ron's Auto Body and Towing
- EL Wood
- R&M Farm and Pro Hardware
- Marathon Chapter #101 Order of the Eastern Star
- Countree Lawn and Landscape
- Hines Heating and Plumbing
- Lukim Construction
- MAVAC
- Byrne Dairy
- Bronhom Farms
- Tri Town Agency
- Robinson's Repair
- Frank Thon Agency
- The Cowlick
- Kurtz Welding

## MCS ALUM GRADUATES FROM OHIO TECHNICAL COLLEGE WITH HIGH HONORS

MCS alum Silas Boice graduated from Ohio Technical College in February and was the only one of his graduating class to be nationally recognized as a member of the National Technical Honor Society. He earned this honor by maintaining a 90% or higher technical GPA, demonstrating excellent attendance, and showing a strong commitment to giving back through customer service. He was also recognized as a student leader for his dedication and positive impact on campus.

Silas graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in high-performance and racing technology, showcasing both his hard work and his passion for the field.

We are so proud of you, Silas!

If you are an alumnus interested in sharing your post-graduate achievements, please email: [pr@marathonschools.org](mailto:pr@marathonschools.org).

## MARATHON DRAMA PRESENTS LITTLE WOMEN: THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Marathon Jr./Sr. High School's Drama Club put on a remarkable show telling the story of the March sisters on stage!



## FBLA STUDENTS EXCEL AT DISTRICT COMPETITION

MCS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students had a successful event at the LeMoyné College district competition! Below are the results from Marathon students:

- Impromptu Speaking, 1st Place, Delaney Reilly
- Introduction to Decision Making, 2nd Place, Christopher Brickner
- Job Interview, 1st Place, Faith Baker
- Business Plan, 2nd Place, Delaney Reilly
- Spreadsheet Applications, Faith Baker
- Advertising, Christopher Brickner
- Agribusiness, 2nd Place, Andrew Edsall
- Agribusiness, 3rd Place, Faith Baker
- Business Communication, 3rd Place, Hannah Prestigiacomio
- Business Management, 3rd Place, Delaney Reilly
- Introduction to Business Communication, 2nd Place, Kimberlie Edwards
- Introduction to Business Concepts 9-10, 3rd Place, Christopher Brickner
- Journalism, 1st Place, Blake Birdsall
- Marketing, 2nd Place, Blake Birdsall
- Organizational Leadership, 1st Place, Andrew Edsall



## RECOGNIZING HONOR ROLL STUDENTS - MARKING PERIOD 2

Congratulations Marathon Honor Roll Students for 2025-2026 Marking Period 2:

### FRESHMAN CLASS

Julianna Alexy  
Lance Armitage  
Sophia Beck  
Christopher Brickner  
Chloe Chrysler  
Koooper Cornell  
Owen Decker  
Henry Donah  
Victoria Eaton  
Addyson Ensign  
Mason Evanick  
Zander Gleason  
Lorali Hammond  
Avagail Jamison  
Landon Jennison  
Maddox Kashuba  
Cooper Lung  
Jace Martin  
Juliana Rawson  
Brady Standish  
Gabriel Stone-Rogers  
Sophia VanCise  
Adalyn VanDee  
Miah Williams

### SOPHOMORE CLASS

Michael Brickner  
Lillyann Burns  
Elliott Coleman  
Paityn Contri  
Alexander Decker  
Kimberlie Edwards  
Charles Forkey IV  
Alyssa Hall  
McKenzie House  
Andyn Hoyt  
Abigail Kemak  
Ethan MacKenzie  
Carter Mauser  
Dominick Mills  
Ella Jane Monnat  
Clara Parker  
Isabelle Pixley  
Keelyn Reilly

Leah Robbins  
Jason Sackett Jr.  
Taylor Washbourne

### JUNIOR CLASS

Emily Alexy  
Liam Armitage  
Luke Barnhart  
Brooklin Birdsall  
Caitlyn Bragg  
Aydan Brown  
Jaymisen Conklin  
Andrew Edsall  
Mackenzie Forrest  
Rena Hall  
Alexondrea Hayes  
Colton Howe  
Wendy Juarez  
Bella Kitchen  
Evan LaMarre  
Colton Oram  
Trent Osborn  
Hannah Prestigiaco  
Madison Preston  
Sarah Rafferty  
Kaylee Sharpsteen  
Gabrielle Smith  
Emily Speziale  
Brianna Stech  
Caleb VanDee  
Adam VanDeWeert  
Colten Ward

### SENIOR CLASS

Nevaeh Abbott  
Maddyson Alnutt  
Brycen Aukema  
Faith Baker  
Charish Bevins  
Blake Birdsall  
Malachi Brown  
Nash Coleman  
Izabella Conklin  
Emma Crumb  
Faith Darling  
Kennedy Eaton

Audrey Ensign  
Caedence Gleason  
Zoey Gleason  
Brendan Gumaer  
Mercedez Gumaer  
Trinity Hartwick  
Johnathon Irwin Jr.  
Camdyn Kashuba  
Hunter Kenyon  
Daniel Merihew  
Scout Morse  
Alina Parker  
Aliviah Pendell  
Gabreella Phillips  
Mattie Potter  
Emma Randall  
Jamie Randall  
Delaney Reilly  
Santiago Reyes  
Aliyah Roberts  
Dominic Romans  
Gabriel Spizzirri  
Megan Stewart  
Elijah Ticknor  
Abigail Trabucco  
Barrett Trabucco  
Tucker Trabucco  
Elizabeth VanCise  
Savanna Warfield  
Matthew Washbourne  
Kayla Wood  
Mya Wyant

### 8TH GRADE

Aubree Abbott  
Carter Barber  
Bailey Clay  
Emmalynn Cornell  
Derek Daniels  
Jaxson Davis  
Isabella Evans  
Cohen Forkey  
Nina Gilmer  
Adrianna Gleason  
Drew Hodel

McKayla House  
Caralyne McEvoy  
Lindon McFadden  
Garrett Newkirk  
Naomi Oare  
Leigha O'Neill  
Nicholas O'Neill  
Ava Oram  
Oliver Parker  
Lexy Peck  
Joshua Puhlman  
Ryleigh Talcott  
Nadina Thalheimer  
Khimani Truitt  
Savannah VanDeWeert  
Joshua Vasquez

### 7TH GRADE

Daniel Bryon  
Willow Card  
Tanner Coleman  
Brody Contri  
Lucas Michael Crumb  
Deanna Dawson  
Harper Emmick  
Gunner Ensign  
Cori Gillugan  
Nolan Gilmer  
Ilivia Gleason  
Mya Hartman  
Anders Hodel  
Adalyn Howe  
Levi Jamison  
Khloe McAllister  
Cheyenne Mullen  
Kinley Parker  
Baylee Ponton  
Jacob Rawson  
Danika Reynolds  
Erik Sackett  
Issac Sheppard  
Emma Swan  
Brensyn VanDeWeert  
Harper Warfield  
Kennedy Weiler

# APPLEBY ELEMENTARY NEWS

I hope this finds you well as we say goodbye to winter and welcome spring! As we head into the final months of the school year, our entire school community is working hard to get all of our students on grade level as well as embracing them to be leaders, thinkers, and problem solvers. As parents, continue to read with your children, give them a quiet place to complete their homework, have them eat healthy and get plenty of rest, and with the warmer weather coming – get outside and play!

Together, we can do great things for our kids!

A few reminders and notifications for a smooth and successful end of the school year:

- We are in the preliminary stages of looking at class assignments for the 2026-2027 school year. We regret to inform you that requests for a particular teacher at a grade level will not be able to be honored, even if given to your child's current teacher. Not only are teacher assignments subject to change, but parental requests compromise the creation of heterogeneous groups within classroom settings, something that benefits all members of the class. If you have a concern about a possible placement for your child, please make these concerns known by sending me a letter or by calling me at 607-849-3281. Please do not assume that if you have spoken to someone previously at Appleby about a concern in past years that I will have that information this year. I anticipate class lists being completed prior to leaving for Summer Break.

- On Thursday, May 7, Appleby will hold their Spring Open House 5 – 7 pm. Hope to see you there!

Marathon Central School continues to be a district committed to student safety and academic excellence. We will continue to make our decisions based on students first. I am grateful for the support of the community and the efforts from families and staff.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to call or send me an email.

## ATTENTION:

Marathon Central School Residents

### Kindergarten Registration for September 2026

If you intend to send your pre-kindergarten or kindergarten age child to Appleby Elementary School in the fall of 2026, please call 607-849-3281.



Jonathan Hillis,  
Appleby Principal

## APPLEBY OLYMPICS



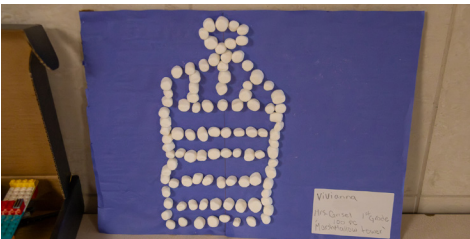
## ON THE 90TH DAY OF SCHOOL... PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999!

Appleby students were on theme to celebrate 90 days of school!

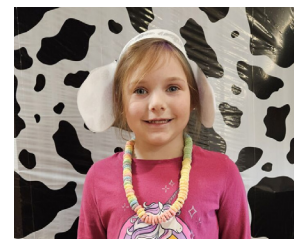
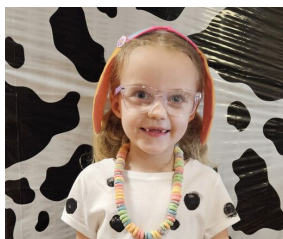


## APPLEBY 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Celebrating 100 days of school with Appleby Elementary!



## APPLEBY 101ST DAY OF SCHOOL



# Olympian Sports



## MARATHON STUDENTS ATTEND ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Six Marathon students had the opportunity to attend the Section 4 Student Athlete Leadership Conference at the Broome County Forum in Binghamton this past February. The students had the opportunity to listen to keynote speaker Richard Jensen. Jensen spoke to the students on his battle with addiction and his road to recovery and now success as a published author and speaker. In addition, the students had the opportunity to discuss topics such as the mental side of athletics, hazing, the impact of sportsmanship, pre- and post-game nutrition, increasing athletic participation, and athletes' actions and accountability. The Marathon students had the opportunity to speak with and work with student-athletes from over 50 neighboring school districts in Section 4. Seniors Trinity Hartwick and Alina Parker also had the opportunity to present to the group. As members of the Section 4 Student Athlete Advisory Committee, they have been working all year to plan this event and other leadership opportunities.



**Front Row Sitting: (Left to Right) Trinity Hartwick, Alina Parker**

**Back Row Standing: (Left to Right) Alex Decker, Clara Parker, Paityn Contri, Andyn Hoyt**

## MARATHON STUDENTS HEAD TO COOPERSTOWN

Three Marathon Juniors had the opportunity to go to an Athletic Leadership Conference in Cooperstown, New York, this past March. The theme of the day was "Motivate from Within: Sportsmanship, Determination & Initiative". Throughout the day, the students had the opportunity to get to know, interact, and collaborate with students from over 72 school districts across New York. During these breakout sessions, students discussed positive self-marketing, creating a culture of care on their team, leadership concepts, and initiative, motivation, and team success. The students also had the opportunity to listen to three keynote speakers. Guy Waltman, motivational speaker and fitness professional, spoke on the importance of truly caring about what you are passionate about and pushing yourself to succeed. Dr. Theresa DeLorenzo, a dietitian and professor from Russel Sage College, spoke on the importance of a balanced diet. The final speaker of the day was Sandy Zimmerman, a former Gonzaga University basketball player and ten-time American Ninja Warrior contestant. Sandy spoke on the importance of believing in yourself and the process of achieving your own personal dreams and goals.



**From Left: MacKenzie Forrest, Hannah Prestigiacomio, Andrew Edsall**

# Olympian Sports



## BRIAN DEFORREST II MAKES IT TO THE STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Junior wrestler Brian DeForrest II advanced to the New York State Championship Wrestling Tournament in Albany. Brian, who finished in 3rd place in the Section 4 Championship for the 215 weight class, earned a spot at the State Championship. After losing a close opening round match,

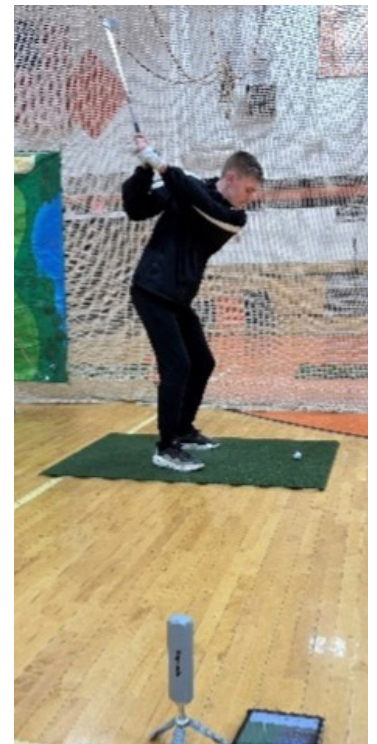
he came back with a round two victory, before eventually falling in the third round. The community is so proud of Brian and his successes. The hard work he put into the season paid off. Congratulations to Brian, Coach Brown, and Coach Norris for such a successful season.



## SPRING SPORTS GETTING READY FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON

The spring sports teams have been hard at work preparing for the upcoming season. The baseball and softball programs have been putting in the work in the gymnasium, working on their hitting and fielding skills. They have been able to get outside a bit and work on their fielding skills. The boys' and girls' golf teams have been working on their swings and short games during early-morning practices. The track and field team has been preparing for the upcoming season with strength and conditioning skills, and has had the opportunity to get outside to work on their relays and jumping events. The varsity baseball team

is senior-led, with 10 returning seniors, and is coming off a Sectional Quarterfinal run. The varsity softball team has 8 returning players and is looking to improve on their 8-13 season and once again make a sectional run. The varsity boys golf team is young but experienced, returning 5 of its top 6 scorers from last year, all of whom are underclassmen. The varsity girls' golf team has a strong senior class and will lean on its senior leaders this year. The varsity boys' and girls' track & field teams have a strong returning core from last year that looks poised for another strong season. We wish all of our athletes good luck this spring!



# Olympian Sports



## SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD

Congratulations to the Varsity Boys Basketball, Varsity Girls Basketball, Varsity Boys Indoor Track & Field, Varsity Girls Indoor Track & Field, and Varsity Cheerleading Teams for earning the New York State Scholar-Athlete Team Award. We are extremely proud of your hard work both in the classroom and on the athletic fields.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### 55TH ANNUAL INTERSCHOLASTIC JV & VARSITY ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT

Thursday, June 11, 6:00 p.m.  
High School Auditorium

### MANDATORY CODE OF CONDUCT MEETING

Wednesday, June 24, 6 p.m.  
High School Auditorium

There will be a mandatory Code of Conduct meeting for all Fall, Winter, and Spring athletes.

### MARATHON ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2026 INDUCTION CEREMONY

Friday, June 26, 7 p.m.  
High School Auditorium

Marathon Athletic Hall of Fame will have its induction ceremony on Friday, June 26. The ceremony, which is open to the public, will take place in the High School auditorium at 7:00 p.m.. Names of individuals being inducted will be announced in the near future.

### MARATHON'S 5K RUN/WALK FOR THE SCHOLARS

Saturday, June 27, 9 a.m.  
A fun event for runners & walkers

(There is also a fun run for kids)

Applications Available at  
[runsignup.com/Race/NY/Marathon/Marathons5KRunfortheScholars](https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Marathon/Marathons5KRunfortheScholars)

Scan the QR code to sign up.



## MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 SAT
3	4 Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 6 p.m., HS Café	5	6	7 Appleby Open House, 5 - 7 p.m.	8 Magnificent Moms Junior High Semi Formal	9
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK						
10 Mother's Day	11 Annual Budget Hearing, 6 p.m., Auditorium BOE Meeting, 7 p.m., HS Library	12 Math Testing Grades 3-8	13 Math Testing Grades 3-8	14 FFA Convention Class of 2029 Dinner	15 FFA Convention Pep Rally	16 FFA Convention Jr./Sr. Prom, 6:30 - 11 p.m.
JR./SR. HIGH SPIRIT WEEK						
17	18	19 Budget Vote, 12 - 9 p.m., HS Room 107 BOE Meeting, 9 p.m., HS Library	20 Spring Concert, 7 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25 <b>No School</b> Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 Ranking & Yearbook Dedication, 8:15 a.m., HS auditorium	30
31						

## JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Athletic Booster Club Meeting, 6 p.m., HS Café	2 Cortland County Dairy Parade	3 BOE Meeting, 7 p.m., HS Library	4 FFA Banquet, 6 p.m., Owl Barn	5 UPK-6 Parent/Child Dance	6 SAT
7	8 Appleby Band/Chorus Concert, 6 p.m.	9 HS Academic Awards, 6 p.m.	10	11 Athletic Awards, 6 p.m.	12	13 ACT
REGENTS						
14	15	16 Health & Wellness Meeting, 7:15 a.m.	17	18 Dedication to Dads	19 <b>No School</b> Juneteenth	20
REGENTS						
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Fall, Winter, Spring Sports Code of Conduct Meeting, 6 p.m.	25	26 Rating Day Graduation Rehearsal Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions, 7 p.m.	27 5K Run for Scholars, 9 a.m. Alumni Banquet Class of 2027 Serves
REGENTS						
28 HS Graduation, 2 p.m.	29	30				

## MARATHON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENT

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### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Justin Lilley,  
**President**  
(2024-2027)

Charlie Forkey III,  
**Vice President**  
(2024-2028)

Lucas Baker  
(2023-2026)

Richard Stearns  
(2023-2026)

Floyd Parker  
(2024-2027)

Chad Parker  
(2025-2028)

Kimberly Moore  
(2023-2026)

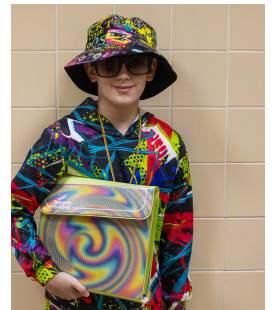
Delaney Reilly, Student  
BOE Representative  
(2025-2026)

### SUPERINTENDENT

Jamie M. Coppola

### DISTRICT CLERK

Kacie Penrose



**BUDGET VOTE: MAY 19, 2026 | 12 P.M. - 9 P.M. | JR./SR. HS**

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