

# IROQUOIS NEWS

March/April, 2023

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Panther Parents,

We have started the Third Quarter and soon we will be moving into the spring season. Please continue to work with your student and encourage them to perform their best. Good communication with your student's teachers, consistently checking the parent portal, staying organized with the use of the school agenda and hard work can keep your student focused and on track to a successful remainder of the school year.

In regards to communication, Iroquois Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> between 5:30 and 8:00PM. Although all parents are welcome to attend, we especially encourage attendance for parents of students who may be struggling in any way. We want to use this opportunity to help our students successfully finish this school year. Our conference set-up will be the same as it was in the fall with the majority of our teachers in the gymnasium.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have previously been introduced to the scheduling process by our high schools through a video presentation back in February. They received a scheduling form and booklet to review classes and make their selections. On March 21<sup>st</sup>, they will meet with the high school counselors to input their computer schedule. Please review the scheduling material with your student. If you have any questions regarding classes or procedures, please contact Mrs. Given or the counseling department at DHS-9 or CVHS-9 for clarification. This is a very exciting time of the year for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders!

Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation presents the annual Taste Fest and Auction on Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 6:00–9:00PM at the Mirage in Clinton Township. More than 24 different restaurants will be in attendance. Tickets to the event are \$55 and proceeds will provide college scholarships for our students and classroom grants across our district. Please contact the main office if you are interested in attending this fantastic event.

After Spring Break, all students will be taking the MSTEP which is our State Assessment. In addition, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the PSAT on April 12, 2023. MSTEP practice items are available online and this information will be sent out through SchoolMessenger along with specific information regarding the testing dates and times once we are closer to April. If you are interested in additional information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,  
Chris Gardner, Principal

### IROQUOIS MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Iroquois Middle School Community, will provide a safe, supportive, challenging environment that encourages students to reach academic potential, develop respectful behaviors, and become responsible and successful citizens.

*Please remind your student(s) to . . .*  
**BE RESPECTFUL ... TAKE OWNERSHIP ... ACT RESPONSIBLY**



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# NEWS TO KNOW

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mar 1	NWEA Spring Window Opens
Mar 6	6th Grade Band Concert
Mar 7	NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day
Mar 8, 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening Only (5:30-8:00PM)
Mar 10	Half Day — Dismissal at 10:53AM
Mar 21	8th Grade High School Class Scheduling
Mar 23	CAC Meeting at 9:00AM
Mar 24	Dodgeball Tournament
Mar 30	Bagel Sale
Mar 30	Staff vs Student Basketball Game
Mar 31	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 31	Spring Break begins at 10:53AM Dismissal
Apr 10	Classes Resume 7:58AM
Apr 12	PSAT for 8th Graders / late start for 6th & 7th Graders
Apr 18	Choir Concert
Apr 20	Trivia Tournament
Apr 25	6th Grade to STEM at Wayne State University
Apr 27	Donut Sale
May 5	5-on-5 Basketball Tournament
May 11	Spring Dance
May 16	NO SCHOOL — Professional Development Day
May 18	Bagel Sale
May 26	NO SCHOOL — Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	NO SCHOOL — Memorial Day Holiday
Jun 1	Band Concert
Jun 6	Choir Concert
Jun 8	8th Grade Awards Ceremony
Jun 12	6th & 7th Grade to CJ Barrymore's
Jun 13	8th Grade End-of-Year Celebration
Jun 14	8th Grade Breakfast
Jun 14	Last Day of School - Half Day — Dismissal at 10:53AM

CAC = Citizens Advisory Committee — Any Iroquois parent is welcome to join our informal CAC meetings. The meetings are held in the school office conference room.

## **THE TIME TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK IS NOW!**

The end of the school year may seem far away, but it is time to place your yearbook order. The 2022-2023 yearbook will include many new, fun and exciting features. You will not want to miss out on this opportunity. Yearbook prices start at \$20 and can be customized for an additional cost. Visit: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> to order. Our yearbook ID code is: 1529623.

**THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS APRIL 1, 2023.**

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

**7:58AM to 2:42PM**

**The doors will open at 7:45AM**

**Cafeteria opens at 7:15AM**



**Daylight Savings Time**

**Begins**

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

## **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Due to over crowded buses, **students are not allowed** to ride a friend's bus home after school. The Transportation Department thanks you for your help in this matter.

## **DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES**

**THE CIRCLE DRIVE AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL IS DESIGNATED FOR BUSES ONLY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL.**

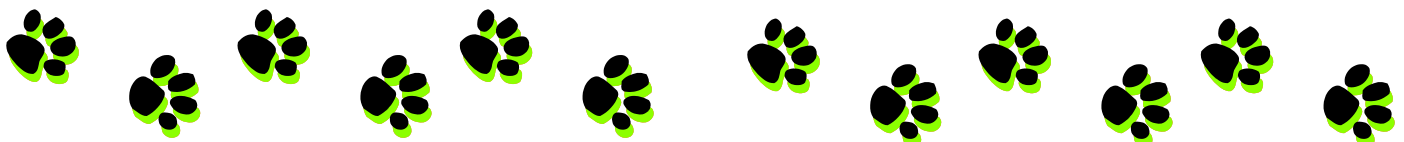
**ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL AT THE DOORS NEAR THE TENNIS COURTS.**

**STUDENTS SHOULD BE PICKED UP AT THE END OF THE DAY IN THE SAME PARKING LOT AS THE MORNING DROP OFF.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE AND RESPECT THE SPEED LIMIT. THANK YOU!**

## **FOOD DELIVERIES**

Please keep in mind that students CANNOT receive food deliveries from Door Dash, Uber Eats or any other delivery service.



# NEWS TO KNOW

## IMPORTANT PROCEDURES

**ABSENCE REPORTING PROCEDURE** - **ALL** absences should be reported to the main office by calling the attendance line. The office will then notify the teachers. **ABSENCES** should be called in before 8:00AM to 586-723-3799. Please leave the student's name, grade level, reason for absence and length of absence on the absence line. We are required to report illnesses to the Macomb County Health Department and must be advised of any illness, especially if contagious. It is also important to call the attendance line when your child is going to be tardy. If the absence is related to Covid, please leave a message and complete the Community Covid form located on the district homepage.

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD** - Please make sure your child's emergency information is up-to-date throughout the year with current emergency phone numbers and authorized persons for picking up your child. If a child becomes ill during the day, we expect that students will have a way to get home.

**HOMEWORK REQUEST** - Homework requests are prepared **beginning with the second consecutive day** your student is absent. The request should be called into the office before **9:00AM**. A message will be given to all involved teachers. Homework assignments will be sent to the office for pick up between 3:00 and 3:30PM; however, most homework assignments are posted in Schoology. For students going on vacation, make-up work should be requested the day they return. Make-up work should be completed within the same number of school days as he/she was absent, unless special arrangements have been made with each teacher.

**EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURE** - When a student needs to leave school early, please come into the office to sign the student out. Students will **only** be released to persons on their emergency card with a valid picture ID. If the student returns to school, the student needs to come into the office to sign back in and get a pass to class. Parents do not need to come back in when returning the child to school.

**STUDENT MESSAGES AND DELIVERIES** - If your child has called home because they have forgotten their lunch, money or any other item needed for the day, please bring it to the main office. Students are aware it is **their** responsibility to check for the item in the office. Lunches that are not picked up in the office are put on the stage in the Cafeteria to be picked up during lunch time. When a delivery is unexpected, your child will be notified at a time when it will least disrupt the class.

**PLEASE TRY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HELP YOUR CHILD REMEMBER THEIR THINGS FOR THE SCHOOL DAY. IT IS DISRUPTIVE TO YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING DAY IF WE HAVE TO CALL THEM TO THE OFFICE TO PICK UP THINGS OR TO ANSWER PHONE CALLS FROM YOU. When delivering lunches, notebooks, money, etc., PLEASE make sure your child's name is clearly marked on the item.**

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

If you have a Kroger card, you can earn money for the education of Iroquois students. Simply log into your Kroger account on-line and select Community Rewards from the bottom of the Kroger homepage. The page will show if you currently have Community Rewards linked to an organization. If you'd like to establish that Iroquois should receive the rewards or change your current organization to Iroquois Middle School, search under our name or enter our Organization Code which is BK099. Thank you for your support.

*Thank you for donating your points to our Iroquois students.*



## Donate your Clothes and Shoes to Planet Aid

Please consider donating your clothes and shoes to the yellow Planet Aid bin at our school. Iroquois Middle School will earn \$.05 for each pound of clothes and shoes donated!

Our yellow Planet Aid donation box is located by the recycle bin on the side of the building. All donations are tax deductible. Visit <http://www.planetaid.org> to request a tax receipt for donations to our box.



# NEWS TO KNOW

## Medication Administration in School

Listed below are some key points in the Chippewa Valley School District Medication Administration Policy. The purpose of the policy is to support the health needs of children during school hours and to ensure the safety of all children.



- \* **Legislation on Inhalers:** Public Act 10 allows a public or non-public school student to possess and use a metered dose inhaler of a dry powder inhaler for the relief of asthma symptoms, or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthma symptoms while at school, or on school-sponsored transportation, or at any school-sponsored activity **if** there is written approval from the student's physician or other health care provider and the student's parent/guardian for the student to possess and use the inhaler; **and** the building administrator has received a copy of the written approvals from the physician and the parent/guardian.
- \* Any student that requires an EpiPen, is diabetic or takes seizure medication, **MUST** have an action plan completed and on file with our Health Aide. Action Plan forms are available at the school.
- \* Before any medication can be administered in school, written authorization from the child's physician and parent **must** be obtained **and** be on file in the school office. Separate forms are available in the main office and on the district's website for prescription and non-prescription medications.
- \* All medication should be brought to school by the child's parent/guardian.
- \* All medication should be in the original bottle or container. Medication not in the original bottle cannot be administered.
- \* Containers should be labeled with the child's name, medication, dose, time and route of administration.
- \* Information on the use and adverse effects of any medication given in school should be provided to the school by the parent, pharmacist, or physician.
- \* Parents **must** notify school personnel if their child has conditions such as allergies, diabetes, or asthma, so that proper precautions/training may be put in place.

## APPROPRIATE SCHOOL FASHION

- Shorts, skirts/skorts must be below fingertip length when a student's arm is extended at their side.
- **NO** leggings can be worn alone. You must wear a longer shirt over them.
- **NO** short shirts showing under-garments or exposing the waistline while in the standing or sitting position.
- Pants **MUST** be worn at the waistline.
- **NO** bandanas are allowed in school even if the girls wear them to hold their hair back (they should use regular headbands - not bandanas folded up).
- All sleeves **MUST** cover the shoulders with a full hand's width.
- **NO** hats can be worn in school.
- **NO** tank tops are allowed, but may be worn **ONLY IF** it is being covered at all times by an appropriate shirt.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Ripped clothing, such as jeans, should not expose under-garments and rips must be below middle finger tip length.
- **NO** clothing made of see-through material.
- **NO** muscle shirts.
- **NO** clothing advertising tobacco, alcohol, or drugs may be worn in school.
- **NO** clothing containing designs/pictures/symbols or language that are sexually suggestive, vulgar or profane are allowed in school.

**Further information about the Dress Code can be found in the Chippewa Valley Schools Student Code of Conduct**

Students violating the dress code will be sent to the counseling office. They will have the opportunity to change into their own personal alternate piece of clothing, make a phone call home to bring an appropriate item to school (including leggings to wear underneath violated item) or can borrow an Iroquois shirt or pair of pants. If continued violations occur, disciplinary actions may occur.

## NSF Checks

At this time, the fee we are being charged by Comerica Bank for checks that are returned NSF is \$20.00. This is a fee that will be passed on to parents when a check is returned to us.

## STUDENT ID CARDS

If your child loses their student ID card, a replacement card can be purchased for \$2.00. Please see Mrs. Varcak in the main office.



## PLEASE DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS TO SCHOOL:

- ⇒ **Perfume or cologne:** There are a couple of students that are **HIGHLY** allergic to these items. Please refrain from using them at school.
- ⇒ **Balloons or flowers:** Please do not deliver these items to students. There is simply no place for the student to keep them during the day. Also, balloons are not allowed on the busses.

## IS YOUR STUDENT'S LOCKER GETTING JAMMED?

Please make sure that there is no contact paper or tape on the inside of the locker door. Also, any mirrors or magnets stuck to the inside of the door need to be away from the edge of the door. The mechanism that opens the locker door runs the entire length of the door. If anything is blocking it, that will cause the locker not to open.



# NEWS TO KNOW

## **CHIPPEWA VALLEY FOOD SERVICE**

Food Service would like to say thank you to all those who participated in our debit program this school year. We hope you found it an easier and quicker way for your students to purchase food.

It is our policy to 'roll' all ending balances over for the next school year. However, if your student is leaving the district you will need to request a refund. This would particularly pertain to 12<sup>th</sup> graders who will be leaving the district upon graduation.

Food Service will provide green "ATTENTION DEBIT USERS" forms to each school office and kitchen. These forms give specific instructions on our refund procedures. They will be available by May 1, 2022. It is your responsibility to submit this form to the Food Service Department before refunds are issued.

**Friday, May 5, 2023** will be the LAST day Food Service will accept checks to be deposited in debit accounts for all students. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** We will, however, continue to accept cash deposits until the end of the school year.

Again, thank you for your patronage and we look forward to serving you in 2023-2024.

Food Service Department

## **PAYSCHOOLS CENTRAL**

With the end of the school year approaching, here are some tips regarding using and establishing your PaySchools Central account, if you have not done so already. You can access the PaySchools Central web link from our Chippewa Valley Schools website and follow the directions for setting up an account. Once your account is created you will need to link your student (s) to your account. You will need your child's Student ID number which can be found in Parent Portal, on their Student ID card or you can call the office for assistance. Set your new account up today!

Listed below are some tips for using PaySchools Central:

1. You must register for a PaySchools Central account. Make sure you are on PaySchools Central through the Chippewa Valley Schools site.
2. Use Google Chrome. PaySchools Central does not work with Internet Explorer.
3. PaySchools Central accepts Credit/Debit Cards and Checks (ACH).
4. When linking your student (s) to your account replace apostrophes with a space. Example: O'Leary will become O Leary. This works for both first names and last names.
5. Assigned fees are things that your student may owe - lost library books, un-returned sports equipment, damaged school property, etc. All other fees will be "Optional". You will want to make most your purchases from this "Optional" tab.
6. There is a parent guide, which is posted on the Chippewa Valley Schools website to assist you. This is a step-by-step guide to help you create an account and purchase an item. You can find this PDF document on the Chippewa Valley Schools district website under "For Parents" tab and then PaySchools Central.

## **Attention 8th grade Parents:**

Please be advised that **any** high school application forms for the IAM or other high school outside of Chippewa Valley Schools require a minimum of 48 hours to process. The forms are confidential and will not be returned to students or parents; rather, they will be forwarded directly to the high school in question. Please keep a copy of your child's most current report card and MEAP/M-Step scores handy, as you will need them for most applications. Should you need a new copy of your child's grades, you can print them from your Parent Portal account. We can provide a copy of your NWEA / M-Step scores, upon request, with a 48-hour time to process the request. All requests must be submitted in writing to the counselor.

## **HIGH SCHOLASTIC, PRESIDENTIAL AND PANTHER AWARDS**

To qualify for the annual **High Scholastic Award** at the end of the school year, a student must achieve a 3.50 grade point average or higher for the first three marking periods of the current school year. This is available to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

To be awarded the **Presidential Academic Achievement Award**, an 8th grader must have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher in each of the first 11 quarters of middle school.

To be awarded the **Panther Award**, an 8th grader must have achieved a 3.95 grade point average or higher for the first 11 quarters of middle school.

Please keep in mind that grade point averages are not rounded up. For example, a GPA of 3.49 is not rounded up to a 3.50. This process follows the same protocol followed by high schools and colleges.

# NEWS TO KNOW

## **BAND NEWS**

On Saturday, January 28, the following 7th and 8th grade band students participated in the MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival. Iroquois earned 27 First Division ratings and 3 Second Division ratings. Congratulations to all of the students who received medals. Below are the results:

### **First Division Solos**

Joseph Balthazor — Trumpet  
 Russell Clark — Trombone  
 James DiNello — Snare  
 Avery Houghton — Snare  
 Nadia Lo Iacono — Clarinet  
 Gabe Lovett — Alto Sax  
 Anthony Mansoor — Horn  
 Vanessa Musaka — Tuba  
 Alex Petras — Clarinet  
 Lincoln Rivard — Alto Sax  
 David Sibley — Trumpet  
 Annabelle Weiss — Alto Sax  
 Noah Weller — Trumpet



### **Second Division Solos**

Anja Safranek — Alto Sax  
 Tessa Trombley — Flute

### **First Division Duets & Ensembles**

Andrea Lin/Seanna Shearer — Duet  
 Tessa Trombley/Nadia Lo Iacono — Duet  
 Juliette Sarka/Julianna Marshall — Duet  
 Samuel Cooper/David Sibley — Duet  
 Callie Zito/Lorenzo Garrisi — Duet  
 Anthony Mansoor/Cara Brown — Duet  
 Tyler Pardon/Julia Smolinski — Duet  
 Olivia Wood/Austin Welch — Duet  
 Vanessa Musaka/Reagan Busch — Duet  
 Juliette Sarka/Julianna Marshall/Cara Brown — Trio  
 Annabelle Weiss/Anja Safranek/Callie Zito — Trio  
 Noah Weller/Joseph Balthazor/Russell Clark — Trio  
 Alex Petras/Lorenzo Garrisi/Lincoln Rivard/Gabriel Lovett — Quartet  
 Samuel Cooper/Eva Podunavac/Tyler Pardon/Olivia Wood — Quartet



### **Second Division Duet**

Eva Podunavac/Aleksej Podunavac

## **Attention Parent Volunteers** **We Need Your Help!**

If you would like to volunteer your time to help at any of the various activities at Iroquois throughout the school year, we would like your help. You will be required to complete a Volunteer Criminal Record Check form on-line. **A new form must be completed each school year.** Please contact Maureen Varcak at 586-723-3704 if you need the link. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Melissa Lancucki at [Melissacon333@yahoo.com](mailto:Melissacon333@yahoo.com) and watch the morning announcement e-mails for volunteering opportunities.



## **PSAT Schedule**

On Wednesday, April 12, our 8th grade students will be taking the PSAT in the morning. Therefore, our 6th and 7th grade students will only attend school for a speed schedule in the afternoon. The schedule for April 12th is:

8th Grade PSAT	7:58AM-11:05AM
8th Grade Lunch	11:10AM-11:40AM
1st hour for all students	11:40AM-12:07PM
2nd hour for all students	12:11PM-12:38PM
3rd hour for all students	12:42PM-1:09PM
4th hour for all students	1:13PM-1:40PM
5th hour for all students	1:44PM-2:11PM
6th hour for all students	2:15PM-2:42PM

Bus schedules will be adjusted to drop off 8th graders for the 7:58AM start and 6th and 7th graders for the 11:40AM start.

### **Attention Parents:**

As we are now in the second half of the school year, please remember to check your student's school supplies. Restocking their pencils, red pens and other consumables would be helpful.



Thank you for your cooperation.

## **3rd QUARTER** **REPORT CARDS**

- \* The end of 3rd Quarter is Friday, March 31.
- \* Report cards will be posted in Parent Portal on Friday, April 14.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

This program is designed to let our students know that their "positive" behavior is appreciated and noticed. This award is not given for academic achievement; but, for recognition of the student's good citizenship, effort, manners, dependability and positive attitudes. Each month, every staff member selects one student from his/her classes to be Student of the Month. These students were given a special token of appreciation and a certificate.

### **Congratulations to our December and January Students of the Month:**

**December 6th Graders:** Ni'Lah Chalk, Jonathan Donnenwerth, Cara Fecteau, Fabion Feri, Marta Ivanovic, London Moses, Brielle Nielson, Olivia Smith, Aldin Tanjic, Nicole Younan

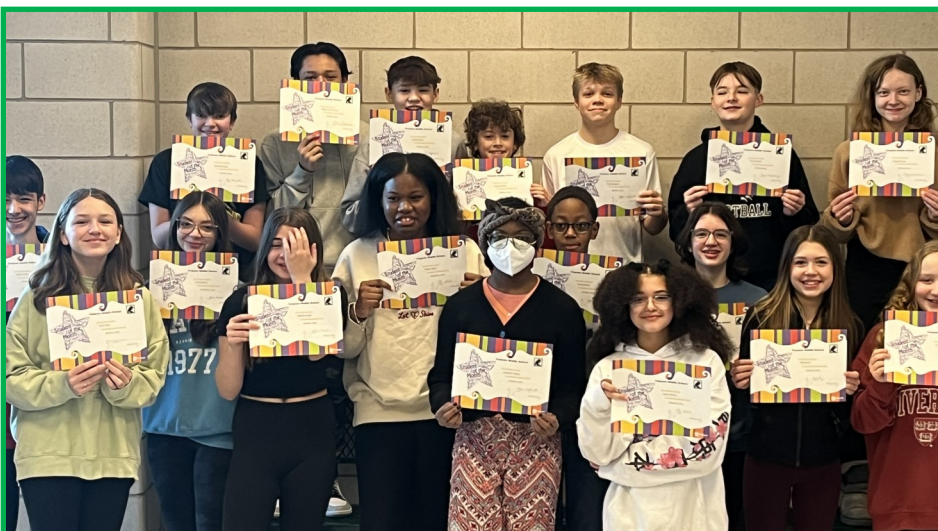
**December 7th Graders:** James DiNello, Sophia Galich, Jack Hefel, Iris Kamberaj, Anderson Little, Bryce Mahar, Addyson Matta, Cassandra Metcalfe, Vivienne Vernier

**December 8th Graders:** Merna Goga, Arla Grori, Gianna Hayes, Londyn LeMieux-Avalos, Madysen Lucas, Carly Nowakowski, Cesare Palazzolo, Milena Ristovski, Kelsey Yonkowski

**January 6th Graders:** Ella Bench, Samantha Boisvert, Ivana Djordjevic, Antonio Smith, Maria Vasileski, Evelyn Wiegand

**January 7th Graders:** Damilola Abejide, Romin Boisvert, Madilyn Gough, Amy Lazri, Jaylyn Moore, Alivia Nimo, Lucas Reygaert, Vance Russell, Rivira Shang

**January 8th Graders:** Morgan Fecteau, Preston Hooper, Edon Kastrioti, Margaret Latra, Cooper Moses, Algeria Nuhaj, Matteo Pardo-Torres





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## LEGO ROBOTICS

On Friday, March 24, 2023, our Iroquois Middle School LEGO Robotics team will compete at the CVS District Competition at Chippewa Valley High School. Team members have worked very hard for this special day. This year's team members are:

**8th Grade:** Dean Atovski, Zachary Clouse, Luke Ledford, Justin Maciejewski, Lilly McEvoy

**7th Grade:** Ina Batayola, Logan Gebby, Eva Jankowsky, Liam Kerr, Bradley Konior, Sean McDavid, Kendyl Smith, Alejandro Velasco

**6th Grade:** Oliver Beauchamp, Charlotte Campbell, Aaron Cooney, Gavin Cooney, Andrei Eguia, Zy'Aira King, Matthew Majchrzak, Charles Miller, Jack Noe, Giorgio Passalacqua, Hailey Ross, Ryan Spiewak, Dominic Zoli



**GO PANTHERS!!**

## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

On Saturday, March 18, 2023, our Iroquois Middle School Science Olympiad team will compete at the Macomb County Regional competition. Team members have worked very hard for this special day. This year's team members are:

**8th Grade:** Gabriel Lovett, Cullen Messing, Kelsey Yonkowski

**7th Grade:** Damilola Abejide, Harper Merida, Alex Mikanga, Alivia Nimo, Tyler Pardon, Hayden Solomon, Michael Zamesnik

**6th Grade:** Caroline Baaki, Madison Barrett, Manasvi Hatmode, Jack Noe, Alexia Stan

This year's team will be competing in events against other middle school teams from the county. If an event scores well in the Regional Competition, they may compete in the State Science Olympiad Tournament on Saturday, April 22, 2023.



**GO PANTHERS!!**



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE


On February 2, the Student Council Winter Wonderland Dance was a huge success!!




Volleyball  
Tournament  
Winning Team


## FUNDRAISING


Student Council also began its fundraising efforts for this year's charity: St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The first events were the Valentine's Day Sucker/Flower Sale along with the Volleyball Tournament. We will continue our support with the following events:

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY OVER THE RAINBOW FOR ST. JUDE'S:** From March 13-16, students can purchase a St. Patrick's Day bracelet for \$1 with proceeds benefiting St. Jude's. Each student that make a purchase will also receive a Pot of Gold ticket that can be used like a ROAR ticket or for one of our baskets. 

**DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT:** Friday, March 24 from 6:00-9:00PM. The first 16 teams to register will participate. There is a \$15 per person/\$120 per team entry fee to be paid on PaySchools Central. Registration forms can be found in the main office. Registration forms must be completed indicating all team member names and returned to the main office. Once the complete team list is submitted, the fee will be added to PaySchools Central for each student to pay. The fee must be paid by all team members by Wednesday, March 22 for the team to participate in the event. 

**TRIVIA TOURNAMENT:** Thursday, April 20 from 6:00-8:00PM. Cost will be \$15 per person. More details to follow.

**3-on-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** Friday, May 5 from 3:00-5:00PM. Cost will be \$15 per person with a maximum of 12 teams. More details to follow. 

**SPRING DANCE:** Thursday, May 11 from 6:00-8:00PM. Advanced ticket purchases only for \$10 each. More details to follow. 

**END-OF-YEAR FIELD TRIP:** Student Council Members will be attending the Detroit Tigers Game on Wednesday, May 17. Permission slips will be sent home in early March.

**Donut/Bagel Sales: \$2 each**  
Thursday, March 30: Bagel Sale  
Thursday, April 27: Donut Sale  
Thursday, May 18: Bagel Sale



**Student Council Meetings**  
Friday, March 17 at 7:15AM  
Friday, April 14 at 7:15AM  
Friday, May 19 at 7:15AM



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## **PBIS ROAR Incentives 2nd Quarter Prize Winners**

Several of the Iroquois students received our PBIS ROAR tickets throughout 2nd Quarter for their kind deeds and good behavior. Our raffle drawing for ticket holders yielded the following winners:

**Cocoa & Cookies:** Sara Shaooka, Logan Gebby, Cesare Palazzolo

**Visa Gift Card:** Tristan Sharp, Sean McDavid, On'dreas Farris

**Ping Pong with Friends:** Delaney O'Neill, Tyler Pardon, Zachary Clouse

**Corn Hole with Friends:** Benjamin McAvin, Kendyl Smith, Zachary Clouse

**Movie with Friends:** Blake Sauer, Ina Batayola, Londyn LeMieux-Avalos

**March Madness with Friends:** Kaylie Brunson, Lucas Stojkovich, Joseph Warne

**Lunch with Teacher and Friends:** Syeda Soha, Isabelle Londo, Makayla Molnar

**Fancy Lunch:** Matthew Majchrzak



## **News from NJHS**

By Riley Chu, Historian

Iroquois NJHS has been keeping busy during the new year with many exciting events for the school. Most recently, NJHS created a "Kindness Spirit Week" over the week of Valentine's Day and National Random Acts of Kindness week. To kick off the week, students came to school to find a positive note on each of their lockers, which the NJHS students wrote. The group's goal was to inspire students to be kind and create some smiles in the school.

Always trying to live up to their motto of "Service Over Self," many Iroquois NJHS members took time out of their days to create a wonderful Kindness Tree to brighten all the IMS students' days. Everyone in the school could submit kind and encouraging messages, and they will continue to be hung on the tree for those passing by to read. If someone is having a bad day, they can take a message they need to hear. Other opportunities around Iroquois that members have participated in include helping teachers after school and selling concessions at basketball games. Members have also been volunteering at local churches, elementary schools, and even foster care centers.

We are excited to see what additional activities NJHS will be doing for the school and the community soon! Keep up the hard work, and keep representing the school, NJHS.



<b>NJHS Meetings</b>	
March 9	May 11
April 13	7:15AM





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Iroquois Middle School Spelling Bee!

Congratulations to Liam Zabkowski (6th Grade), who was the winner of the 2023 Spelling Bee and Corey Cojocar (8th Grade) who was the runner-up. Liam will also compete against other 6th-9th grade students at the Macomb Daily Regional Spelling Bee on Sunday, March 5.

We are very proud of Liam, Corey and all of the participants in the Iroquois Spelling Bee:



### 6th Grade

Burhan Basic  
Trevor Bayer  
Oliver Beauchamp  
Samantha Boisvert  
Isaac Bowman  
Maksim Jacimovic  
Kade Jucewicz  
Zy'Aira King  
Courtney Metcalfe  
Christine Mondragon  
Jaylyn Moore  
Emberly Nelson  
Logan Porter  
Travis Qarana  
Erik Schwertfeger  
Emily Slo  
Alexia Stan  
Peyton Witkowski  
Liam Zabkowski

### 8th Grade

Zachary Clouse  
Corey Cojocar  
Rimando Eramya  
Morgan Fecteau  
Victoria Holland  
Jozef Ivezaj  
Conor McGee  
Makayla Molnar  
Vanessa Musaka  
Nicole Nehra  
Francis Nguyen  
Andrew Perfetto  
Ethan Samyn  
Kelsey Yonkowski

### 7th Grade

Vito Anulewicz  
Jacob Barron  
Ina Batayola  
Owen Bierlein  
Bryson Cunningham  
Wesley Gideon  
Michael Gjysma  
Anderson Little  
Zachary McQueary  
Cassandra Metcalfe  
Alex Mikanga  
Luke Nafso  
Kyle Nagel  
Claire Nehra  
Hayden Solomon  
Damien Stallcup



## 6th Grade Science Alive!

In January, our 6th graders enjoyed a visit from Science Alive!



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## TRACK & FIELD

If you are interested in joining the Iroquois Boys/Girls Track Team, our first practice is on **Monday, April 10** from 3:00-4:30PM. Every 7th and 8th grade student that would like to join the team can participate. Bring sweatpants and a sweatshirt — be dressed to go outside. Our meet schedule is:

Wednesday, April 26	Algonquin (Practice Meet)	Home
Tuesday, May 2	Seneca	Home
Wednesday, May 3	L'anse Creuse East	Away
Monday, May 8	Romeo	Home
Wednesday, May 10	Fraser	Away
Monday, May 15	Algonquin	Home
Wednesday, May 17	Wyandot	Away
Monday, May 22	L'anse Creuse North	Home
Wednesday, May 24	District Meet	Seneca



*\*schedule subject to change*

Track Meets begin at approximately 3:30PM.

Everyone joining the Track Team **MUST** have an updated physical (April 15, 2022 or later) in order to practice or participate in meets. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## 7th and 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Schedule 2023

Thursday, March 2	ABN	Away
Monday, March 13	LCN	Away
Tuesday, March 14	Romeo 2	Home
Thursday, March 16	Romeo 1	Home
Monday, March 20	LCS	Home
Wednesday, March 22	LCC	Home
Thursday, March 23	Wyandot	Away
Monday, March 27	Algonquin	Away
Wednesday, March 29	Seneca	Home

7th Grade begins at 3:30PM  
8th Grade begins at 4:45PM



## 7th and 8th Grade Boys' Basketball

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball team was a blast to coach. They had great passing, shooting, defense, but above all, they were great teammates to one another. They averaged scoring 39 points per game while only giving up 24. They finished the year with a 9 and 3 record overall. Thank you for a great season boys and I can't wait to see you in action next year!!  
— Coach Jeremy Thoel

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball team had a fantastic season as they were much improved from their 3-9 7th grade season and that improvement posted an 8-4 record. The team averaged 35 points per game and played tough defense the entire season. With 4 new additions to last year's group, the team had a lot of depth and talent. They finished the season by beating first place Algonquin and eclipsed the 40-point mark 5 times! The team had balanced scoring, which made it difficult in stopping just one player. I am tremendously proud of your work ethic this season! When you look back, I feel you will be proud of what you accomplished. You boys will always be Panthers!! **NO MATTER WHAT!!**  
— Coach Jeff Vitale

