



Donovan Middle School Principal Palladino's Update



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Valentine's Dance

Please see attached flyer on specifics regarding the Valentine's Dance on February 13. Students must be in good standing in terms of academics, attendance and behavior to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD

February 13
Valentine's Dance-flyer attached

February 19-24
Mid-Winter Break

February 26
Back to School: DAY 2



Grade 8 Events

Grade 8 families, mark your calendars for important end of year events. See attached flyer for details!

May 3 Semi Formal

For those in good standing.

June 12 Grade 8 Award Ceremony

By Invitation Only. Invitations will be mailed in

June.

June 27 Moving Up Ceremony

Tickets will be mailed home in May.

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-**BULLYING**

MONTHLY AWARDS

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 high score on an assessment, helping others and any other reason a staff member wants to reward, recognize or thank a student. Staff may also recognize other staff with RARs. 10 student winners and 2 staff winners are drawn in each.

STAR RAIDER Awards are given out by the Attendance Teachers. 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.





Donovan Middle School Valentine's Day Dance

February 13th 3 PM - 5 PM

Pre-Sale ONLY: \$3 per ticket

Tickets will be sold February 5th - 9th

Location: Donovan Middle School Gym

(Students may stay after school and wait in the AUD until 3:00 PM, if they are not able to get a ride back to school. ALL students must have a ride to pick them up from school before 5:00 PM, since students are being dismissed right at 5:00 PM. There are no late busses.)

Student Requirements (January 3rd-February 13):

- No full day of in school or out of school suspensions
- No more than 2 unexcused absences or tardiness
- No more than 2 failures on Marking Period 2's report card

(All absences/late notes must be handed in by February 9th to attend!)

Concession Stand Includes:

Pizza, chips, candy, & drinks. All items will be under \$2

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Grade 8 Events

- **Semi-Formal Dance**

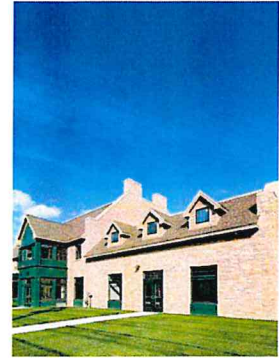
Friday, May 3, 2024

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**

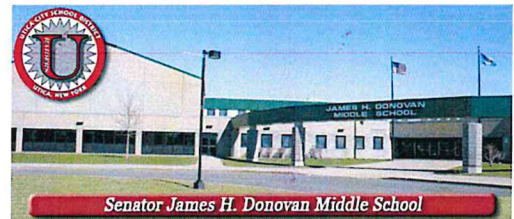
Wednesday, June 12, 2024

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.)



Please call your child's Assistant Principal to report bullying. Once bullying is reported a DASA (Dignity Act for All Students) investigation will be initiated. You may also call your child's assistant principal with any other behavioral concerns. At any time you are not satisfied with your service, please contact Miss Palladino, Principal, directly.

Mrs. Pecheone (Students Last Names A-L)

Mrs. Guerrero (Students Last Names M-Z)

Is It Bullying?

How can you tell if someone is being bullied? This chart can help you decide if it's bullying or something else.

Joking Around:

- Everyone is having fun.
- No one is getting hurt.
- Everyone is participating equally.

One Time Thing:

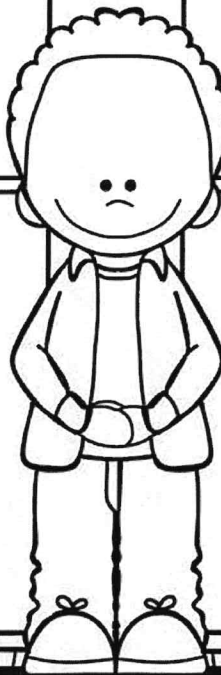
- Someone is being mean on purpose.
- It's a reaction to a strong emotion or feeling.
 - It happens once and doesn't repeat itself.

Conflict:

- Two people with a balance of power that have a fight, argument, or disagreement.
- A solution can usually be found.

Bullying:

- Repeated, unwanted aggressive behavior towards someone.
- Someone is being hurt on purpose.
- Can be social, verbal, physical, or cyber.



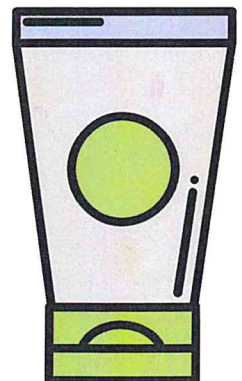
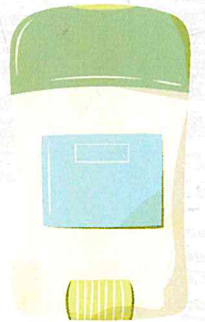
DONOVAN'S KARMA KLOSET IS HOSTING A HYGIENE DRIVE

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. Thank you for your contributions!



- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Body Spray
- Mouth Wash
- Face Wash
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Lotion



Sponsored by the Karma Klub through 21st Century

1701 Noyes St. Utica, NY 13502

RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER

December Award Winners

Student

Kamron Conners
Eyeri Gonzalo
Landen He
Oh Ler Pwe Htee
Lucy Nguyen
Hilal Jalazai
Rachel Rah
Quinten Singleton
Nay Kyi Soe
Snow Tay

Nominated by

Ms. Peters
Mrs. Mihajlovic
Mrs. Kokoszki
Mrs. Mihajlovic
Mrs. Moss
Mrs. Mihajlovic
Ms. Edick
Miss Jabour
Mrs. Costantine
Miss Jabour

Employee

Miss Broadbent
Ms. Colon

Nominated by

Shariff Osman
Ms. Weaver

DECEMBER

S.T.A.R. RAIDERS

AWARD WINNERS



Grade 7	Grade 8
Outstanding Citizenship	
Mya Grice Nominated by: Ms. Hyde Beoriginal Kelly Jr. Nominated by: Mr. Colon	Ibraahim Mohamed Nominated by: Ms. Ricci Emanuel Velazquez Cruz Nominated by: Mr. Eccleston
Most Improved	
Noble Kyi Nominated by: Ms. Jones Eyeri Gonzalo Nominated by: Ms. Broadbent	Amora Cha Nominated by: Ms. Buono Hla Hnin Nwe Nominated by: Ms. Edick
Best Participation	
Chynalee Young Nominated by: Ms. Koscinski Darrel Swift Nominated by: Ms. Forte	Rachael Cameron Nominated by: Ms. Saville Bridgette Allen Nominated by: Ms. Egrisits
Perfect Attendance	
Elvira Htoo Angie Lam Jake Shwe Siklainpawt Soe	Ausetemes Crishom Safya Ebadi Tahj Mahdi Paw Lwe Moo

February 2024

**DONOVAN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

MISS ANN MARIE PALLADINO, Principal
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				DAY 2 01	DAY 1 02	03
					HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY 	
04	DAY 2 05	DAY 1 06	DAY 2 07	DAY 1 08	DAY 2 09	10
11	DAY 1 12	DAY 2 13 Valentine's Day Dance 3-5 PM	DAY 1 14	DAY 2 15	DAY 1 16	17
18	19 	20	21	22	23	24
25	DAY 2 26	DAY 1 27	DAY 2 28 PARENT EDUCATION SERIES JEFFERSON SCHOOL 4PM / CAFETERIA	DAY 1 29		

**What's
Going On...**

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,

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