

IROQUOIS NEWS

March/April, 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Panther Parents,

As the thought of spring embraces us and the days lengthen, we are happy to share the latest news and updates with you. It has been an exciting journey so far, filled with learning, exploration, and countless moments of growth and achievement.

As we move through the school year, it will be important to continue to work with your students 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.

Regarding communication, Iroquois Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th and Thursday, March 7th between 5:30 and 8:00PM. Conferences will be held virtually on Wednesday. Please look for the sign-up instructions in your morning e-mail message from Iroquois as these conferences will be by appointment only. On Thursday, conferences will be in-person as they have in the past, with the majority of teachers in the Gym. No appointment is needed for Thursday. 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 8th grade students have previously been introduced to the scheduling process by our high schools back in February. They received a scheduling form and booklet to review classes and make their selections. On March 19th, 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 the counseling department at DHS-9 or CVHS-9 for clarification. This is an extremely exciting time of the year for our 8th graders!

After Spring Break all students will be taking the M-STEP, which is our State Assessment. In addition, 8th grade students will take the PSAT on April 10, 2024. M-STEP practice items are available online and this information will be communicated through SchoolMessenger as well. Specific information regarding the testing dates and times will be sent through SchoolMessenger once we are closer to April. If you are interested in additional information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thanks,
Mr. Gardner

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 CAC Meeting
Mar 4 Spirit Week Begins
Mar 4 Band Concert—6th Grade 6:30PM
Mar 6, 7 Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening Only (5:30-8:00PM)
Mar 8 Half Day — Dismissal at 11:00AM / Spirit Assembly
Mar 14 Bagel Sale
Mar 16 Science Olympiad Regional Tournament
Mar 19 8th Grade High School Scheduling / NJHS to Leadership Conference
Mar 21 8th Grade Choir to Little Women at CVHS
Mar 22 LEGO Robotics District Competition
Mar 28 End of 3rd Quarter / Staff vs. Girls' Basketball Team Game at 6:00PM
Mar 28 Spring Break begins at 11:00AM Dismissal
Apr 8 Classes Resume 8:05AM / M-Step Testing Window Opens
Apr 10 PSAT for 8th Graders in AM / Virtual Classes for all grades in PM
Apr 17 Choir Concert
Apr 18 Donut Sale / 6th Grade to Cranbrook
May 3 CAC Meeting
May 4 Science Olympiad State Competition
May 6 NWEA Testing Window Opens
May 7 NO SCHOOL — Professional Development Day
May 16 Bagel Sale
May 21 Student Council to Cedar Point
May 24 M-Step Window closes
May 27 NO SCHOOL — Memorial Day Holiday
May 30 Band Concert
May 31 NWEA Window closes
Jun 3 Choir Concert
Jun 4 8th Grade Awards Ceremony
Jun 10 6th & 7th Grade to CJ Barrymore's / 8th Grade Picnic
Jun 11 Last Day of School - Half Day — Dismissal at 11:00AM

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 2023-2024 yearbook will include many new, fun and exciting features. You will not want to miss out on this opportunity. Yearbook prices start at \$23 and can be customized for an additional cost. Visit: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> to order. Our yearbook ID code is: 1529624.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER IS APRIL 15, 2024.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:05AM to 2:49PM

The doors will open at 7:45AM

Cafeteria opens at 7:15AM



Daylight Savings Time

Begins

Sunday, March 10, 2024

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, including hospital stays and vacations, 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.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM - 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 in case of illness. If a child becomes ill during the day, we expect that child will have a way to get home.

HOMEWORK REQUEST - If your student is absent, please have them check Schoology for homework assignments. If your student has a question regarding an assignment when they are absent, they can contact their teacher through Schoology, e-mail or by phone. For students going on vacation, make-up work should be requested the day they return from vacation. 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 child needs to leave school early, please come to the office to sign the child out. Students will **only** be released to persons on their emergency form with a valid picture ID.

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 12th 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 3, 2024 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 must 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 student'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. Please **do not** use your phone or the PaySchools Central app to pay for fees. Use Google Chrome with a computer or tablet.
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".
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 NWEA/M-Step scores handy, as you will need them for most applications. Should you need a new copy of your child's grades or scores, you can print them from your Parent Portal account. 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 20, the following 7th and 8th grade band students participated in the MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival. Iroquois earned 26 First Division ratings and 3 Second Division ratings. Congratulations to all of the students who received medals for their performance. Below are the results:

First Division Solos

Kaleb Koendarfer—Clarinet
 Matthew Majchrzak—Clarinet
 Stefani Spasovski—Clarinet
 Samuel Cooper—Trumpet
 Charles Latra—Trumpet
 Andrew Pascariu—Trumpet
 David Sibley—Trumpet
 Liam Zabkowski—Trumpet
 Cass Witkowski—Horn
 Christine Mondragon—Trombone
 Noah Shifflett—Euphonium
 Collin Sylvester—Tuba



Second Division Solos

Charlotte Campbell—Snare
 James DiNello—Snare

First Division Duets & Ensembles

Cara Fecteau/Alexia Stan—Flute/Clarinet
 Graziella Garrisi/Valentina Garrisi—Flute/Clarinet
 Malaya Delossantos/Gianna Difatta—Flute/Clarinet
 Stafani Spasovski/Claire Villerot—Clarinet
 Lucas Lauzon/Dominic Zoli—Clarinet
 Conner Cole/Andrei Eguia—Clarinet
 Samuel Cooper/Benjamin Hallendy—Trumpet
 Landon Bonacci/James DiNello—Snare
 Leah Balthazor/Gianna Difatta/Sara Shaoooka—Flute
 Malaya Delossantos/Manasvi Hatmode/Alexia Stan—Woodwind
 Matthew Majchrzak/Jack Noe/Ryan Spiewak—Woodwind
 Grayson Conley/Jonathan Donnenwerth/Andrew Pascariu—Brass
 Tyler Pardon/David Sibley/Olivia Wood—Brass
 Giovanni Casanova/Benjamin Hallendy/Kaleb Koendarfer/Austin Welch—Mixed



Second Division Duet

Cameron Pulst/Collin Sylvester—Tuba

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, watch the morning announcement e-mails for volunteering opportunities.



PSAT Schedule

On Wednesday, April 10, our 8th grade students will be taking the PSAT. Therefore, our 6th and 7th grade students will only attend school for a speed schedule in the afternoon—**VIRTUALLY**. The schedule for April 10th is:

8th Grade PSAT	8:05AM-10:50AM
8th Grade Lunch	10:55AM-11:30AM
8th Grade Dismissal	11:30AM

VIRTUAL SCHEDULE FOR ALL STUDENTS

1st hour for all students	12:05PM-12:29PM
2nd hour for all students	12:33PM-12:57PM
3rd hour for all students	1:01PM-1:25PM
4th hour for all students	1:29PM-1:53PM
5th hour for all students	1:57PM-2:21PM
6th hour for all students	2:25PM-2:49PM

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 Thursday, March 28.
- * Report cards will be posted in Parent Portal on Friday, April 12.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ART NEWS

Please congratulate the following students for having their work juried into the 2024 Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show held at the Anton Art Center in Mt. Clemens. They still have a chance to win an award at the reception held on March 9th. Details are below.

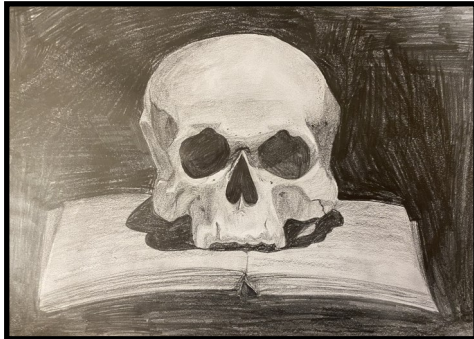
- ◆ Julia Sinadinowski, 8th
- ◆ Olivia Wood, 8th
- ◆ Katie Wong, 7th

The Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony is on Saturday, March 9th from 1:00-3:00PM. This event is free and open to the public. They welcome students, families, teachers and administrators to attend the event.

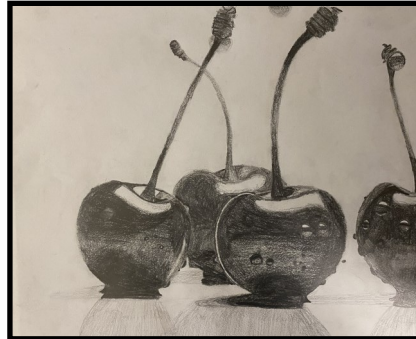
The Anton Art Center is currently open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00AM - 5:00PM. Anton Art Center address: 125 Macomb Pl, Mt Clemens, MI 48043. The Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show will be open to the public March 9 - April 13, 2024.

I am grateful to the Anton Art Center for hosting this show for the community and for the juror who has taken their time to adjudicate the collection sent in by a variety of Macomb schools, I am sure it is was not an easy task.

— Michele Hunt, Art Teacher



Olivia Wood



Julia Sinadinowski



Katie Wong

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

On Tuesday, March 19, the counselors from both Dakota High School and CVHS will be at Iroquois to assist the 8th Graders with inputting their class selections for high school next year. That day, please make sure that your student brings to school the scheduling form that was provided last month, **signed by a parent**.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 6 and 7 from 5:30-8:00PM. Please see the details below:

Wednesday, March 6 will be virtual only. Please find the instructions in the Morning Announcements e-mail to set up an appointment with the teacher(s) that you would like to meet with. These virtual meetings are by appointment **only**.

Thursday, March 7 will be in-person only. Please come to Iroquois to meet with any teacher(s) that you would like to. No appointment is necessary and the teachers will be in the Gym at Iroquois.

If you have any questions, please contact the Iroquois office.

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: Layth Beelee, Sofia Brown, Rocco Ciaramitaro, Mya Fohey, Jackson Lucas, Allison Nowakowski, Anthony Olko, Orion Prifti

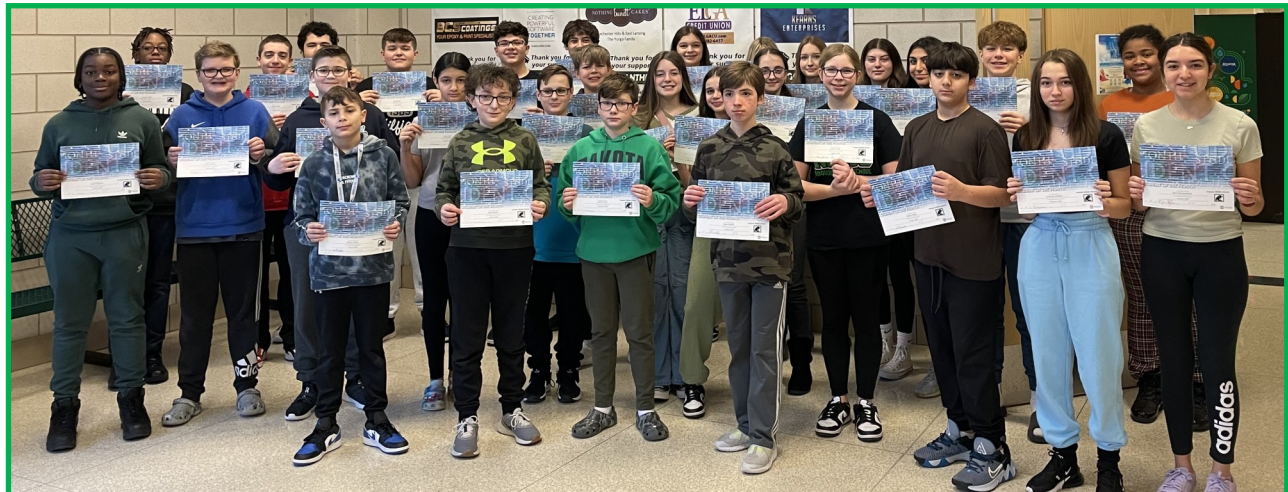
December 7th Graders: Madison Bing, Conner Cole, Matthew Majchrzak, Anthony Meraja, Haleigh Parravano, Gabriella Piwonski, Travis Qarana, Olivia Smith

December 8th Graders: Gabrielle Asfahani, James DiNello, Olivia Galich, Hailey Goemaere, Amelia Khamo, Briana Kolnikaj, Addyson Matta, Gwen Nguyen, Julia Smolinski, Addison Solomon

January 6th Graders: Sophia Bazzi, Avallyn Guy, Isaiah Hagood, Ni'Ariya Hall, Landon Harper, Benjamin Hefel, Zachary Pierce, Anastasia Romanchuk, Ella Stout

January 7th Graders: Burhan Basic, Ashton Conklin, Maria Faiz, Alexa Kello, Jack Noe, Andrew Pascariu, Logan Porter, Majd Shamer, Noah Shifflett, Antonio Smith, Aldin Tanjic

January 8th Graders: Viviana Amato, Nathan Bashi, Sophia Galich, Eleni Manousakakis, Natalie Patterson, David Sibley, Kendyl Smith, Spencer Sunde



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

LEGO ROBOTICS

On Friday, March 22, 2024, our Iroquois Middle School LEGO Robotics team will compete at the CVS District Competition at Dakota High School. Team members have worked very hard for this special day. This year's team members are:

8th Grade: Ina Batayola, James DiNello, Logan Gebby, Eva Jankowsky, Liam Kerr, Bradley Konior, Sean McDavid II, Kendyl Smith, Tamara Tobia, Olivia Wood

7th Grade: Trevor Bayer, Aaron Cooney, Gavin Cooney, Jonathan Donnenwerth, Andrei Eguia, Zy'Aira King, Matthew Majchrzak, Jack Noe, Giorgio Passalacqua, Hailey Ross, Ryan Spiewak, Dominic Zoli

6th Grade: Giovanna Balsamo, Isabella Frazho, Isabella Hanna, Evan Mayer, Dylan Seiba

GO PANTHERS!!



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

On Saturday, March 16, 2024, 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: Damilola Abejide, Harper Merida, Alivia Nimo, Tyler Pardon, Hayden Solomon, Michael Zamesnik

7th Grade: Madison Barrett, Manasvi Hatmode, Daniella Lucaj, Alexia Stan

6th Grade: Kourtney Acabo, Veronica Allen, Zoe Bruggeman, Olivia Cpak, Evan Mayer

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 at WMU on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

GO PANTHERS!!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

On February 8, the Student Council Winter Wonderland Dance was a huge success!!



Volleyball
Tournament
Winning Team:
The Savage Six

FUNDRAISING

Student Council is continuing its fundraising efforts for this year's charity: Alex's Lemonade Stand. We will continue our support with the following events:

BAGEL/DONUT SALES: All proceeds from the remaining bagel and donut sales will be put toward our fundraising efforts.

PENNY WARS: During Spirit Week (March 4-8), we will be holding a Penny Wars fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit our fundraising efforts and donations will also count toward our grade-level Spirit Week competitions.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SUCKER SALE: From March 11-15, students can purchase a St. Patrick's Day sucker for \$1 with proceeds benefiting Alex's Lemonade Stand. Each student that makes a purchase will also receive a Pot of Gold ticket that can be used like a ROAR ticket or for one of our baskets.

END-OF-YEAR FIELD TRIP

Student Council Members will be going to Cedar Point on Tuesday, May 21. Permission slips will be sent home soon.

Donut/Bagel Sales: \$2 each
Thursday, March 14: Bagel Sale
Thursday, April 18: Donut Sale
Thursday, May 16: Bagel Sale



Student Council Meetings
Friday, March 22 at 7:15AM
Friday, April 19 at 7:15AM
Friday, May 17 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 for Lunch Table: Elaina Mitchell, Trevor Bayer

Amazon Gift Card: Andrew Yousif, Travis Qarana, Sofia Dessert

Open Gym with Friends: Tristin Warda, Jonathan Donnenwerth

Movie with Friends: Allison Blazejewski, Mark DeVoogd, Natalie Atienza

Lunch with Teacher and Friends: Ella Stout, Sara Shaooka, Natalie Atienza

Fancy Lunch: Riley Smith



News from NJHS

By Claire Nehra, Historian

Iroquois' National Junior Honor Society has been fulfilling their motto of "Service Over Self" in this new year. To start, NJHS brought National Kindness Week to our school the week of Valentine's Day. The group has assembled a spirit week with themed days relating to kindness, such as "Wild About Kindness" to dress up in camouflage and animal prints. In addition, kindness is being spread all around school, with goodwill posters, motivating and gratifying notes on lockers, the kindness tree and more. Students are encouraged to assist in the spread of kindness not only this week, but all year. The goal of NJHS is to create smiles and spread happiness and thoughtfulness around the school.

Furthermore, NJHS has been taking part in selling concessions at basketball games, assisting in recycling, making blankets for Hospice patients, and volunteering around town. NJHS will continue to work hard and give back to our community and keep up the challenging work! Overall, NJHS is committed to living up to their motto as the year proceeds and will carry on to proudly represent Iroquois' society in the best way possible!



NJHS Meetings

March 7	May 23
April 25	7:15AM

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Iroquois Middle School Spelling Bee!

Congratulations to Kourtney Acabo (6th Grade), who was the winner of the 2024 Spelling Bee and Obong Umana (6th Grade) who was the runner-up. Kourtney will also compete against other 6th-9th grade students at the Scripps Howard Regional Spelling Bee at the MISD on Sunday, March 3.

We are very proud of Kourtney, Obong and all of the participants in the Iroquois Spelling Bee:

6th Grade

Kourtney Acabo
Layth Beelee
Avery Biliti
Zoe Calkins
Avallyn Guy
Nicoletta Manousakakis
Gavin Miller
Elaina Mitchell
Rana Ozdemir
Luca Patoo
Orion Prifti
Jose Regules-Padilla
Leo Sikkelee
Obong Umana
Isabella Yates

8th Grade

Calvin Boni
Emma Griessel
Iris Kamberaj
Zachary McQueary
Claire Nehra
Sofia Reo
Lucas Reygaert
Zachary Sawa
Juliana Sinadinovski
Alejandro Velasco
Frank Vollaro
Michael Zamesnik

7th Grade

Santi Biba
Olivia Dawood
Avneet Deo
Lucas Lauzon
Gianni Longo
Anthony Meraja
Courtney Metcalfe
Christine Mondragon
Travis Qarana
Alexander Rabine
Alexander Rayba
Hailey Ross
Ashleigh Schultz
Noah Shifflett
Brooklyn Silage
Emily Slo
Cass Witkowski
Liam Zabkowski
Dominic Zoli
Matelda Zora



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 8** 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 24	Algonquin (Practice Meet)	Home
Tuesday, April 29	Seneca	Away
Thursday, May 2	L'anse Creuse East	Home
Wednesday, May 8	Fraser	Home
Thursday, May 9	Romeo	Away
Monday, May 13	Algonquin	Home
Wednesday, May 15	Wyandot	Home
Monday, May 20	L'anse Creuse North	Home
Wednesday, May 22	District Meet	Wyandot



**schedule subject to change*

Track Meets begin at approximately 3:30PM.

Everyone joining the Track Team **MUST** have an updated physical (April 15, 2023 or later) in order to practice or participate in meets. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

7th and 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Schedule 2024

Monday, March 4	LCC	Away
Tuesday, March 5	Romeo 2	Away
Monday, March 11	LCN	Home
Thursday, March 14	Romeo 1	Away
Monday, March 18	LCS	Away
Thursday, March 21	Wyandot	Home
Monday, March 25	Algonquin	Home
Wednesday, March 27	Seneca	Away

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



7th and 8th Grade Boys' Basketball

The 7th grade boys' basketball team finished the season with a 6-5 record. Just about every game this season was a close one. The boys were a ton a fun to coach this year because of their great effort every day. They averaged 27 points per game while only allowing 22 points per game. They were a great group of boys to coach and I expect big things from them next season.

— Coach Jeremy Thoele

The 8th grade boys' basketball had a fantastic season highlighted by ending Wyandot's two-year undefeated streak!! The boys finished with a 9-2 record. The team was very skilled and aggressive throughout the season, overpowering teams with their talent and depth. I am very proud of all that you accomplished this season. Remember, no matter where you go from here, you will ALWAYS be Panthers!!!

— Coach Jeff Vitale

