



DeWitt PTA News

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Message From The Principal

Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers, Families and Staff,

Welcome back for a new beginning as we embark on the 2017-18 academic year at DeWitt Middle School. I hope you all had a great summer break away from our learning community and each of you are looking forward with enthusiasm and confidence to the new school year.

Each year we extend an open invitation for families to volunteer, chaperone, be a presenter, and get involved in the teaching and learning process of our school. It takes a village to raise, affirm and validate

PTA Meeting
Tuesday, October 10
7:00 pm In
the Choir Room.

a child and teamwork to collaborate and communicate in building a culture of excellence. However, none of this would be possible without your active engagement. Your role is essential and critical to the education journey of every student.

Our goal is to provide all learners with the opportunity to excel in academics, athletics, fine and performing arts, as well as other activities so they may become positive, contributing members of our school, local and global community. Remember, DeWitt is a learning community where everyone belongs and every day is an opportunity for success by doing your best. This goal and mantra supports the District's mission to: engage, educate and empower our learners.

As we all know, middle school is a special time for rapid growth and change on many levels; Be it physical, mental, emotional and social. This phase also contributes to the foundation for habits of mind and habits of behavior for the rest of their life; Preparing them for college and career readiness. There will be many routines, demands, and challenges that each will face over the course of the year as

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Mac M. Knight, Principal

**Stay
Informed!**

Join The DeWitt PTA Listserv!

Sign-up on the DeWitt Listserv to receive important information regarding school events, choir/band, PTA events, and community announcements! Sign-up at dewittpta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com with "Join Listserv" in the subject line.

they strive to become critical thinkers, problem solvers, goal setters, and informed decision makers. Each student will expand social networks and boundaries, while mastering the rigor of subjects and becoming independent learners. The use of chromebooks will enhance their learning while accelerating access to information and opening doors to become global citizens.

In helping our students reach their full potential, it is essential that home and school work cooperatively and collaboratively to provide the maximum support. Please help support your child by:

- Reviewing handbook together to learn school policies
- Insisting on daily attendance and the importance of being on time
- Being an active and engaged parent by communicating with teachers and joining the PTA, attending school events (Bring your Family to School Night, October 5 (schedule and times to be announced))
- Teaching your child to be organized using daily planner and good time management (Check calendar and website for ongoing school events)
- Setting up a specific time and space to study that is quiet and free from distractions, if possible
- Helping your child learn and apply good social skills, listening, cooperation, respecting differences, being supportive and managing emotions and conflicts
- Talking about bullying, cyber bullying, peer pressure and encourage them to inform adults and not be a bystander.

Checking in with your child daily regarding their school day making sure they bring their charged chromebook and a water bottle.

- Monitoring their use of the chromebooks daily as we continue to improve the filtering systems.
- Monitoring the weight of their backpacks and encourage them to use their lockers to reduce the weight throughout the day

Things to consider for the upcoming year:

- Every student should bring a water bottle to school as we move away from using paper cups.
- Three lunch periods that will be grade specific
- Different bell schedule for grade 6 and grades 7th/8th

Look for more information to come regarding the following:

- Superintendent Advisory Council and Circle of Courage Council for student advocacy and voice
- Implementation of PBL (project/problem based learning) curriculum and units of instruction
- After-school programs, homework and other clubs with late bus on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
- Scope and sequence for self-discipline expectations in student handbook

The middle school years are very important times to teach habits of mind and behavior that will support a positive and safe learning environment. The culture of the school is defined and created by the students, staff, families and community members in attendance. There will be a unified focus and effort in redefining and communicating school-wide expectations to promote a positive and engaging school climate for teaching and learning. We are asking for your continued support in making DeWitt a positive, healthy, safe and nurturing learning community for every student. Therefore, your timely communication, feedback, questions, suggestions, visits and concerns are important to us. Don't hesitate to contact or inform us so we can be timely and strategic in our response.

I look forward to working with you this school year. Let US make it the best one ever!

*Be in peace,
Mac M. Knight*

Chromebooks

All students will be issued a Dell Chromebook 11 in the beginning of the school year.

Informations about the Chrome Book Policy can be found at

<http://www.ithacacityschools.org/contentonly.cfm?pageid=305>

Chrome Book use forms and the link to the Chrome Book handbook will be sent from Ithaca City School District.



Message from the DeWitt PTA



We, the Dewitt Parent/Teacher Association (PTA), would like to welcome all new and returning families to Dewitt. We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. As the school year fast approaches we are looking forward to another great year at Dewitt.

We kick the year off with our welcome back picnic on September 15th at 6 PM. This year we will have it at the school. Please consider volunteering to help out.

Our first PTA meeting will be Tuesday October 10th at 7PM in the music room at Dewitt.

Research shows that children do better in school when their parents/caregivers and families are involved both at home and at school. Grades are higher, test scores rise, self-esteem grows and schools improve. We welcome and encourage your involvement as a board member, event volunteer or your membership donation if you do not have time to give. Programs we support include the Welcome Picnic, International Night, Bring your family to school night, Staff Appreciation luncheon, field trips and more.

We look forward to meeting you and a great school year together. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us. If you have ideas or topics that you would like the PTA to discuss we would love to hear them.

Sincerely,
Melissa Rachlinski
mrachlinski@gmail.com

Open House

Thursday, October 5

Students bring your family to school to meet your teachers and learn about your schedule and curriculum.

Students will lead their family through the class schedule, spending a few minutes with each teacher, and learning some particulars of the subject area, and what will happen over the year. Light refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

Watch for messages from the listserv and check the PTA website (www.dewittpta.org) for more information.

Older grades typically help make the event possible by bringing finger foods to the cafeteria. Please contact Anne Thomas at aburnsthomas@yahoo.com if you can help. Thank you.

Teach someone to code and they'll change the world



WICC x Girls Who Code

Women in Computing at Cornell (WICC) is collaborating with Girls Who Code and Google's IgniteCS to bring computer science workshops to the community! Our GWC clubs, aimed at girls and underrepresented minorities, introduce middle and high schoolers to Computer Science. We hope to expose students to a new, exciting field and spark their interest in technology.

Interested in joining?

Find out more at wicc.acm.org/outreach.php

All genders welcome | No experience necessary!



wicc.acm.org



girlswhocode.com

*The DeWitt Middle School PTA invites
you to its Welcome Picnic.*

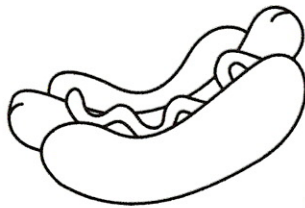


Who's invited? Your entire family!

When? Friday Sept. 15th from 6-8pm

Where? DeWitt Middle School

What to bring? Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. You could also bring a Frisbee or ball for the kids to play.



*We'll provide hot dogs,
not dogs, and water*

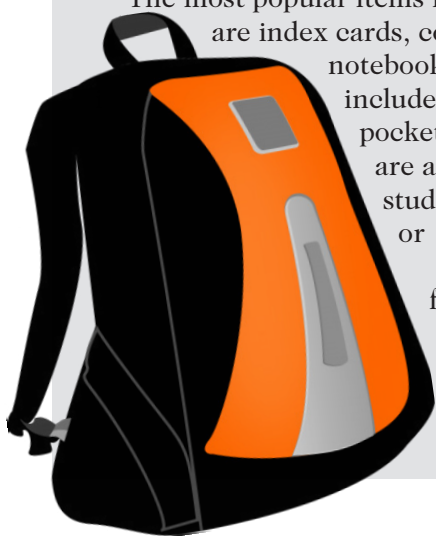
Free School Supply Closet with Its Pass-It-On Point of View

At one time or another, nearly everyone has found themselves lacking a pencil, ruler, notebook, or other important item for school—whether through forgetfulness, carelessness, or an inability to acquire the item in the first place. If any of the above describes you—or a student you know—take note of the School Supply Closet, a free-to-students service run by **Penny Boynton**, DeWitt's Family Liaison.

The closet runs on a “pass-it-on” gift philosophy. If any student, for any reason, needs a school supply, that student can stop by Penny's office (or browse the auxiliary supply cart located just outside her office—her door opens into the cafeteria) and take whatever supplies are needed. The pass-it-on part is this: students who have the means—whether now or at any time in the future—are asked to give back to the closet. So, a student could take a pencil one day, but give back with a three-ring binder a day later, a year later, or still later as an adult.

The most popular items in the closet at the start of the school year are index cards, colored pencils, markers, and loose-leaf notebook paper. Other perennially popular supplies include spiral notebooks, three-ring binders, pocket folders, and binder dividers. Backpacks are also a desired item in the closet, and students can trade backpacks in, if their tastes or needs change.

The PTA provides the closet with funding for some items, but students' families are encouraged to donate extra supplies to ensure that the closet is always stocked. Thank you for your help!



Parent/Teacher Conferences at DeWitt

If your student attended elementary school in the Ithaca City School District, you've probably already been to a few parent-teacher conferences and you know that parent-teacher conference days are marked on the official ICSD calendar. However, once a student moves up to middle school, these conferences don't occur automatically.

If you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's teachers, contact their Guidance Counselor: Leann Young (leann.young@icsd.k12.ny.us) for last names from A-K; Alan Miller (alan.miller@icsd.k12.ny.us) for last names L-Z.

For an overall feel for your child's teachers, schedule and classrooms, be sure to attend Open House Night, which will be on Thursday, September 29 (see page 3 of this newsletter).

Another way to stay informed with your child's progress is by signing up for the SchoolTool Parent Portal. Details can be found on the ICSD website.

Site-Based Shared Decision-Making Council:

**Your Chance to Have a Voice at DeWitt
Open to all DeWitt Parents and Caregivers**

The DeWitt learning community is fortunate to have students and parents who are interested in making decisions that influence our continued success. As a result, we have provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to be active participants and have a voice in the future planning and growth of DeWitt. Topics discussed might include: hiring, budget issues, school safety, grounds and facilities improvements.

Please take advantage of this opportunity and join our collaborative team. Everyone is welcome. Get involved and support our mission for excellence! Meeting dates and times will be announced in October. We look forward to seeing you!

—Mac Knight

DeWitt Cafeteria Prices

The meal prices are:

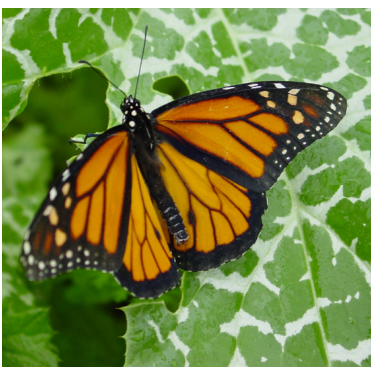
**\$1.75 breakfast (\$0.25 for reduced),
\$2.85 lunch (\$0.25 for reduced).**

The Ithaca City School District Child Nutrition Program incorporates farm-to-school practices by purchasing fresh produce from local farmers. Additionally, the program uses these fresh ingredients to prepare plant-based recipes from scratch.

For information and online account payment, go to: <http://www.ithacacityschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=232>

Explore Life!

its diversity and beauty at
Cayuga Nature Center



- ◆ View live **animals** in indoor and outdoor exhibits.
- ◆ Climb **TreeTops** our six-story tree house.
- ◆ Learn about the **ecology** of the Cayuga basin in our historic **Lodge**.
- ◆ Sign up for our **Schools Out!** and **Summer Camp** programs.
- ◆ Explore miles of **hiking trails**.



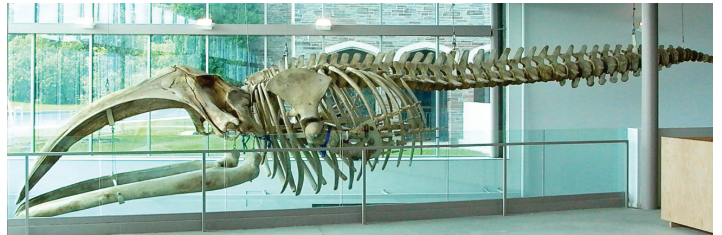
CAYUGA NATURE CENTER

1420 Taughannock Blvd, Ithaca, NY
(607) 273-6260

priweb.org/naturecenter

Discover Life!

its origins and evolution at
Museum of the Earth



- ◆ Journey back through time to discover the **evolution of life** on Earth.
- ◆ View the huge **Hyde Park Mastodon** and **Right Whale #2030** skeletons.
- ◆ Watch as specimens are uncovered in our **Museum Prep Lab**.
- ◆ Discover the diversity of life in our **coral reefs**.



MUSEUM OF THE EARTH

1259 Trumansburg Road, Ithaca, NY
(607) 273-6623

priweb.org

School Bus Information

Families should expect to receive their student's bus assignments and pick-up times in the mail the week before school. Students will also be bringing home a booklet about transportation from school the first week of school.

Please call the ICSD transportation department, at 607-274-2128, if you have any questions.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

When dropping off or picking up your child at DeWitt, please make use of the drop-off/pick-up area at the North exit (parking lot exit).

Please follow the one-way direction of cars to create a smooth flow of traffic, and be patient during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. In order to keep the flow of traffic moving, it is important that drivers pull up as far as possible in the drop-off area.

It is critical to pay attention to cars moving in all directions and, more importantly, check for pedestrians crossing the lanes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Parking Reminder

For the safety of everyone in the DeWitt school community, please do not park in the Fire Lane area. Even if you are picking up your child, you must park in a parking spot, not the Fire Lane.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Transportation Information

Did you know that ICSD schools have Transportation Liaisons? Your liaison, Penny Boynton (pboynton@icsd.k12.ny.us) can help you figure out how to get to school meetings and events, and get your child to sports events, enrichment classes, and more.

Liaisons know the latest news on transportation services and supports to get to school and wherever else you need to go. Look out for updates in the DeWitt newsletter or emails. Check out the options below:

FOR INFO:

Dial 2-1-1 for information on current transportation services and supports. Or see ccetompkins.org/community/way2go for more information and tips on ways to get around.



Take Charge of Your Transportation

RED (Retired Educators Drive):

Rides to school meetings and activities by volunteer drivers, as available. Contact RED two or more days in advance by emailing redschoolrides@gmail.com or calling the RED coordinator at 607-659-5003. Drivers decide which and how many rides to offer – even just one ride makes a difference!

TCAT:

Youth (6 to 17) semester passes, for September 1st to January 31st, or February 1st to June 30th: \$30 (Zone 1); \$40 (Zone 2). A 15-ride pass for youth is \$10 (Zone 1) or \$17 (Zone 2) and can be used over any period of time. For more information, go to: www.tcatbus.com or 607-277-7433 (277-RIDE).



TAXIS:

Collegetown Cab: 588-8888. Ithaca Dispatch: 277-7777.

WORKING FAMILIES TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE:

Up to two months of discounted gas cards, bus passes or City and rides for qualifying families. Call Cynthia Kloppel at 274-5022.

COMMUNITY SHARE:

We encourage you to look to your neighbors and other parents who live near you, who may be able to help get children to school or school events. Bring together members of your community today so that students can get to school, to sporting events and even rehearsals for music and art programs.



Opening Your Locker

Opening lockers can sometimes be difficult and frustrating. If your child is having difficulty with their locker, please encourage them to get help from a friend, a teacher, or from the school office. 6th graders will have the first day of school to practice. Below are the directions for how to work the combination dials on the school lockers.

Step 1: Start by spinning the dial to the right, passing the number zero two times past the indicator point. On the second spin, stop at zero. The zero should be lined up with the indicator point on the lock (as in the illustration above.)

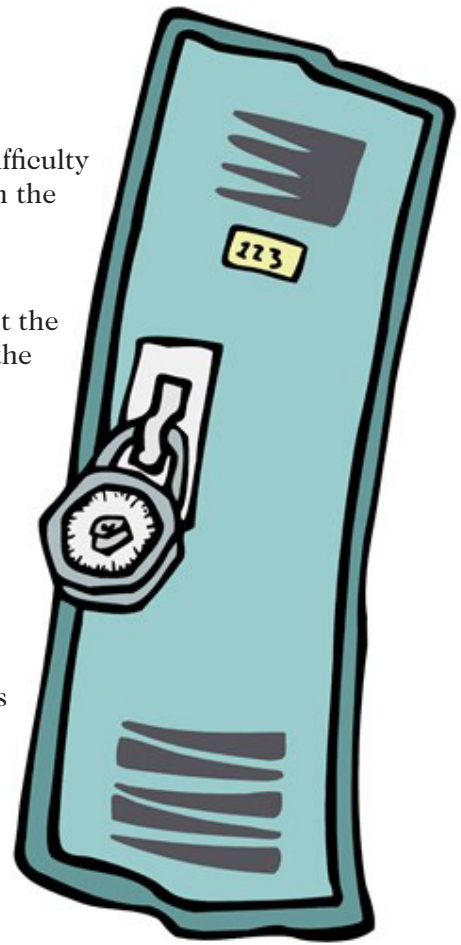
Step 2: Starting from zero, turn dial to the right and stop at the first number of your combination.

Step 3: Turn dial to the left and pass your first number one time before stopping at your second combination number.

Step 4: Turn dial to the right and stop at your last combination number.

Step 5: Pull dial out toward you and continue turning to the right until the lock clicks and the locker opens.

If you are having any trouble with your locker, please report to the main office, or tell an adult as quickly as possible so we can help



Future Science Leaders

2017-2018 Kick-Off

Friday, October 6
5 - 9 pm @ Sciencenter

**Learn how you can become a
Future Science Leader!**

Participate in creative challenges, explore the four different strands of FSL, meet other participants, and more!



Sciencenter

601 1st St., Ithaca, NY 607.272.0600 • www.sciencenter.org

**Develop
activities!**

**Experiment with
Python coding!**

**Design & test
exhibits!**

**Work with
museum experts!**



Email lvanderzee@sciencenter.org for details.

French Club News

Parlez-vous français?

Voulez-vous parler français?

Join French Club!

Come for fun games and activities to improve your French and earn about French-speaking countries!

We cook! We sing!
We act! C'est très amusant!!

See Madame Stevenson for more information including meeting Day, time, location and registration forms.



Want To Join



TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION®

Scan the QR Code



or go to: <http://tsadewitt.blogspot.com>

The first part of the application is due on the first Friday in October. Questions may be addressed to Mr. Buchner at dbuchner@icsd.k12.ny.us.

Afterschool Film Club

Open to 6th and 7th graders

Wednesdays and Fridays after school (3:30-5:00 pm) Program runs September 27-December 1.

Guided by Cornell students, teams of DeWitt students will write, film, and edit original short movies. You can see a sample movie from our "studio" by visiting the online registration form below.

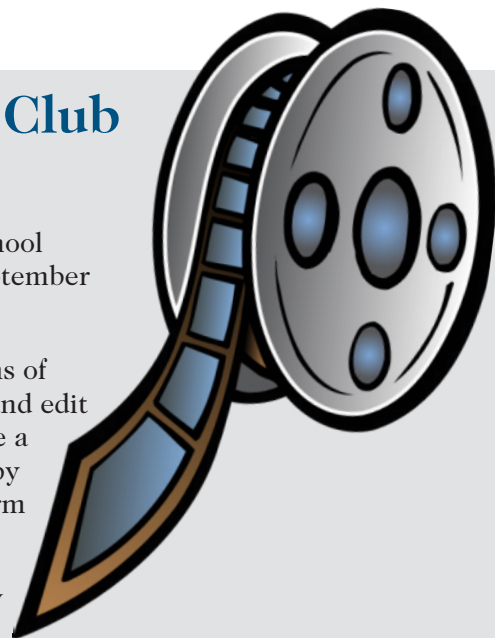
A snack will be provided, and any student who needs a late bus home will have one available.

Students can participate only if they commit to the whole program; dropping in occasionally is not allowed. Spots are limited.

To apply, please complete the registration form here:

<http://tinyurl.com/Fall17FilmClub>

Questions? Please contact Bryan Duff at (607) 255-8663 or Penny Boynton at the school.



National Junior Honor Society

Happy September! Our first meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 8:15 in my room (D105). This is a mandatory meeting. Summer hours are due at this meeting. Our induction ceremony also be on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 7:00 pm. See you there!

—Mrs. Q



Ski and Board Club.

Information about how to register, options and prices for DeWitt's Ski and Board Club will be available in a few weeks.

Registration will be done online. Families will pay for passes and equipment rental, online directly to Greek Peak. Families pay for transportation, by check or cash, directly to DeWitt.

The club goes to Greek Peak on Fridays for six consecutive weeks. We leave school at 3:40 and return to DeWitt at 9:45 PM. The start date will be announced.



Music at DeWitt

All concerts will be at Kulp Auditorium at Ithaca High School. Concert dates will be announced. Guardians are responsible for transporting their child to and from the concerts.

7/8 Choir For the 2017-2018 year:

- Performance and class requirements /expectations for this class will be distributed in September. Please be aware of calendar dates for concerts in December and May— these are required events as part of this performance-based-learning class.
- 7/8 Choir members meeting specific requirements will have opportunities to possibly participate in several Festivals this year: All-State in the fall, All-County in January, The

Hershey Competition, and the NYSSMA spring solo festival. All requirements and/or audition information will be posted late September/early October.

- There will likely be a Broadway show/NYC cultural trip again this year. Stay tuned.

Questions about 7/8 Choir requirements, opportunities, or workload for the year? Contact Ms. Kivisild: jkivisil@icsd.k12.ny.us

DeWitt 6th Grade Chorus

The Concert Dress Code is simple: All white on top and black on the bottom. No ties. Comfortable shoes. If there is a need due to economic restraints, guardians can contact me no later than two weeks prior to the concert.

Guardians can email Mr. Woodridge directly at jwoodrid@icsd.k12.ny.us.

DeWitt Band

The Concert Dress Code is simple: All white on top and black on the bottom with black shoes. Skirts must fall below the knee when sitting down.

You can contact Mr. Treat at michael.treat@icsd.k12.ny.us.

DeWitt Orchestra

The Concert Dress Code is all black. Black shirts, pants and shoes. Girls may wear black dresses that fall below the knee when sitting down.

DeWitt Middle School Musical

Stay tuned for information about this year's musical! For information contact Mr. Woodridge at jwoodrid@icsd.k12.ny.us.



**DANCE
HARD**
LIFE IS SHORT



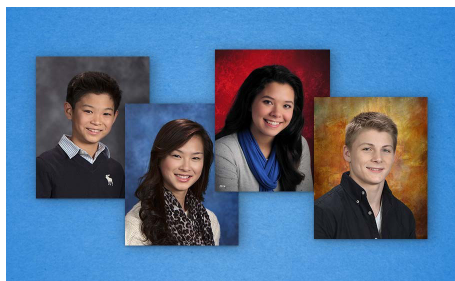
Armstrong School of Dance

15 Catherwood Rd | Ithaca | 607.266.0209 | armstrongdance.com



DeWitt's Family Liaison

Penny Boynton is DeWitt's Family Liaison. She provides support for students and families in many ways, connecting students, families, school staff and community agencies to address their needs. She is also Transportation Liaison, and oversees the Clubs program, including Homework Club. The Clubs schedule should be available in September. You can contact Penny at pboynton@icsd.k12.ny.us or 266-3554 .



Picture Day! September 28th

LifeTouch will be at DeWitt on Thursday, September 28th. They will be back at school on Friday, November 3rd for retakes.

Electronic Devices at DeWitt

The Ithaca City School Board has adopted an electronic device policy covering proper use and consequence for misuse. In applying those policies we want to make you aware of some important facts and details surrounding your child and electronic devices at DeWitt.

Students can use electronic devices to listen to music and play games before 8:30 in school lobby and in the cafeteria during break-fast/ lunch time. All other times all electronic devices must be put away, that includes devices and ear buds/headphones.

Students are not allowed to text or go on social media sites (Facebook, Snap Chat, Instagram, etc.) at DeWitt.

DeWitt is not responsible for the loss or theft of personal electronic devices. It is important to report loss or theft immediately to the Principal or Associate Principal so that we can try and assist, however, laws restrict how much we can search to find personal items.

DeWitt Administration/Staff can confiscate your child's electronic device if it is being improperly used at DeWitt. If this happens the electronic device will be returned at the end of the school day or held onto until a parent/guardian can pick it up.

Important information to know about Social Media, Texting and Sexting:

- Did you know that any person under the age of 13 is prohibited from having a social media account. That means parent/guardian need to give permission for use of Facebook, Snap Chat, Instagram and similar sites.
- There are currently no laws in New York State specific to sexting (sexting is a form of texting whereby someone sends explicit pictures through an electronic device to one or more persons). If any person is found transferring pictures of minors the individual can be charged under States Child Pornography Statue. If a person is under 18, probation is usually recommended as a first step. Currently there is a bill that is being proposed at the state level that would send first time offenders 18 or younger to mandatory educational classes.
- If a student is negatively targeting another student through texting and it impacts the student receiving the texts daily function in school, we have the right to investigate and take appropriate action.

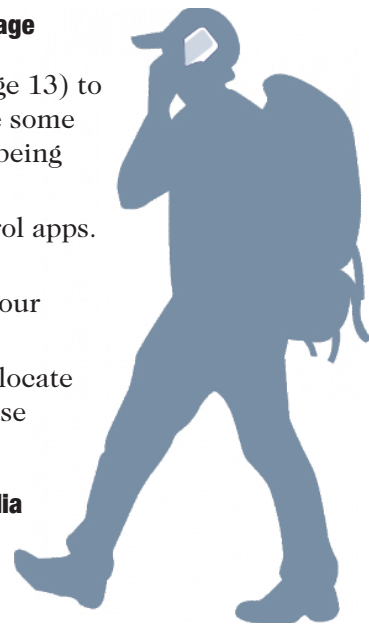
How Can I Protect and Monitor My Child's electronic usage

If you have given your child permission (under age 13) to have a social media account and or text there are some safeguards and websites that can assist you with being informed.

- Wireless Carriers have their own parental control apps. So check with your carrier.
- MamaBear App- This app allows you to locate your child, keep tabs on social media activity.
- MMGuardian is a parental control app that can locate a phone, monitor text activity and set various use restrictions.

Websites that can help keep you updated on social media

- www.commonssensemedia.org
- Stopbullying.gov





Dances at DeWitt

The School Dance schedule will be announced in early September. All dances are held on Friday evenings from 7 to 9pm. During ski season, dances are on Saturdays. Dances are held in the gymnasium with half the gym dedicated to the dance, and the other half open for basketball or other similar activities. A live DJ plays music on the dance area of gym. Music is reviewed for middle school by our DJ who is a staff member at DeWitt.

Dance entrance is through the cafeteria door by the large side parking lot.

- Ticket price will be announced in September. Tickets can be purchased during lunchtime on the Friday prior to the dance, or at the door before the dance.
- Dress code is the same as the school day. Soft-soled shoes help preserve the gym floor.
- Food and drinks are sold at the dance. Prices vary from 25¢ to \$1.
- Friends of middle school age from other schools are welcome to attend with a DeWitt student. However, you must sign them up during lunch no later than end of school day on the Friday before dance, otherwise they will not be able to attend.
- Once students arrive they cannot leave and come back unless a parent is with them.
- Dances are chaperoned by staff members and parent volunteers. Parent chaperones are always needed. Please let the Main Office know if you can help.

Fall Modified Sports

ALL START DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Please check with the Athletic Office 607-274-2155 to confirm start dates, times and locations.

Boys/Girls Cross Country

Turn in forms at DeWitt, beginning Monday, July 28, but no later than August 26.

Start Date: Monday, August 28.

Football

Turn in forms at the high school beginning Monday, July 21, but no later than August 19.

Start Date: Monday, August 21.

Boys/Girls Soccer

Turn in forms at DeWitt, beginning Monday, July 28, but no later than September 5.

Start Date: Wednesday, September 6.

Modified Girls Tennis

Turn in forms at DeWitt, beginning Monday, July 28, but no later than September 5.

Start Date: Wednesday, September 6.

Girls Volleyball

Turn in forms at DeWitt, beginning Friday July 28, but no later than September 5.

Start Date: Wednesday, September 6.

Fill Out Your Forms!

Up-to-date physicals for modified fall sports must be turned in by the dates listed above to participate in the first practice. (Please check with the Athletic Office for all start times and locations)

New forms are needed for each sport season. The "Required Eligibility and Consent Form" and the "Health History Form" are in the this newsletter on the next two pages.

You can also download forms from the ICSD website under at (<http://www.ithacacityschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1058>)

Students must have an updated physical on file in the medical office before they can participate.

For more information call the athletic office 607-274-2155

Winter Modified Sports

Modified sports offered in the winter are boys and girls basketball and boys wrestling. Check the Ithaca City School District Website later in the fall for paperwork deadlines. Paperwork may be due in October.

Modified Wrestling will begin Monday, November 6.

All other winter modified sports will begin Monday, November 13.

Ithaca City School District
REQUIRED SPORTS ELIGIBILITY AND CONSENT FORM

Student Name: _____ Sport: _____ Var/JV/Mod _____
School Student Attends: _____ Grade: _____

The following forms are needed to complete the sports approval process:

- ____ Eligibility and Consent Form / Interval Health History Form (before every sport, every season)
- ____ Proof of a current physical exam done within 12 months prior to the start of practice
- ____ Selection/Classification and Parental Permission Forms (for 7th and 8th graders trying out for a JV or Varsity sport). A physical fitness test may also be required, depending on the specific sport.
- ____ Medication Order that must indicate the student can self-carry and self-administer medication (for students needing medications)

*Please contact your child's school nurse if you have any questions.

Sports paperwork must be completed, signed by parent/guardian and student, and returned to the school health office no earlier than one month prior to the first day of the season. Any student who does not have a completed form turned into the health office one week after the first day of practice will NOT be eligible to participate. After a review of all forms, you may be contacted for further information. *An athlete will not be eligible to participate in the sport until medically approved by the school nurse, under the direction of the school physician.* The athletic director, coaches and athlete will be notified of sports approval.

- I give my consent to participate in the ICSD sports program.
- I understand an athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time and may not return to play until evaluated by a physician licensed in New York State. S/he must receive written clearance to return to play from that physician. **Athletes and their parents/guardians must inform their child's coach, athletic trainer or school nurse, if the athlete may have a concussion.**
- I have read the educational concussion information that can be found on the website. A copy of this concussion information may also be obtained in the school medical offices.
- I understand the element of risk of injury cannot be completely eliminated. In the event of an injury requiring medical care, I will assume responsibility for the payment of medical expenses incurred.
- I have provided complete and accurate health information on the back of this document, including all injuries and conditions.
- I agree to immediately report any new injuries, and/or change in my child's health status or change in medication orders, including taking any new medication(s) to the school nurse, athletic trainer and/or coach.
- I give my consent for communication related to my child's health care concerns between the school nurse and pertinent athletic staff/coaches, school physician and my child's primary care physician.

Name of Child's Physician: _____ Phone Number: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

MUST ALSO COMPLETE THE HEALTH HISTORY FORM

To be completed by the School Health Office: _____ Date of last Physical Exam _____

Reviewed by school nurse: _____ Date: _____ Approved: _____

Comments: _____

Drafted: 6/18/13

PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION HEALTH HISTORY FORM

(To be completed by the athlete and parent)

Name _____ Date of last physical exam _____
Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Grade _____ Sports(s) _____

Medications and Allergies: Please list all of the prescription and over-the-counter medicines and supplements (herbal and nutritional) that you are currently taking

Do you have any allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please identify specific allergy: ☐ Medicine ☐ Pollens ☐ Food ☐ Stinging Insect

Explain "Yes" answers below. Circle questions you don't know the answers to.

GENERAL QUESTIONS	Yes	No	MEDICAL QUESTIONS	Yes	No
1. Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?			26. Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise?		
2. Do you have any ongoing medical conditions? If so, please identify below: <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Infections Other: _____			27. Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine?		
3. Have you ever spent the night in the hospital?			28. Is there anyone in your family who has asthma?		
4. Have you ever had surgery?			29. Were you born without or are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle (males), your spleen, or any other organ?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU	Yes	No	30. Do you have groin pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?		
5. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING or AFTER exercise?			31. Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono) within the last month?		
6. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?			32. Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems?		
7. Does your heart ever race or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?			33. Have you had a herpes or MRSA skin infection?		
8. Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems? If so, check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure <input type="checkbox"/> A heart murmur <input type="checkbox"/> High cholesterol <input type="checkbox"/> A heart infection <input type="checkbox"/> Kawasaki disease Other: _____			34. Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?	**	
9. Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? (For example, ECG/EKG, echocardiogram)			35. Have you ever had a hit or blow to the head that caused confusion, prolonged headache, or memory problems?	**	
10. Do you get lightheaded or feel more short of breath than expected during exercise?			36. Do you have a history of seizure disorder?		
11. Have you ever had an unexplained seizure?			37. Do you have headaches with exercise?		
12. Do you get more tired or short of breath more quickly than your friends during exercise?			38. Have you ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs after being hit or falling?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY	Yes	No	39. Have you ever been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling?		
13. Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 50 (including drowning, unexplained car accident, or sudden infant death syndrome)?	*		40. Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?		
14. Does anyone in your family have hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Marfan syndrome, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome, short QT syndrome, Brugada syndrome, or catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia?			41. Do you get frequent muscle cramps when exercising?		
15. Does anyone in your family have a heart problem, pacemaker, or implanted defibrillator?			42. Do you or someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?		
16. Has anyone in your family had unexplained fainting, unexplained seizures, or near drowning?			43. Have you had any problems with your eyes, vision, ears or hearing?		
BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS	Yes	No	44. Have you had any eye injuries?		
17. Have you ever had an injury to a bone, muscle, ligament, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or a game?			45. Do you wear glasses, contact lenses, or hearing aid? (please circle)		
18. Have you ever had any broken or fractured bones or dislocated joints?			46. Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield?		
19. Have you ever had an injury that required x-rays, MRI, CT scan, injections, therapy, a brace, a cast, or crutches?			47. Do you worry about your weight?		
20. Have you ever had a stress fracture?			48. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?		
21. Have you ever been told that you have or have you had an x-ray for neck instability or atlantoaxial instability? (Down syndrome or dwarfism)			49. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods?		
22. Do you regularly use a brace, orthotics, or other assistive device?			50. Have you ever had an eating disorder?		
23. Do you have a bone, muscle, or joint injury that bothers you?			51. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a doctor?		
24. Do any of your joints become painful, swollen, feel warm, or look red?			FEMALES ONLY		
25. Do you have any history of juvenile arthritis or connective tissue disease?			52. Have you ever had a menstrual period?		
			53. How old were you when you had your first period?		
			54. How many periods have you had in the last 12 months?		
			Explain "yes" answers here		
			*If yes to #13, is your physician aware and recommending any limitations in activity?		
			*If yes to #34 or 35, was concussion evaluated, and is student cleared?		

I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the above questions are complete and correct.

Signature of athlete _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____



Fine Arts Booster Group

SUPPORTING THE ARTS IN THE ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fine Arts Booster Group
c/o IPEI
P.O. Box 4268
Ithaca, NY 14852

www.fabgithaca.org
Join the listserv,
email fineartsboosters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

president@fabgithaca.org

WHAT DO THE BOOSTERS DO?

Promote, Support and Celebrate "All the Arts for All the Kids!"

The Fine Arts Booster Group (an affiliate of the Ithaca Public Education Initiative) supports students and teachers through grants, recycling of used musical instruments, partnerships and fostering of communication. Boost arts education with your donation, your time and/or your ideas!

NAME(S): *(as will appear in the IPEI Annual Report)*

____ *I would like to remain anonymous.*

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Join the listserv by emailing fineartsboosters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

I CAN HELP WITH: _____

Communications, grants, instruments, performance booklets, web and more....

I CAN RECYCLE AN INSTRUMENT! *Email president@fabgithaca.org.*

I WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE! *Email ads@fabgithaca.org.*

I CAN SUPPORT THE BOOSTERS WITH A DONATION OF \$ _____

Any amount appreciated! \$10 to \$100 or more!... Your support goes to students and teachers (checks payable to IPEI/Fine Arts Booster Group and mail to address below or donate online at fabgithaca.org).

Donation in honor of: _____ or in memory of: _____

Please send notice of this gift to: (name and address)

Please return this form to FABG, c/o IPEI, P.O. Box 4268, Ithaca, NY 14852.

Thank you!



*"IPEI is truly the gold standard for how **communities and schools** can partner to engage, educate, and empower our young people."*
--Jason Trumble, Principal, Ithaca High School

20+ Years Supporting the ICSD

What is IPEI? The Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) is a local non-profit that makes grants to teachers and staff across the ICSD to support innovative projects and programs that connect classrooms to the community of Ithaca.

How does IPEI impact my student? IPEI's grants, totaling more than \$50,000 in 2016-17, supported programs and projects in classrooms and schools across the ICSD.

Since 2004, IPEI has also supported *Kids Discover the Trail! Ithaca*, a program allowing all ICSD students in Pre-K through fifth grade educational visits to sites along the Discovery Trail with partner classes from other schools.



A student paints her self-portrait during Boynton's "Night at the Museum," funded by a Red and Gold Grant. The student-led presentation featured stories derived from archaeological artifacts, histories and explorations that were acted out in real time.

In 2016-17 IPEI Funded:

14 Teacher Grants

45 Red and Gold Grants

2 Connecting Classrooms Grants

How you can help:

- We need **financial contributions, community partners, and volunteers.**
- Join us at the 20th IPEI Adult Spelling Bee on **March 4, 2018!**

Support from the community helps IPEI assist ICSD create the very best learning opportunities for students and teachers.

Learn more: www.ipei.org

Questions?

ipei@ipei.org 607.256.4734

Find us online @IthacaPEI



Supply Lists 2017-2018

Sixth Grade Supply list

English	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiral notebook <input type="checkbox"/> 1, two-pocket folder <input type="checkbox"/> Sticky notes (3x3) - any color
Math	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiral notebook <input type="checkbox"/> 2, two-pocket folders (preferably plastic) <input type="checkbox"/> Expo Markers - no odor, any color; set of 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters - three, in different colors <input type="checkbox"/> Optional: TI-30X IIS Calculator
Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiral notebook (that fits into the binder) <input type="checkbox"/> 1, two-pocket folder <input type="checkbox"/> 1 inch binder <input type="checkbox"/> 3 subject dividers
Social Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiral notebook <input type="checkbox"/> 1, two-pocket folder
General Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Yellow</u> plastic two-pocket pocket folder (no prongs) - for homework <input type="checkbox"/> Colored pencils <input type="checkbox"/> White-out <input type="checkbox"/> #2 Pencils (replenish throughout the year) <input type="checkbox"/> Erasers <input type="checkbox"/> Hand-held Pencil Sharpener (with shavings receptacle) <input type="checkbox"/> Ear buds or portable headphones. <input type="checkbox"/> Centimeter/Inch Ruler Optional Donations (Thank you!): <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Box of tissues (for first period class) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of pencils (for first period class) <input type="checkbox"/> Set of dry-erase markers (no odor - for first period class)

NOTE: All Students

(6th, 7th & 8th grade) will be receiving a Chromebook to use this year. They will carry the device to and from school. We strongly recommend that students have a backpack with a padded "laptop" pocket, and/or a separate padded "sleeve" to protect the device. An example of an inexpensive padded sleeve can be found at Amazon, for example: Protective sleeve for laptop by HiPro \$6.99.



Seventh Grade Supply list

**Subjects listed with * indicate classes with different supplies depending on teacher. You may want to wait to receive your schedule before purchasing these supplies.*

Math:

Ballestrea/Lory-Moran:

1 spiral notebook (or spiral with embedded folders)

1 pocket folder

1" Binder with 3 Dividers

Optional: TI-30X IIS calculator (This is the same calculator that was recommended in 6th grade.)

*Science:

Gottlieb:

1 spiral notebook (or spiral with embedded folders)

1 pocket folder

Exantus

1" 3-ring binder

1 package of dividers
(only 2 dividers needed)

English:

Cernera/Scott:

1 composition book

1 pocket folder

1 set of earbuds (dollar store earbuds are fine!)

1 highlighter of any color (to donate to class supply)

*Social Studies:

Pritz:

1 pocket folder

Engram:

Two 2-pocket folders

1 pack of colored pencils (for class supply)

1 black or blue pen

Technology Engineering

Buchner/Walters

All that is needed is a pencil and a custom printed engineering notebook. These notebooks contain drawing and design paper. If your child was a student at DeWitt in 6th grade we have saved the notebook they purchased in sixth grade, so they just need the pencil.

Student new to DeWitt are requested to bring in \$3.00 to cover the cost of their engineering notebook. If you would like to write a check please make it out to "DeWitt Student Activities." If your child is enrolled in the free/reduced meal program the notebook will be provide free of charge.

Music

1 green folder

Family Consumer Science (FCS)

A folder (can be from a previous quarterly class)

7 & 8 Choir:

Kivisild

Intermittent use of: A pocket folder and pencil for class, a highlighter recommended for music score-reading; Always: **a refillable water bottle for vocal hydration during rehearsal!!!**

Seventh Grade Supply list Continued

German

- 1 pocket folder
- 1 spiral or bound notebook
- 1 pack of 3x5 index cards

French

- 1" 3-ring binder

Spanish

- 1/2" or 1" 3-ring binder
- 2 dividers
- spiral notebook

Supplies for Multiple Classes

- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 2 packages of lined loose-leaf paper.
Regular or college ruled. (One to keep, one to donate to class supply)
- 2 dozen pencils (sharpened) (One to keep, one to donate to class supply)
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 gluestick
- 2 red or purple colored editing pens (One to keep and one to donate to English class)
- 1 ruler
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 Jumbo Eraser

Eighth Grade Supply list

	Social Studies	English	Tech Ed	Math 8/ Expanded	Algebra	Physical Science	Earth Science	Foreign Language
3-ringer binder (1 inch)	Yes With 3 dividers					Yes With 3 dividers	Yes With 4 dividers	Will vary with teacher
Spiral notebook		1 or comp book		1 spiral notebook, graph paper optional	2 (1 first semester 1 second)	2 (1 1st semeste 1 2nd)	2 (1 first Semester 1 second)	
Pocket folders		1		1	1	1	1	
OTHER		Post it notes, high Lighter	Mechanical pencil. NEW to DeWitt bring \$4.00 for a custom printed engineering notebook	Box of pencils	Graphing calculator strongly encouraged. Texas Instruments TI-83 or TI-84 will be used in class.	Extra set Colored pencils	Extra set Colored pencils	

Eighth Grade Supplies for Multiple Classes:

- Set of colored pencils
- Pens and pencils
- Yellow and blue highlighter
- Eraser
- Personal pencil sharpener
- Loose leaf paper (Note: Do not carry much extra paper with you every day)
- Ruler
- Kleenex 2 boxes
- Set of inexpensive earbuds/head phones for use with computers at school

DeWitt At A Glance

A Reference Guide to Help Families Find What They Need

Who Do I Call?

Absent/Tardy Excuses	Attendance
Academic Concerns	Guidance Counselor
AIS	Support Teacher
Athletic/ Sports.	Main Office
Attendance	Attendance
Bulletin Board Approval	Principal
DeWitt Website	Coordinator
District Enrollment	274-2201
Early Dismissal	Superintendent
ENL	Guidance
Extracurricular Activities	Family Liaison
Field Trips	Principal
Homework Requests	Guidance
Illness	Attendance/Nurse
Lockers	Attendance
Lost & Found	Family Liaison
Lunch Charges	Cafeteria
Personal Problems	Guidance/Nurse/Principal Social Worker/Psychologist
Program of Studies	Guidance
Registration/Withdrawal	Guidance
Self-Discipline	Associate Principal
Scheduling	Guidance
School Calendar	Main Office
School Policies	Principal
Testing Information	Guidance
Transportation	274-2128
Visitations	Attendance
Working Papers	Nurse

Phone Numbers/Who's Who

Principal	Mac Knight 257-3222
Associate Principal	Karen Rachetta 257-3881
Attendance	Patty Potter 257-3881
AIS	Caitlin Redfield
Cafeteria	Nancy Smith 257-3884
CSE Chair	Dawn Johnson
Guidance	Kathy Troy 257-3445
Counselors	Alan Miller Leann Young
ENL	Carol Hoffman 257-3222
Family Liaison	Penny Boynton 266-3554
Head Custodian	Carleen Corey 257-3885
Library	Joanne Church 882-9858
Nurse	Mary Gessini 266-3510
Main Office Staff	Tracy Compton Patty Potter 257-3222
School Social Worker	Mary Baker 257-3269
School Psychologist	Carin Trabout 257-3406
Special Ed Office	Helen English 257-3444
Support Teacher	Caitlin Redfield 257-0734
PTA	Melissa Rachlinski mrichlinski@gmail.com



We Embrace the Circle of Courage

The circle of Courage is a model of positive youth development that integrates Native American philosophies of child-rearing, the heritage of early pioneers in education and youth work, and contemporary resilience research. The Circle of Courage is based in four universal growth needs of all children: belonging, mastery, independence and generosity.

Join The PTA!

Our DeWitt PTA is an amazing group. Each year we support and partially fund three mailed newsletters; an e-mail list for parents and staff; a Welcome Back to School Picnic; a Student Directory; parent education programs; coordination of volunteers; participation in PTA Council; staff appreciation luncheon; and the 8th grade promotion party.

Your help is needed for the continuation of these programs. We know that parent involvement in school decreases as children become teens. However, studies have shown that parent involvement is critical to student success in middle school and high school. Your participation also gives you the opportunity to get to know other parents (something that is tough to do at the middle school level).

Please complete the membership form below to join our PTA. \$7 of your membership fee is shared with the national and state organizations to support their work as advocates for children, families, and schools. The rest of your fee stays at DeWitt and goes directly to funding the programs listed above. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Rachlinski at mrachlinski@gmail.com.

DeWitt PTA Board and Chairpersons

Our group of dedicated volunteer board members for 2017-2017 includes:

Co-President	Melissa Rachlinski	mrachlinski@gmail.com
Co-President	VACANT	Please consider volunteering
Treasurer	Empar Sicroff	esicroff@gmail.com
Secretary	VACANT	Please consider volunteering
PTA Council Rep	Lauren Loiacano	
Site Based Council Rep	Wendy Wilcox, Mark Lewis, Chuck Lyons	
Newsletter Editor	Carol Barry	cmbarry@icloud.com
Website Manager	Carol Barry	cmbarry@icloud.com
Newsletter Ads	Clara Wang	
Membership Chair	VACANT	Please consider volunteering
Direct Appeal	Michelle Landers	mi.landiers@gmail.com
Listserv Moderator	BJ Kim	bjwkim@gmail.com
Back-To-School-Picnic (September)	VACANT	Please consider volunteering
Open House (September)	Anne Thomas	aburnsthoras@yahoo.com
International Night (November)	Tal Cohen	talorco@gmail.com
Staff Appreciation Luncheon (May)	Chelan Mazza	chelanmazza@gmail.com
8th Grade Promotion (June)	VACANT	Please consider volunteering

2017-2018 DEWITT PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

_____ Telephone _____

Student name(s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Student name (s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Membership (\$7 individual; \$5 additional family members, \$4 teacher) \$ _____

Additional tax-deductible contribution to DeWitt PTA \$ _____

TOTAL (check payable to DeWitt PTA) \$ _____

Mail form and dues to DeWitt PTA, attention: Membership, 560 Warren Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850, or put in an envelope labeled "DeWitt PTA" and send in with your child to school.

See the PTA Volunteer Opportunities form on the next page.

Thank you for your support!

Get Involved At DeWitt!

PTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DeWitt Middle School encourages parents to become involved at the school. If you are able to volunteer some of your time for school programs and activities, please complete this form and return to the DeWitt school office (attention: DeWitt PTA). Please email Melissa Rachlinski at mrachlinski@gmail.com with any questions or for more information. Thanks!

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Name(s)

Preferred Contact Information)

☐ **Phone** _____

☐ **Email** _____

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ☐ PTA Board
 - ☐ Co-President (work together with Co-President to: set agenda for year, run triennial PTA meetings, volunteer at PTA events and write message from PTA for triennial newsletter)
 - ☐ Newsletter Ads - (Solicit advertising for triennial PTA Newsletter)
 - ☐ Welcome Picnic Chair (work with the PTA board as point person for Back-to-School Picnic Event held in September)
 - ☐ Staff Appreciation Luncheon Chair (work with the PTA board as point person for Staff Appreciation Luncheon Event held in May)
- ☐ Site-Based Council Rep
- ☐ PTA Fall Events (donate money, food or time!)
 - ☐ Back-to-School Picnic (September 15, 6 PM at DeWitt Middle School)
 - ☐ Bring Your Family to School Night (October 5, 6 PM)
 - ☐ International Night (November 2, 6 PM)
- ☐ DeWitt Communications (Create a Dewitt Facebook/Twitter page and update as needed)
- ☐ Library (assisting with and supporting library programming--i.e., checking books in/out, shelving books, dusting, processing new/discarded books, setting up topical book displays, bulletin board displays or student book club/lunch bunch)
- ☐ Field Trips ☐ 6th ☐ 7th ☐ 8th
- ☐ School Dance Chaperone

**Please consider volunteering for any of our open positions.
We are an open, welcoming group.**

Email mrachlinski@gmail.com for more information.

**FALL
2017**



The Ithaca Youth Bureau and Cass Park have lots of options for kids and families this Fall and registration is now open for:

Art Classes, Basketball, Cheer, Cross Country, Drama/Theatre Classes, Fencing, Jr. Climbing, Learn to Swim, Rotary Soccer, Small Fry & Flag Football, & Tae Kwon Do.

Don't miss our remaining Friday Roller Skate Nights at Cass Park on 8/25, 9/8, & 9/22.

Keep eyes out for Ice Rink Learn to Skate lesson & Public Skate info in Early October.

For more Rec & registration info, please visit www.iybrec.com



For more Cass Park info, please visit www.casspark.org



I-PLAYbook

Program Line-up for Active Youth

1 James L. Gibbs Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850
www.ithacayouthbureau.org • iyb@cityofithaca.org

607-273-8364

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Fall Modified Sports Begin (Modified Football Begins August 21)	29	30	31 7	1	2
3	4	5	6 6 th Grade and New Entrants report to school	14 All grades return to school	8	9
10	11	12	13		15 Welcome Back PTA picnic at 6 pm DeWitt Middle School	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Picture Day	29	30

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Early dismissal/ release at 3:05	3	4	5 Open House 6 pm	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day recess	10 PTA meeting 7 pm at DeWitt in the Music Room	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Grade 8 Social Studies "Celebration of Learning" 3:30- 4:30 pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Professional Learning Day. No School for Students	28
29	30	31				

November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 International Night 6 pm	3 Picture Retake Day	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Veterans Day recess	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Thanksgiving Day recess			
26	27	28	29	30		

Ithaca City School District Academic Calendar 2017-2018

8/31 Professional Learning Community Day
First Day for Staff

9/4 Labor Day
9/5 Professional Learning Community Day
9/6 K - 6 & 9th gr. & All New Entrants
9/7 Full Day K - 12

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

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

2/19 - 2/23 School Recess

10/2 Early Release Day
(15 minute Early Release- Mandatory Emergency Drill)

10/9 Indigenous Peoples Day Recess

10/27 Professional Learning Community Day

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

March				
M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

3/16 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conf. Day
(full day - elementary students only)

3/26 - 3/30 School Recess

11/10 Veterans Day Recess

11/9 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conf. Day
(full day - elementary students only)

11/22 - 11/25 Thanksgiving Recess

November				
M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

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

12/25 - 1/1 Winter Recess

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

May				
M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

**5/25 School Recess

5/28 Memorial Day Recess

1/1 New Year Recess

1/15 Martin Luther King Day Recess

1/22 - 1/25 Regents Exams








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6/12 - 6/21 Regents Exams

6/21 Last Day for Students

6/22 Last Day for Staff

-  = Vacation Days
-  = Regents Exams
(No school for IHS except for students taking exams)
-  = Professional Learning Community Day
(No school for students)
-  = Parent/Teacher Conference Days
-  = Staff Work Day
-  = ELA Scoring
-  = Early Release - Mandatory Emergency Drill

****Emergency Closing Days****

Due to emergency closing days. School may be held on May 25, 2018

Created April 10, 2017

WE BELIEVE IN

- Dedicated Play
- Creative Physicality
- Inclusive Community

Our mission is to provide circus education and opportunities for all in Ithaca, N.Y. We invite individuals and groups from the Ithaca area to engage with circus as an art form and life tool through classes, workshops, performances, parties, camps, and more.



Circus Culture is a proud member of:

american youth
CIRCUS
organization



Find our fully equipped circus space in

Press Bay Alley
116 W. Green St
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 280-3527

For more info visit

www.circusculture.org

or email us at

info@circusculture.org

ITHACA'S VERY OWN CIRCUS SCHOOL

CIRCUS CULTURE



- Circus classes for kids and adults •
- Memberships •
- Camps •
- Performances •
- Birthday Parties & Special Events •

116 W. Green Street in Press Bay Alley

Circus is about saying
Yes! Yes!
Yes! Yes!
Yes! Yes!

Say **YES** to Circus Culture!

Circus Skills we teach:

- Aerial
(static trapeze, fabric, lyra)
- Juggling
(scarves, balls, rings, clubs, contact)
- Props
(diabolo, flower sticks, plates, hoola hoop)
- Acrobatics
(handstands, group pyramids, tumbling)
- Tightwire
(low and high!)
- Equilibristics
(unicycle, feathers, rolling globe)
- Clowning and more!



EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Why Circus? Historically, the circus has been a place where anyone and everyone is welcome and the possibilities of human potential are expanded. It comes to town and becomes the central gathering place, a community hub, and a source of inspiration. Circus is a gathering of the others. As a hybrid of art and sport, circus is comprised of a myriad of disciplines, from juggling to trapeze, partner acrobatics to tightwire.

As a result, it not only includes people of varied skills and abilities, but actually requires this diversity to be whole. When practicing circus arts trust, coordination and communication skills are experientially developed and risk taking curiosities are played out in a safe and controlled environment. The non-competitive yet physical nature of the form makes it a unique and beneficial outlet for all ages.

CLASSES

We offer a wide range of classes covering all circus skills! Our classes are taught by experienced circus educators who have a passion for teaching and a focus on safe practice.

UNLIMITED MEMBERSHIPS

Unlimited Memberships are for those who want to hang around Circus Culture a LOT (we hope that's you!). This monthly membership includes access to all open practices and drop in classes as well as 9 hours of supervised practice time per week.

CLASS CARDS

Class cards are another form of membership. \$100 gets you \$120 worth of drop in or open practice sessions. When you come in we'll stamp your card for the value of the session you are attending.

ARTIST SHARE

Each year we offer 15 Artist Shares. This is a special 24/7 membership for circus artists who are training or teaching professionally in our community. More time and space for artists to develop work and teaching approaches - more circus in Ithaca!

PARTIES

Circus is already a party - add your special occasion and it's the best possible situation. We offer themed parties such as: Hoola Hoopla, Superhero, and Fairy Flight (for ALL ages). We love creating custom parties for kids, adults, and mixed age groups as well. Contact us to plan something awesome!

PERFORMANCES

We love creating and producing circus shows and hosting all kinds of gatherings and special events. Keep your eyes peeled for the latest event and be sure not to miss it!



Current schedules can be found at
www.circusculture.org



Ithaca's Special Education PTA (SEPTA) is excited for the 2017-2018 school year! We hope you will join us at our upcoming meetings, which will take place from 6:00-7:30pm at the Administrative Building Board Room at 400 Lake Street on October 30th 2017, January 29th 2018, April 30th 2018, and June 11th 2018.

We look forward to continuing the important discussions about ICSD's inclusion efforts, which will benefit ALL students. Please join us to discuss how ICSD can continue to build upon its efforts to Engage, Educate, and Empower EVERYONE! To learn more:

- Visit the SEPTA website: www.ithacasepta.org.
- Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/IthacaSEPTA.Org/) and Twitter (@ithaca_septa)
- Contact us at: ithacasepta@gmail.com

Membership information is available at www.ithacasepta.org.

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ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 Lake Street, P.O. Box 549, Ithaca, New York 14851-0549

Dear Parent or Guardian:

New York State Public Health Law requires that parents/guardians provide written documentation indicating that their child has been immunized in accordance with the schedule mandated by the State of New York.

Immunization records are due on the day your child starts school. We do not have the required updated immunizations for your child **in our data system**. If you have already forwarded the required documentation, please contact your child's school nurse to see if it was received. Children for whom we do not have immunization records will not be permitted to attend school after September 21st, 2017.

Immunizations can be obtained from your child's physician or from the Tompkins County Health Department. The federal Vaccine for Children Program will provide free or subsidized immunizations for children whose health insurance does not pay for vaccines. Call the Tompkins County Health Department at 274-6616 for more information or to make an appointment. If you need help in meeting the state requirements for immunizations, contact your child's school nurse.

Check with child's physician or school nurse if you have questions about whether or not your child has all of the required immunizations for school.

Keeping all of the children in school healthy—and by doing that, their families in the community as well—is our goal.

Cathy Sinnott, RN, MPH
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Ithaca City School District
Email: cathy.sinnott@icsd.k12.ny.us



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Consent and Authorization for Media Purposes

Engaged students are successful students. Critical to our mission is the ability to communicate, through media outlets, the excellence that occurs in the Ithaca City School District every day.

By signing below, I give the Ithaca City School District and its schools permission to record audio, video and/or digital footage containing my child for the purposes of broadcasting the recording(s) as the district and its schools see fit.

This Consent and Authorization shall be interpreted to meet the requirements of the New York Civil Rights Law for the use of my child and their likeness. I hereby release and discharge the district and its officers, employees, agents, representatives, and students from all claims and liability arising out of or in connection with the activities I have authorized above, including but not limited to any claims for defamation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or any similar causes of action.

Parent/Legal Guardian – Print Name

Signature

Date

Child's Name (first, last)

Grade

School

Address

Telephone Number

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The PTA newsletter, DeWitt PTA News, keeps families and staff up to date with what is happening at school. It is published three times a year: September, December and March, mailed to every family and posted on the DeWitt PTA website (dewittpta.org).

If you would like to submit an article, please send it to Carol Barry at cmbarry@icloud.com

The deadlines are: December 2017: November 3rd, 2017 / April 2018: March 2nd, 2018

