



Donovan Middle School Principal Palladino's Update



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LOOKING AHEAD

April 19-20

NYSED ELA Assessments

April 24-25

NYSED ENL Assessments

May 2-3

NYSED Math Assessment

May 8-12

Semi-Formal Tickets on Sale
in Main Office

May 16

NO SCHOOL:
Superintendent's
Conference Day

May 29

NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day

JUST A REMINDER!

Donovan Middle School Grade 8 Events

- **Semi-Formal Dance**

Friday, May 19, 2023

5:30pm-8:30pm

Five Points Public House & Events Center
623 Columbia St., Utica

(Students with excessive unexcused tardies, unexcused absences, discipline logs or are failing 3 or more subjects may not attend.)



- **Grade 8 Awards Ceremony**

Wednesday, June 5, 2023

4:00pm-6:00pm

Donovan Middle School
1701 Noyes St., Utica

(By invitation only.)



- **Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony**

Thursday, June 22, 2023

MVCC Jorgensen Athletic Center
1101 Sherman Dr., Utica

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



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:

*Safe and Secure Online:
Cyberbullying Tips*

RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER and STAR AWARD WINNERS

Attached is a list of award winners for the month of March.

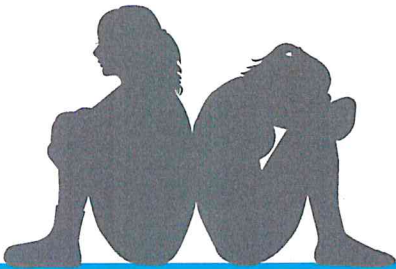
RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER (RAR) Raffle Tickets are given to students by any staff in the building for attendance, behavior and academics. Some examples of how to earn a RAR Raffle Ticket are turning in lost money, improved attendance, improved tardiness, getting a perfect score on an assessment, helping 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 chosen each month via a lottery drawing.

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 chosen, via lottery system, to receive a special certificate and reward for the month.



CYBERBULLYING TIPS

Cyberbullying can happen anywhere hurtful or offensive comments or photos can be sent or posted. Children must be taught that anonymity is not an excuse to say anything you would not say directly to a person's face and to always report hurtful interactions.



Can you imagine being bullied at school and the bully following you all the way home and then straight into your house? That's what children are facing these days. Cyberbullying is persistent.

Communicate, Recognize, & Act

Communication and trust are critical in cyberbullying situations. Start cyber safety conversations early.



Talk to your kids about cyberbullying and teach them to:

- Report offensive or hurtful comments immediately, whether they are the target or not.
- Be careful what they send or post about someone else- unintentional bullying is still bullying.

Recognize signs of cyberbullying:

- Anger, depression, or frustration after using any devices.
- Stops using devices unexpectedly.
- Stops accessing social media, apps, or games.
- Uneasy about going to school.
- Abnormally withdrawn from usual friends & family members.

90% of kids have their phone, tablet, or computer in their room.*
What are your children doing when you aren't watching?



Help your children to take action:

- Save the texts/posts/emails.
- Don't reply and don't delete them.
- Report the user online and block from further interaction
- Inform schools & authorities about the situation for further guidance & instructions.

*Center's Children's Internet Usage Study



RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER

March Award Winners

Student

Lily Bowens
Gerardo Galvan
Star Gonzalez
Isis Holmes
Oleksandr Kudrynskyj
Jefferson Marvel
Kaw Lew Bwe Moo
Tyrone Payton
Mekhi Robinson
Christopher Rose

Nominated by

Ms. Jones
Mr. Elliott
Ms. Peters
Ms. Weaver
Mrs. Racioppa/Mrs. Scalise
Mrs. Costantine
Mr. Anweiler
Ms. Saville
Miss Palladino
Ms. Saville

Employee

Ms. Colon
Ms. LaPorte

Nominated by

Mrs. K. Pedulla
Ms. Weaver

March S.T.A.R. Raiders Award Winners

Grade 7	Grade 8
<p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Citizenship</p> <p>1. Star Gonzalez Nominated by: Ms. Pasqualicchio</p> <p>2. Hser Christ Moo Nominated by: Ms. Kelly</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Citizenship</p> <p>1. Vanessa Tatarevich Nominated By Ms. Saville</p> <p>2. Jahce'Na Thomas Nominated by: Mr. Esford</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Most Improved</p> <p>1. Tyrone Payton Nominated by: Mr. Colone</p> <p>2. Katherine Bottorff Nominated by: Ms. Broadbent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Most Improved</p> <p>1. David Amici Nominated by: Mr. Singleton</p> <p>2. Evan Moo Nominated by: Ms. Edick</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best Participation</p> <p>1. Riley Thong Thip-Suon Nominated by Ms. Barringer/Ms. Wronka</p> <p>2. Elijah Htoo Nominated by: Mr. Hawley</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Best Participation</p> <p>1. Ke'Mora Brown Nominated by: Ms. Mancuso</p> <p>2. Jackson Win Nominated by: Ms. O'Herien</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Perfect Attendance</p> <p>1. Lando Aung</p> <p>2. See Mu Lah Htoo</p> <p>3. Tai Thanh Nguyen</p> <p>4. Philip Sroczyk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Perfect Attendance</p> <p>1. Say Bler Aye Htoo</p> <p>2. Rostina Ku</p> <p>3. Tyler Meas</p> <p>4. Teresa Nguyen</p>

DONOVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL: May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1 Day 1	2 Day 2 NYS MATH ASSESSMENT	3 Day 1 NYS MATH ASSESSMENT	4 Day 2	5 Day 1	6 	
7 	8 Day 2	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 1 Spring Concert	12 Day 2	13 
14 	15 Day 1	16 (2) NO SCHOOL Superintendent's Conference Day	17 Day 2	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 Grade 8 Semi Formal Principal Update posted on website	20 
21 	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 NYS GRADE 8 SCIENCE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT	24 Day 1 NYS GRADE 8 SCIENCE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT	25 Day 2	26 Day 1	27 
28 	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day					29 