



# Donovan Middle School PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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## WELCOME BACK!!!

Welcome back to school! By now students should be in a routine. Here are some reminders:

Students need to arrive to be seated in 1<sup>st</sup> period by 7:52 am or they will be marked late.

Students must scan their ID Badge to enter the building and eventually the cafeteria.

Please visit the school website for information, resources, calendars and more!

<https://www.uticaschools.org/schools/donovan/index>

## LOOKING AHEAD

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|-------|---------------------------------|
| 09/27 | Open House 6-7 pm               |
| 10/09 | NO SCHOOL                       |
| 10/23 | Progress Reports Mailed Home    |
| 10/24 | School Pictures during PE class |
| 10/25 | School Pictures during PE class |



## VISION, MISSION, GOALS

### GOALS

- Increase state test scores
- Decrease suspensions
- Decrease chronic absenteeism
- Increase the use of research-based strategies in planning and instruction

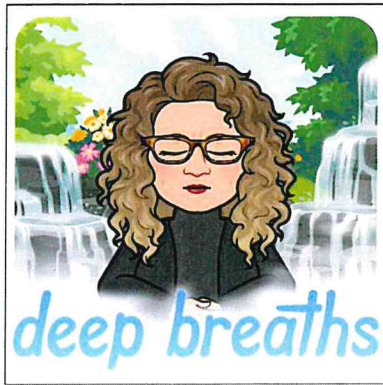
### VISION

*Students will be prepared to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

### MISSION

*DMS Staff will use data driven decision making to provide a respectful, responsible, safe, and kind environment in collaboration with parents.*

## 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-Social Media!

## CLUBS ~ EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In order to participate in sports or clubs at Donovan, students must be eligible based on the Utica City School District policy. The UCSD Eligibility Policy is as follows:

Students with 2 F's are placed on probation.

Students with 3 F's or more are no longer eligible to participate.

Suspended students are not eligible to participate.

Please access additional information in the UCSD Code of Conduct available on the district's website.

### *Senator James H. Donovan Clubs 2022-2023*

- Drama- [jtillotson@uticaschools.org](mailto:jtillotson@uticaschools.org)
- National Junior Honor Society-you will be notified by Mr. DeBan if your child meets the criteria for NJHS in the Spring!
- School Newspaper- [boherien@uticaschools.org](mailto:boherien@uticaschools.org)
- Yearbook- [mleo@uticaschools.org](mailto:mleo@uticaschools.org)
- Art and Mural Club- [jpasqualicchio@uticaschools.org](mailto:jpasqualicchio@uticaschools.org)
- Grade 8 Advisor- [cegresits@uticaschools.org](mailto:cegresits@uticaschools.org)

Email the club advisor above if your child is interested in joining a club. Clubs will start up in mid-October. If you don't have access to email, call your child's counselor and they will pass the message along.



# How to make SOCIAL MEDIA SAFER AND KINDER

Social media can be a great way to connect with your friends, but it can also be a cruel and dangerous world. Here's how you can make it a better place for yourself and others.

Don't say anything that you wouldn't say to the other person's face. Insults hurt online too.



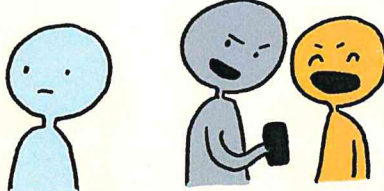
Don't post things you'd be embarrassed about if everyone could see them. Secrets are never safe online.



Remember that everything you post online could stay there forever, even if you delete it.



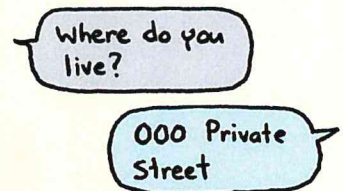
Don't talk behind other people's backs or make fun of them online.



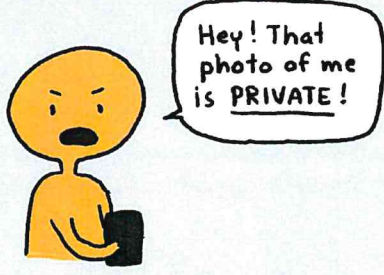
Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know.



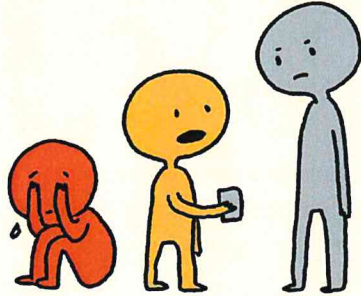
Don't share personal information online, and never give anyone your password.



Don't post other people's pics or tag them without their permission.



If a friend is in trouble online, talk to an adult.



Report hateful, violent or inappropriate posts and comments.





# **Donovan Middle School OPEN HOUSE**

**September 27, 2023**

**6:00 - 7:00 PM**

- **Enter through the Concealed Weapons Detection System located in the front Entrance of the building.**
- **Pickup your child's schedule and other important handouts. Student Last Name A-L report to the gymnasium. Student Last Name M-Z to the cafeteria. Sign in.**
- **Visit with many teachers as you wish on your child's schedule between 6:00-7:00 PM.**
- **Club information and sign ups in the cafeteria.**

## **Special Presentations**

- **6:15 PM Title I Meeting. Give your input on how funds can be spent on school improvement! Room 103. Survey available.**
- **6:45 PM ICAN Presentation – Understanding the importance of parental involvement in education.**

# October 2023

**DONOVAN  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**

MISS ANN MARIE PALLADINO, Principal  
Main Office: 315) 368-6541 / Nurse: 315) 368-6552



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	Day 2 02	Day 1 03	Day 2 04	Day 1 05	Day 2 06	07
08	<b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY</b> <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Day 1 10	Day 2 11	Day 1 12	Day 2 13	14
15	Day 1 16	Day 2 17	Day 1 18 <b>10 WEEK TESTS MATH &amp; PE</b>	Day 2 19	Day 1 20	21
22	Day 2 23 Progress Reports Mailed Home	Day 1 24 <b>School IN PE pictures CLASS 24th &amp; 25th</b>	Day 2 25 <b>10 WEEK TESTS FAGS &amp; HEALTH</b>	Day 1 26 <b>10 WEEK TESTS ART ELN SS WORLD LANGUAGE</b>	Day 2 27	28
29	Day 1 30 <b>10 WEEK TESTS ELA MUSIC SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY</b>	Day 2 31 <b>HALLOWEEN</b>				

**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 families and community agencies.

**School IN PE pictures CLASS**  
**24th & 25th**