



IROQUOIS NEWS

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Panther Parents,

As the leaves change colors and the air turns crisp, we welcome you to the Fall 2023 edition of our Iroquois Newsletter. It's been an exciting start to the school year, filled with activities, achievements, and a strong sense of community.

Panther Prowl was a great success this year. Thank you to all of you that donated and volunteered to make this event a positive experience for our students and our school. We had an amazing number of prizes to give away to students this year due to the generosity of our amazing community! This year, we were able to raise just under \$40,000! These funds will go directly back to supporting our teachers and our students.

The end of the first quarter is quickly approaching. Report Cards will be posted to Parent Portal accounts on November 10th. Success for your student increases with good communication between the school, students and parents. If you should have questions at any time, feel free to contact teachers, counselors and/or administration through email or by phone for assistance.

Helpful Tips for discussing report cards with your child:

**Praise your child for their hard work and success in a specific category. Encourage your child to continue to put forth their best effort.*

**Discuss areas for improvement only after discussing areas of success. Make a specific plan with your child for improvement such as practicing math facts for a few extra minutes or reading non-fiction texts, etc.*

As a school community, we look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure this continues to be the best school year yet!

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

CALENDAR

Nov 2	Donut Sale
Nov 2-10	Canned Food Drive
Nov 2	Halloween Activity Night 6:00-8:00PM
Nov 3	End of 1st Quarter
Nov 7	NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day
Nov 8-17	Gift Card Drive
Nov 9	Picture Re-Take Day 8:15AM-11:15AM
Nov 15	Restaurant Night—Panda Express
Nov 17	Dodgeball Tournament 6:30-9:00PM
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 4-13	Toy Drive
Dec 7	Band Concert
Dec 14	Donut Sale
Dec 14	Restaurant Night—Mod Pizza
Dec 14	Choir Concert
Dec 21	Trivia Tournament 6:00-9:00PM
Dec 22	Holiday Break begins at 11:00AM Dismissal
Jan 3	Classes Resume 8:05AM
Jan 9	Half Day — Dismissal at 11:00AM
Jan 15	NO SCHOOL
Jan 18	Bagel Sale
Jan 19	End of 2nd Quarter; Half Day — Dismissal at 11:12AM
Jan 26	Volleyball Tournament
Jan 31	Vision Screening for 7th Grade
Feb 5-9	Animal Shelter Drive
Feb 14	Count Day
Feb 15	Donut Sale
Feb 16	Mid-Winter Break begins at 11:00AM Dismissal
Feb 26	Classes Resume 8:05AM
Feb 27	NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day
Mar 4	Band Concert—6th Grade 6:30-7:30PM
Mar 6, 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening Only (5:30-8:00PM)
Mar 8	Half Day — Dismissal at 11:00AM
Mar 14	Bagel Sale
Mar 28	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 28	Spring Break begins at 11:00AM Dismissal
Apr 8	Classes Resume 8:05AM
Apr 10	PSAT for 8th Graders / late start for 6th & 7th Graders
Apr 17	Choir Concert
Apr 18	Donut Sale
May 7	NO SCHOOL — Professional Development Day
May 16	Bagel Sale
May 27	NO SCHOOL — Memorial Day Holiday
May 30	Band Concert
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.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:05AM to 2:49PM

**The doors open
at 7:15AM**

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

THE CIRCLE DRIVE AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL IS DESIGNATED FOR BUSSES 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. IF PICKING UP A STUDENT AFTER 3:00PM, PLEASE USE FRONT CIRCLE DRIVE.

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

MOVING??

If you move, please provide the Iroquois office with proof of your new residency. Items that are accepted are a copy of a signed lease, a copy of the warranty deed from a purchase and 2 current utility bills. Once all documentation has been received, we can change your child's address on file. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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.



NEWS TO KNOW

IMPORTANT PROCEDURES

(Please Read and Save)

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, parents are to come into the office to sign the child out. Children will **only** be released to persons on their emergency form with a valid picture ID. If signing out for an appointment, when returning 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 MAKE A PHONE CALL TO YOU. When delivering lunches, notebooks, money, etc., PLEASE make sure your child's name is clearly marked on the item.

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.

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.

NEWS TO KNOW

APPROPRIATE SCHOOL FASHION

- Shorts, skirts/skortis must be below middle 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. These 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*

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.



1st QUARTER REPORT CARDS

* End of 1st Quarter is Friday, November 3, 2023.

* Report cards posted to Parent Portal on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Donate your Clothes and Shoes to Midwest Recycling

Please consider donating your clothes and shoes to the Midwest Recycling bin at our school. Iroquois Middle School will earn money for each pound of clothes and shoes donated!

Our Midwest Recycling donation bin is located by the recycle bin on the side of the building.

Thank you for your assistance.



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.



NSF Checks

At this time, the fee we are being charged by the 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.

LOCKER DECORATION

Students may decorate lockers for birthdays only before school begins. Please remember to bring your own supplies and tape.



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.
- * Making sure that your children are safe and healthy is our primary concern. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the office at 723-3700.

Showing our Iroquois Pride

Iroquois Middle School has a program in which we use Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) to help our students be successful in demonstrating their "Panther Pride" every day. It is a way to encourage positive behavior from our students on a regular basis. The program is displayed throughout the building and reinforced throughout the school day. The program consists of using our three expectations of being respectful, taking ownership and acting responsibly. The concept of PBIS helps promote a positive social learning environment and as a result, has shown to improve academic performance since students are concentrating on their learning more than acting inappropriately.

Students receive acknowledgements in the form of ROAR Tickets from staff when they are "caught doing something good". As teachers and other staff members catch a student acting responsibly, respectfully or taking ownership of their choices, they are rewarded with a ROAR Ticket which they can immediately turn in for a prize or they can save their tickets for larger prize drawing throughout the year. Students will also have the opportunity to cash in (or pool tickets with friends) to visit our Panther Pad with three of their friends during lunch. This is a recreation room that has a Foosball Table, blue tooth speaker, games and more. Students will be monitored by parent and teacher volunteers while in the Panther Pad. Our parent volunteer coordinator is always looking for help, so if you're interested in helping supervise and/or improve the Panther Pad, please contact Mr. Abraham.

By showing appreciation to these students through the use of ROAR Tickets, it is our mission to have other students follow their lead. Iroquois' PBIS program has proven to be effective through the decrease of student discipline problems since its implementation. Our students are excited to demonstrate their ability to navigate the trials and tribulations of the middle school years with kindness, empathy and an open-mind.

Having trouble with behavior? Use this model to reinforce positive behavior at home!



NEWS TO KNOW

CHIPPEWA VALLEY FOOD SERVICE

The Chippewa Valley Schools Food Service Department would like to welcome you to the 2023/2024 School Year. New lunch menus are available at the beginning of each month.

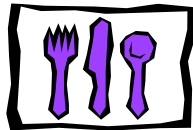
Free and Reduced Meal Applications:

- **Complete only ONE application per family, even if your students attend school in different buildings within the district.**
- Students who were on the program at the end of last school year remained on the program through mid-October. **Everyone must submit a new application prior to that date or all benefits stopped.**
- Students who receive a pre-approved letter do NOT need to re-apply.
- Applications can be submitted electronically at chippewavalley.familyportal.cloud.

To open/replenish your student's Debit Account, follow these steps:

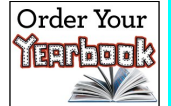
1. Send a check (payable to CV Food Service) or cash to school with your student. For complete accuracy, include your student's name in the "memo" portion of your personal check.
2. Student gives the check/cash to the cashier in the cafeteria who will open/replenish the student's account on the spot.
3. **Students are not permitted to charge lunch or any food item.**
4. Debit accounts can be replenished electronically at chippewavalley.familyportal.cloud. Balances are automatically rolled over from year to year for all students.

If you have further questions regarding the Free and Reduced Lunch Program or the Debit Card Program, call the Food Service Hotline at 586-723-2294.



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. Yearbook prices start at \$15 and can be customized for an additional cost. Visit: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> to order. Our yearbook ID code is: 1529624. The yearbook price will increase to \$20 effective January 1, 2024.



YEARBOOK COVER

We would like to thank the wonderful entries for the 2023-2024 Yearbook Cover Contest. We are excited to announce that Claire Nehra will have her drawing featured on the front cover of our yearbook and Stefani Spasovski will have her drawing featured on the back cover of the yearbook. Congratulations to both Claire and Stefani. Thank you again everyone who entered!



HIGH SCHOOL 9TH GRADE SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Counselors from Chippewa Valley and Dakota will come to Iroquois to help students input their scheduling information for high school sometime in March.

Chippewa Valley High School

Chippewa Valley High School will be hosting an 8th Grade Parent Meeting to help educate parents on the scheduling process. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 13, 2024 from 6:00-7:00PM** in the Chippewa Valley High School Auditorium (just inside Entrance A). This meeting is for parents/guardians only. Parents are then encouraged to attend the **Chippewa Valley High School Curriculum Fair from 6:30-8:00PM** in the Chippewa Valley High School Cafeteria. This is an opportunity to visit with departmental representatives to learn about their programs and see what CVHS has to offer for course selections.

Dakota High School

The Dakota High School 8th Grade Parent Meeting and Curriculum Fair has not yet been scheduled. More information will be provided once a date is released.

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

Throughout the school year, your student will be taking a series of assessments for placement into high school courses. These tests will evaluate their skills in reading comprehension, algebra readiness and other mathematical concepts. It is **ESSENTIAL** that parents reinforce the importance of these assessments to their students. Each student must try their personal best so that they can be appropriately placed into high school courses for their freshman year.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council Officers

President: Bryce Mahar
Vice President: Delaney O'Neill
Treasurer: Tyler Pardon
Secretary: Layla Gendernelle
Historian: Harper Merida

Student Council Meeting Dates

November 10	February 2 (7:45AM)
December 15	March 22
January 5	April 19
January 26	May 17

Meetings are held from 7:15-7:45AM in the Media Center

Sponsor

Shannon Lafrate: slafrate@cvs.k12.mi.us

STUDENT COUNCIL SALES

BAGEL SALES: January 18, March 14, May 16
DONUT SALES: November 2, December 14, February 15, April 18
ALL ITEMS ARE \$2

Student Council Members

6th Grade: Kourtney Acabo, Giovanna Balsamo, Alison Blazejewski, Kendall Bradley, Sophie Castone, Austin Cooper, Tudor Cristea, Mya Fohey, Aeriella Goddard, Sabrina Hager, Landon Harper, Emmanuel Kasotakis, Natalia Kort, Emi Kulla, Mikayla Maurer, Elena Mitchell, Karley Novak, Allison Nowakowski, Obong Umana, Braedan Williams Allen

7th Grade: Samantha Boisvert, Charlotte Campbell, Gavin Cooney, Aaron Cooney, Kaitlyn Davis, Malaya Delossantos, Avneet Deo, Andrei Eguia, Chloe Farley, Kamiah Hughes, Gabrielle LaRue, Daniella Lucaj, Matthew Majchrzak, Jack Noe, Hailey Ross, Kinley Scalici, Kaylani Scott, Annabella Shyti, Ryan Spiewack, Liam Zabkowski

8th Grade: Damilola Abejide, Liam Arnold, Ina Batayola, Olivia Boron, Madalyn Bratke, Samuel Cooper, Ella Drawz, Jack Drawz, Olivia Galick, Emma Griessel, Brenden Hamilton, Eva Janowsky, Lourdes Kanno, Kaylee King, Anderson Little, Anthony McCarthy, Avery Menzo, Garbielle Mercier, Aliya Mroue, Alivia Nimo, Natalie Patterson, Sahej Randhawa, Sofia Reo, David Sibley, Julia Smolinski, Hayden Solomon, Felicia Thompson, Mya Zelenak

CANNED FOOD/GIFT CARD DRIVE



Student Council is sponsoring a Canned Food Drive from November 2-10 and a Gift Card Drive November 8-17 to help the Iroquois families

and families in the community that need assistance for the Thanksgiving season. Canned Goods should be given to their homeroom teacher as the homeroom that collects the most will win cider and donuts. Gift cards should be in \$5 or \$10 increments and can be purchased from Kroger, Meijer, Target, Walmart or similar stores. Students that donate \$10 in gift cards will be entered into a drawing to win cider and donuts for their lunch table. The Student Council appreciates your support in helping families in our community.



Restaurants of the Month

November 15: Panda Express
December 14: Mod Pizza

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

From December 4-13, Student Council is sponsoring a Christmas Toy Drive to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan's SNOWPILE event. Each year, SNOWPILE allows parents of hospitalized patients to "shop" for presents for their child and his or her siblings at the holidays. Thanks to many generous corporate and individual donors, these parents can experience unexpected holiday joy without having to leave their sick child's bedside. More information, including the SNOWPILE wish list, will be available on our Student Council page on the Iroquois' website as the event gets closer.



TRIVIA TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, December 21, Student Council will be hosting a Trivia Tournament from 6:00-9:00PM. Registration will be through PaySchools Central. Watch the morning announcements for details on how to register your team of 4 players. The entrance fee is \$10.00 per person.

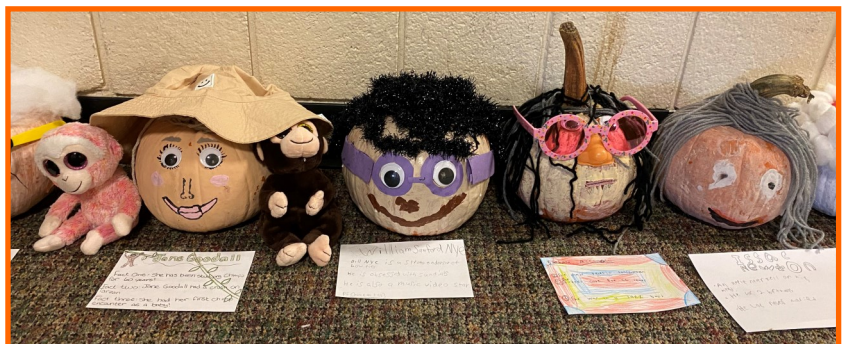
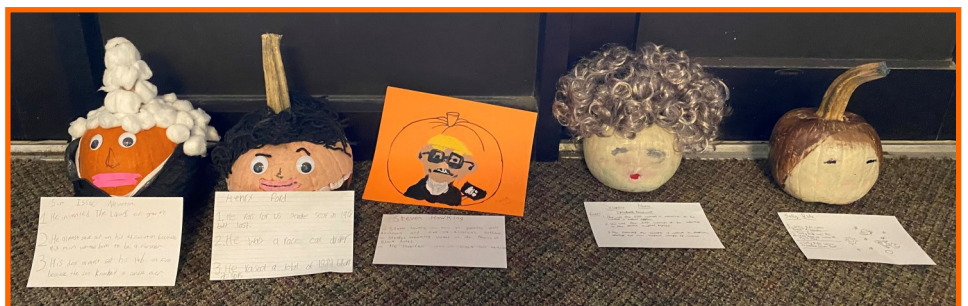
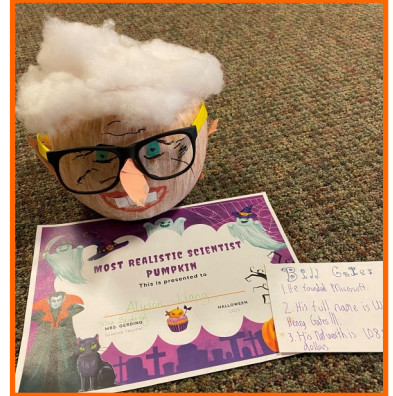
Winners will receive a holiday gift basket and their team's name on a school trophy.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

6TH GRADE PUMPKIN CONTEST

6th Grade Science classes decorated pumpkins in the likeness of famous scientists. The winners were Sofia DiPalma (Sally Ride), Landon Harper (Stephen Hawking), Alyson Liang (Bill Gates) and Gavin Milam (Stephen Hawking). Below are pictures of other famous scientist pumpkins.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

PANTHER PROWL

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the students and parents for supporting Iroquois' Panther Prowl. On October 5, 2023, students and staff participated in the Panther Prowl and because of everyone's generosity, we were able to raise almost \$40,000! Staff will have the opportunity to apply for funds that will directly impact students. Prowl monies have been used for assemblies, flexible seating in classrooms, Science Alive presentations, classroom magazine subscriptions, frames for student artwork and much more!

Our Top Donors donated \$300 or more and will have their name displayed on our Iroquois Top Donor banner to be hung in our school! Thank you to the following students:

Malana Adams	Addison Coplen	Maksim Jacimovic	Andrew Rabine
Madison Barrett	Landon Doeblor	Lucy Kearns	Gabriella Robinson
Ella Bench	Caleb Dowdy	Leonidas Konja	Natalia Rubino
Kylie Brunson	Jeffrey Elgert	Jackson Lucas	Sarah Sheats
Alison Blazejewski	Lourdes Kanno	Evan Luxon	Nathaniel Smith
Kendall Bradley	Francesco Farnese	Madison Mangeno	Liam Wagoner
Samantha Brandt	Fabion Feri	Makenzie Mangeno	Edward Warda
Viktor Bunjaj	Layla Gendernelle	Gabriella Mercier	Braedan Williams Allen
Connor Cameron	Hailey Goemaere	Onilyn Poppema	Gabriella Yurgo
Tyler Christensen	Mason Hedges	Marina Putrus	Michael Zamesnik
Conner Cole	Joshua Hill	Alexander Rabine	

Also, Rosemary Tharrett, Iroquois Paraeducator and her husband donated a \$500 Best Buy Gift Card which was raffled among all students who donated. Congratulations to Matteo Bommarito for winning that awesome prize! And, a special thank you for Rose and her husband for the donation! We also raffled off Apple AirPods that went to Sarah Sheats and a Nintendo Switch that went to Adrienne Perfetto. Congratulations to Mr. Lerchenfeldt's, Mrs. Silver's and Mrs. Grubb's homeroom classes for raising the most for each grade. They were rewarded with a Chick-Fil-A breakfast.



THANK YOU AGAIN FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S PANTHER PROWL SO SUCCESSFUL!!

Thank You

Iroquois Middle School would like to thank the businesses who generously donated prizes to the Panther Prowl.

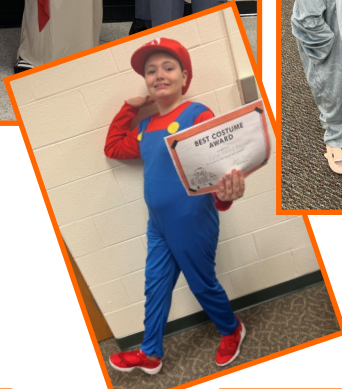
Applebee's	Envy Nails	Nothing Bundt Cakes
Burger King	Hungry Howie's Pizza	Orange Leaf
Carter's Cantina	Imperial Lanes	Panda Express
Chipotle	Jersey Mike's	Qdoba
Chippewa Valley High School	Jet's Pizza	Red Robin
CJ Barrymore's	Jimmy John's Field	Scoop & Twist
Cookies & Chaos	Jimmy John's Sandwich Shop	Sky Zone
Culver's	Juan Miguel's	Suburban Ice
Dakota High School	Lifetime Fitness	Target
Detroit Red Wings	Meijer	Top Golf
Detroit Wing Company	MJR Theater	Tropical Smoothie Cafe
Imagine Theater	Noodles & Company	Urban Air Adventure Park

Thank you to the Iroquois teachers and staff, the Panther Prowl volunteers who worked to secure donations, sort prizes, and help during the event, and all of the Iroquois families who donated gift cards, bottled water, and candy.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

The Student Council held a Costume Contest for Halloween. Congratulations to Ethan Barton (8th), Myles Pease (7th) and Brayden Gough (6th) for winning the contest from their respective grades. We'd also like to share some other fabulous costumes from our staff and students.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 National Junior Honor Society Members

The students listed below applied for membership to NJHS. They were selected based upon their applications, GPA and teacher recommendations.

Damilola Abejide	Aiden Garlinghouse	Eleni Manousakakis	Sofia Reo
Sloan Ala	Elizabeth Garrisi	Elynn Marx	Ava Roels
Viviana Amato	Layla Gendernelle	Addyson Matta	Zachary Sawa
Violet Anderson	Sofia Gonzalez-Ruiz	Kaleb McCallum	Jack Short
Anthony Arini	Caden Graves	Anthony McCarthy	David Sibley
Liam Arnold	Emma Griessel	Avery Menzo	Juliana Sinadinoski
Natalie Atienza	Brenden Hamilton	Garbriella Mercier	Kendyl Smith
Cameron Bajis	Naomi Hardy	Chase Minello	Julia Smolinski
Jacob Barron	Sarah Hoffman	Aliya Mroue	Henrik Soderberg
Ina Batayola	Eva Jankowsky	Luke Nafso	Hayden Solomon
Owen Bierlein	Tyler Jones	Claire Nehra	Nishan Starks
Olivia Boron	Savannah Jordan	Gwen Nguyen	Spencer Sunde
Samantha Brandt	Elijah Judkins	Alivia Nimo	Alejandro Velasco
Madalyn Bratke	Iris Kamberaj	Mariana Panevski	Frank Vollaro
Connor Cameron	Katerina Kasotakis	Nikola Panevski	Olivia Wood
Artem Darmogray	Russell Laursen	Tyler Pardon	Kane Yates
James DiNello	Anderson Little	Kaylee Peters	Angela Yi
Francesco Farnese	Ismar Livadic	Angel Pham	Mya Zelenak
Olivia Galich	Maya Lorenzo	Sahej Randhawa	
Sophai Galich	Bryce Mahar	Giulia Rejuso	

Meeting Dates

November 16
December 7
January 11
February 8
March 7
April 25
May 23

All meetings at 7:15AM
in the Media Center

Community Service Hours

Due Dates

January 19
March 28
May 23

OFFICERS

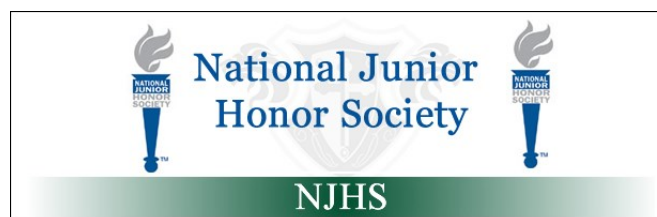
President: Artem Darmogray

Secretary: Samantha Brandt

Vice President: Hayden Solomon

Historian: Claire Nehra

The Iroquois National Junior Honor Society members are off to a great start this year living up to the NJHS motto of "Service Over Self." In addition to their own self-selected community service hours, many members have been helping Iroquois including concessions sales at our sporting events and recycling throughout the building. There will be some fun opportunities coming up, including the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Bellingring. So, keep an eye out for their smiling faces throughout our community! Our officers are also busy brainstorming and planning for future service projects for the year. Stay tuned for updates on all of the exciting ways our members continue to make our community a better place!



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 rather in 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 will be given a special token of appreciation and a certificate. **Congratulations to our Students of the Month for September, 2023:**

6th Grade: Sophia Dessert, Sofia DiPalma, Adriana Evely, Melani Gjorovski, Mason Hedges, MacKenzie Hower, Leonidas Konja, Rosalia Passalacqua

7th Grade: Samantha Boisvert, Kaityln Davis, Landon Houghtaling, Christian Michaels, Delaney O’Neill, Taylor Schmidt, Riley Smith, Liam Zabkowski

8th Grade: Ryan Aleardi, Dominic Bommarito, Jack Drawz, Michael Gjysma, Benjamin Hallendy, Tyler Hartland, Adelyn Hrydziuszko, Gavin Jankowski, Lucas Reygaert, Grace Rivard, Youael Stephan



RED RIBBON MONTH

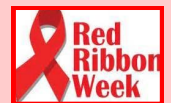
Last month during Red Ribbon Week, students were asked to sign contracts stating that they had a discussion with their parents about the danger of using drugs. Of those contracts that were submitted, student’s names were drawn for prizes. The winners of the prizes were:

CJ Barrymore's: Sophie Castone, Kayla McKinnon, Vance Russell

Barnes & Noble: Autumn Karpinski, Eleanor Soderberg, Lucas Zizelman

Imperial Lanes Bowling: Aiden Garlinghouse, Tyler Hartland, Gabrielle LaRue, Anthony Meraja, Cassandra Metcalfe, Aliya Mroue, Adrienne Perfetto, Imran Qureshi, Ally Ruszala, David Sibley, Joshua Thoel, Mason Ung, Mya Zelenek

Congratulations to all the Iroquois students for their participation and commitment to remain drug free!



Spectator Rules for Iroquois Athletic Contests

Iroquois Athletic Event

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS...

Be RESPECTFUL. Be RESPONSIBLE. Be SAFE.



- Students must receive an eligibility stamp or bracelet to attend all after-school events. Eligibility is based upon behavior, attendance and academics.
- Enter the gym no earlier than 3:00PM. 7th Grade games begin at 3:30PM and 8th grade games begin at approximately 4:45PM.
- Please arrange (**in advance**) a ride home from the games. You should only leave the building once your ride has arrived. The 7th grade games end at approximately 4:40PM. The 8th grade games end at approximately 6:00PM. You should not be in the building after 6:00PM.
- Students must stay in designated student sections during the game.
- Students **will not** be able to go to their lockers during or after the games.
- Spectators should enter through the Athletic Entrance and will use the bathrooms outside the of the gym. Locker Rooms are for the athletes and coaches only.
- We do allow food and drink in the stands; however, you must throw empty cans, bottles, wrappers and bags in the garbage cans located at the ends of the bleachers. **Students are not allowed to leave school and go to 7-Eleven.** Those that do will not be allowed to re-enter.
- Stand and show respect during the National Anthem.
- Students will cheer and support teams in a positive and sportsman-like manner.
- All rules in the Code of Conduct are in effect at games. Students are responsible for their behavior.

Be a part of the SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Boys Basketball Schedule 2022-2023

Date	Opponent	Location
11/30	ABS	Home
12/7	LCE	Away
12/11	Fraser	Home
12/13	ABN	Home
1/4	LCC	Away
1/8	Romeo 2	Away
1/11	LCN	Home
1/16	Romeo 1	Away
1/18	LCS	Away
1/22	Wyandot	Home
1/23	Seneca	Away
1/24	Algonquin	Home

Game Times—7th Grade @ 3:30PM
8th Grade @ 4:45PM (approximately)



7th & 8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TRY-OUTS

7th Grade Iroquois Boys Basketball

Try-Out Dates and Times:

Friday, November 3rd 3:00-4:30PM
Monday, November 6th 3:00-4:30PM
Wednesday, November 8th 3:00-4:30PM (Cut Day)
Jeremy Thoel, 7th Grade Basketball Coach (586-723-3755)
jthoel02@cvs.k12.mi.us

8th Grade Iroquois Boys Basketball

Try-Out Dates and Times:

Friday, November 3rd 4:30-6:00PM
Monday, November 6th 4:30-6:00PM
Wednesday, November 8th 4:00-5:30PM (Cut Day)
Jeff Vitale, 7th Grade Basketball Coach (586-723-3807)
jvitale@cvs.k12.mi.us



Any players trying out for a team **must** have the following items:

1. A **current** athletic physical dated after **April 15, 2023** (unless they played football or volleyball for Iroquois this season).
2. Please wear gym shorts, t-shirt, basketball shoes or tennis shoes. It is helpful if the t-shirt has their last name on the back for identification.

TRYOUTS ARE **CLOSED** TO ALL SPECTATORS.
PLEASE WAIT FOR YOUR CHILD OUTSIDE OF THE GYM. THANK YOU!

VOLLEYBALL

The 7th Grade Volleyball team had a fun season with a record of 7-5. The girls fought hard each game and gave their best effort. Each girl improved throughout the season in serving, setting, passing and hitting. All the girls had a great attitude and tried their best at every practice and game. They are dedicated to improving in the off season and will work hard at making the 8th grade team next year. Congratulations on a successful season girls!
- Coach Corbin



The 2023 8th Grade Volleyball team was a very special group of girls. This team displayed good sportsmanship, dedication, and positive attitudes. These girls always worked hard and were determined to play their best at every game. This team encouraged each other and played as a team. They improved every step of the way to a very successful season. We ended our season with an impressive 11 - 1 record and finished in 1st place in our league. Congratulations girls on an incredible season!
- Coach George



FOOTBALL

The 7th grade football team got off to a tough start losing to 4 tough teams in the beginning of the season. The team showed no quit as they closed the season with two hard-fought wins over Seneca and Bemis. The boys improved steadily throughout the season and we are looking forward to see how they do as 8th graders next year!



The 8th grade football team had a tremendous start to the season tying a tough Anchor Bay North team 22-22. The team then went on a roll closing the season with 5 straight wins to cap off an undefeated season and league championship! The most memorable game of the season was at Malow as the team was 12-0 at halftime to come back and win the game. Mr. Vitale and Mr. Matway said that it was a true pleasure to coach the boys this season. This team had great chemistry and depth. We can't wait to see what they can do in high school!!! Great season 8th grade!! Remember, you're always a Panther!!

