

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

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February 5th-9th. See our monthly newsletter on our website for more information.

DISTRICT NEWS:

Dear Utica City School District Families:

January has been a month to see great academic progress for all of our students. We are moving into the second semester this upcoming month. February is a short month due to the winter recess, 2/19/24-2/23/24. Please remember there will be no school this week.

Please remind students that school is a place where all staff and students must feel comfortable and safe. We expect students to come to school ready to learn and do their part in making school a great experience. We thank all parents for helping us reinforce these messages.

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Davis

ELEMENTARY NEWS:

CANDY BAR BINGO AT JEFFERSON

On Tuesday, January 23, 2024, Jefferson School PTO hosted "Candy Bar Bingo". Students and their families were invited to Jefferson's cafeteria to play Bingo with a chance to win a candy bar of their choice. Each person was asked to bring one full size candy bar in exchange for a Bingo card. We played seven games and multiple winners had the chance to choose a delicious prize. At the end of the evening, after all the games were played, everyone who attended was offered a candy bar to take home. We had a lot of fun together. Special thanks to Jefferson PTO for hosting the event and providing extra candy bars and to Jefferson teachers and our student assistants for volunteering. We hope to see you at our next event.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:

DONOVAN'S HYGIENE DRIVE

Donovan's Karma Kloset is hosting a Hygiene Drive! DMS Karma Kloset is happy to provide items to students including clothing and hygiene supplies. We are running low on supplies and would like to stock our shelves back up for our students in need!

The following items can be dropped off to DMS Room 102 or the main office anytime during the months of January and February: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body spray, mouth wash, face wash, laundry detergent pods and lotion. Thank you for your contributions!

DONOVAN'S VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Donovan's Valentine's Day Dance will be Tuesday, February 13th from 3pm-5pm. Tickets will be pre-sale ONLY (\$3 each). Tickets will be on sale from

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:
PROTOR'S RAIDER BOTS**

Out of the 20 teams that participated at the NY Excelsior MVCC Utica FIRST Tech Challenge Tournament, team #16096 Raider Bots for Thomas R. Proctor High School ranked 9th place, making it within the top 10 teams that were able to score the most points throughout the qualification matches.

Our judging feedback stated that Raider Bots were excellent at displaying gracious professionalism, accomplished in showing teamwork and rapport, and developing in all other areas of robot design and reaching out to their technical and scientific communities. Without the collaboration and hard work of the students, volunteers, and coaches, much of this would not be possible so we graciously thank all those who showed up and supported the Raider Bots!

ATHLETIC NEWS

Congratulations to Proctor Senior Isabella Nappi who has committed to continue her hockey career at Framingham State University in Massachusetts next year.

SPIRIT DAY

Friday, February 9, 2024, is Spirit Day! Please wear **red** and **black!**



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