



Donovan Middle School Principal Palladino's Update



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LOOKING AHEAD

April 3 Yearbook orders due

Spring Break – April 22-26
NO SCHOOL!

May 3 Grade 8 Semi Formal-
see attached

June 12 Grade 8 Awards
Ceremony-see attached

June 27 Grade 8 Moving Up
Ceremony-see attached

YEARBOOK

DEADLINE APPROACHING

Yearbooks must be ordered online by April 3.

Only a limited number of yearbooks will be available for purchase in June.

The only way to guarantee you will secure a yearbook is to place your order online.

See attached flyer for information detailing how to order yearbooks online.

SPRING SPORTS

See attached flyer for Spring Tryout details.

Social Emotional Learning



Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. See attached resource:

GROWTH MINDSET: What I can control and what I can't control.

FEBRUARY AWARD WINNERS

Attached is a list of RAR and STAR award winners for the month of February.

RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER (RAR) Raffle Tickets are given to students by any staff in the building for attendance, behavior and academics. Some examples of how to earn a RAR Raffle Ticket are turning in lost money, improved attendance, improved tardiness, getting a perfect score on an assessment, helping others and any other reason a staff member wants to reward or thank a student. Staff may also recognize other staff with RARs; typically, 10 student winners and 2 staff winners are drawn each month.

STAR RAIDER Awards are given out by the Attendance Teachers Mrs. Kristoff and Mrs. Lupi. Teachers nominate students monthly for Citizenship, Most Improved, Best Participation and Perfect Attendance. From the nominees, winners are randomly chosen to receive a special certificate and reward this month.



THINGS I CAN CONTROL

MY BEHAVIOR



MY GOALS



ASKING FOR HELP



MY EFFORT



WHO MY FRIENDS ARE



LEARNING FROM MY MISTAKES



BEING KIND



TAKING CARE OF MYSELF

WHAT OTHERS SAY



BEING SICK

THINGS I CAN'T CONTROL

THINGS I HAVE TO DO



PAST MISTAKES



THE WEATHER



WHAT OTHERS THINK



OTHERS BEING KIND



RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER

February Award Winners

<u>Student</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Jemiah Ervin	Mr. Eccleston
Giavonna Fox	Mr. Elliott
Ja'Mira Gaines	Mrs. Mihajlovic
Xavier Gay	Ms. N. Jones
Kylee Kepner	Ms. N. Jones
Na'Quan McGirt-Savage	Ms. Loadholt
Ania Ohiievych	Mrs. Mihajlovic
Eddie Ramos	Mrs. Sutherland
Michael Thompson	Mr. Cognito
Marina Win	Ms. R. Jones

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Miss Palladino	Xiomery Febo
Mrs. Wronka	Mrs. Kokoszki

FEBRUARY

S.T.A.R. RAIDERS

AWARD WINNERS

Grade 7	Grade 8
Outstanding Citizenship	
Stephon Arnoth Nominated by: Ms. Pasqualicchio Kawserpoh Taw Nominated by: Ms. Piazza	Madison Levett Nominated by: Ms. Kilian Star Gonzalez Nominated by: Ms. Buono
Most Improved	
Logan Bartle Nominated by: Mr. Colone Mohamed Mohamed Nominated by: Mr. Martello	O'Nnasia Berry Nominated by: Ms. Egresits Evgenii Darmaev Nominated by: Mr. Singleton
Best Participation	
E'yanah Stewart Nominated by: Ms. Edick Maya Merdanovic Nominated by: Ms. Jones	Desmond Lanaux Jr. Nominated by: Ms. Roundtree Elijah Htoo Nominated by: Mr. Hawley
Perfect Attendance	
Gregory Gary Jr. Nova Jaseng-Nan Hay Moo Min Lucy Nguyen	Naing Aye Jaden Fulton Rachel Rah Susan Lam Thach

Senator James H. Donovan Middle School

Yearbook Order Info



Only 1 Month Left to Order Online!!!

When: On sale now, thru April 3rd

Where: Online. Limited number of books may be available for sale at school in June. Please note, the only way to guarantee a yearbook is to place your order online. Last year, we sold out of additional books in a few days.

Cost: \$30 plus tax

How:

OPTION 1

1. Go to the link <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09896748>
(also found on school homepage)
2. Click on ORDER MY YEARBOOK
3. Complete the student information. Press NEXT.
4. Review your order, then add to Your Cart.
5. Finish your order by Checking Out!

OPTION 2

1. Go to jostensyearbooks.com.
2. Click on ORDER MY YEARBOOK
3. Type in Senator James H Donovan Middle School
4. Complete the student information. Press NEXT.
5. Review you order, then add to Your Cart.
6. Finish your order by Checking Out!

Donovan Middle School

Grade 8 Events

- **Semi-Formal Dance**

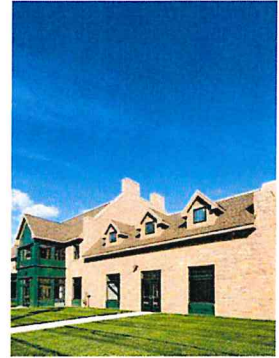
Friday, May 3, 2024

5:30pm-8:30pm

Five Points Public House & Events Center

623 Columbia St., Utica

(Between March 4-May 3: Students with more than 3 unexcused tardies, any unexcused absences, any full day in or out of school suspensions and/or failing 2 or more courses Marking Period 3 may not attend.) Tickets will be on sale from April 15-May 3 ONLY, Cost: \$20.00.



- **Grade 8 Awards Ceremony**

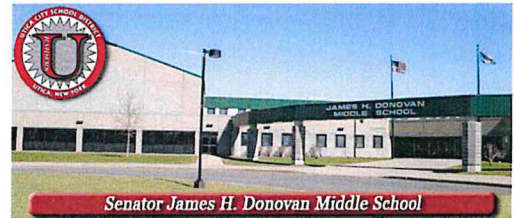
Wednesday, June 12, 2024

4:00pm-6:00pm

Donovan Middle School

1701 Noyes St., Utica

(By invitation only.)



- **Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony**

Thursday, June 27, 2024

10:00 am start time

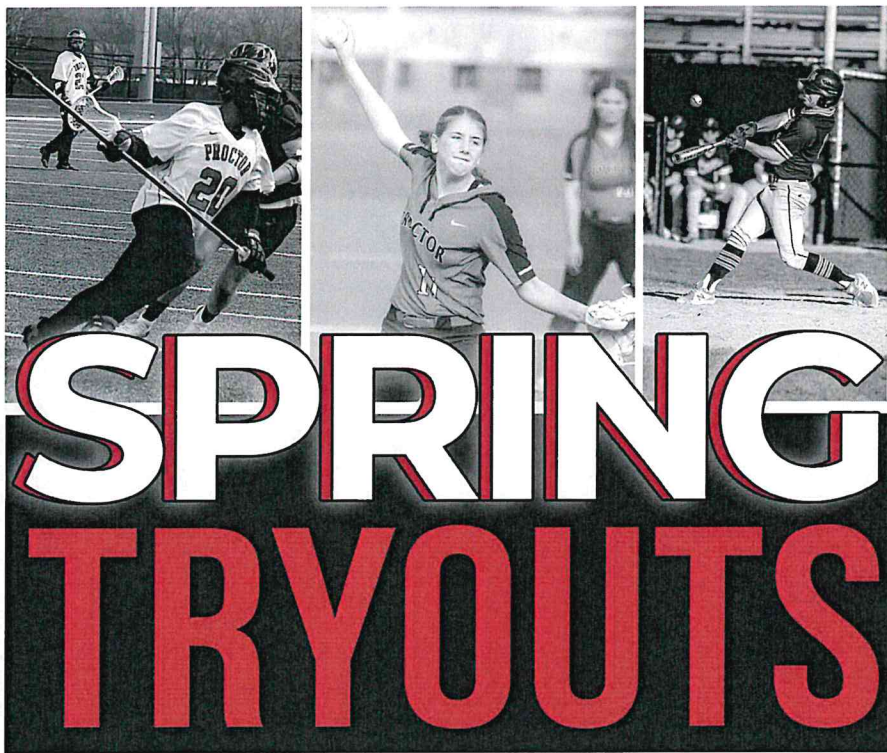
Students should report at 9:30 am.

Utica University Nexus Center

400 Oriskany St. W., Utica

(A formal letter will be sent home in May. Each family will receive 2 tickets and may request more. Students moving up do not need a ticket since they are participating in the ceremony.)





JFK SOFTBALL
JFK BASEBALL
JFK GIRLS TRACK
JFK BOYS TRACK

2:30 Monday-3/25
4:15 Monday-3/25
2:30 Tuesday-3/26
2:30 Wednesday-3/27

Gymnasium
Gymnasium
Cafeteria
Cafeteria

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daclark@uticaschools.org

DMS SOFTBALL
DMS BASEBALL
DMS LACROSSE
DMS GIRLS TRACK
DMS BOYS TRACK

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csiciliano@uticaschools.org
gbattista@uticaschools.org

ALL ATHLETES MUST BE:

- Registered on Family ID
- Cleared by the school nurse
- Academically in good standing



Register
on FamilyID
by scanning
QR code

929 YORK STREET / UTICA, NY 13502 / P 315] 792.2249 / F 315] 792.4885

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April 2024



**DONOVAN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	DAY 1 01 <i>April Fool's Day</i>	DAY 2 02	Day 1 03	Day 2 04 Rescheduled—MP2 Awards Ice Cream Social—Invite Only!	Day 1 05	06
07	Day 2 08 District Wide Half-day Dismissal 10:55 AM Periods 1,2, 3, 9	Day 1 09 Ramadan Ends	Eid al-Fitr 10 NO SCHOOL	Day 2 11	Day 1 12 Field Trip to the Utica Zoo	13
14	Day 2 15	Day 1 16	Day 2 17	Day 1 18 Report Cards Mailed Home	19 NO SCHOOL—Unused Snow Day	20
21	Passover Begins 22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Spring Break · Spring Break · Spring Break</i>						
28	Day 2 29 Passover Ends	Day 1 30 Passover Ends				

**What's
Going On...**
www.uticaschools.org
 UticaCitySchoolDistrict

VISION

Students will be prepared to be successful in high school.

MISSION

DMS Staff will use data driven decision making to provide academically challenging experiences for all students in a respectful, responsible, kind, and a safe environment in collaboration with parents/guardians and community agencies.