



Miss Palladino-Principal

May 5, 2023

Donovan Middle School Principal Palladino's Update



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LOOKING AHEAD

May 8-12

Semi-Formal Tickets on Sale
in Main Office \$15.00

May 16

NO SCHOOL:
Superintendent's
Conference Day

May 29

NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day

June 19

NO SCHOOL: Juneteenth

June 23

Last Day of School

JUST A REMINDER! REVISED.

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

(Between March 19-May 19: 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 on sale May 8-12 ONLY, Cost: \$15.00.



• Grade 8 Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, June 7, 2023
4:00pm-6:00pm
Donovan Middle School
1701 Noyes St., Utica
(By invitation only.)



• Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony

Thursday, June 22, 2023
10:00 am start time (Students should
report at 9:30 am.)
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: **VAPING**

In addition, see attached flyer for a Vaping Workshop at Donovan May 30 at 6:00 pm.



RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER and STAR AWARD WINNERS

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.

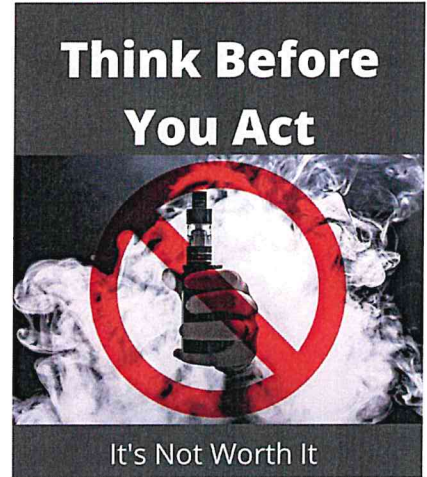
STAR RAIDER Awards are given out by the Attendance Teachers, Mrs. Kristoff and Mrs. Lupi. Teachers nominate students monthly for Citizenship, Most Improved, Best Participation and Perfect Attendance. From the nominees, winners are chosen, via lottery system, to receive a special certificate and reward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



Do you and your child want to Know More About Vaping?

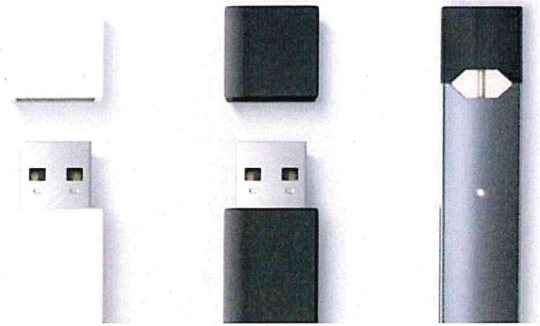


Tuesday,
May 30th
@ 6 PM
DMS AUD



- **HOW DOES IT AFFECT MY CHILD?**
- **WHAT DO VAPES LOOK LIKE?**
- **WHERE ARE THEY GETTING THEM?**
- **ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TEENS VAPING.**

You and your child
are invited to an
informational presentation
followed by a brief Q & A
with our DMS Health Teachers,
Mr. Hadity and Ms. Mancuso!
Light refreshments will be provided!



E-cigarettes & Vaping

What Parents Should Know

As the trusted champion for lung health, we are committed to creating a tobacco-free future and saving lives. We have helped a million people quit smoking, advocated for smokefree public spaces and worked to achieve tobacco regulation to protect public health.

Today's threats to lung health include what the U.S. Surgeon General has called a youth vaping epidemic. We are moving swiftly to bring medical expertise to the conversation, create new programs for teens and schools, advocate for federal regulation and help people end their addiction to vaping.

Because, when you can't breathe, nothing else matters®.

Are e-cigarettes less harmful than cigarettes?

There is no FDA oversight of e-cigarettes—which means there is no oversight regarding potentially harmful ingredients.

- E-cigarettes are highly effective at delivering nicotine through a liquid that produces a chemical-filled aerosol.
- Acrolein, a known ingredient of many e-cigarettes, causes irreversible lung damage. Nicotine exposure during adolescence can harm the developing brain.
- E-cigarettes are available in a variety of types of devices. JUUL is the among the most popular with teens.
- The e-liquids come in flavors including mint and fruit that appeal to youth.
- No e-cigarette has been found to be safe and effective by FDA in helping smokers quit.

Most common reasons kids vape include:¹

55%

“Curious about them”

31%

Use by “friend or family member”

22%

Availability of “flavors such as mint, candy, fruit, or chocolate”

¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Tobacco Product Use and Associated Factors Among Middle and High School Students — United States, 2019. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. December 6, 2019; 68(SS12):1-23.



Is there a difference between vaping and JUULing?

- No. JUULs may look different, but they're actually a type of e-cigarette.

JUUL is more discreet and looks like a USB drive. Other e-cigarettes may look like pens or other objects that can conceal the vaping device.

- All JUUL pods—like all e-cigarettes—contain nicotine—something many youth don't realize.
- Cartridge-based e-cigarettes like JUUL contain nicotine salts that produce less visible aerosol, so it is easier to hide.

Is youth vaping really an epidemic?

- E-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco products among kids, with nearly 28% of high school students nationwide vaping.
- Many youth don't realize how they are harming their lungs and brains by vaping.

Impact of vaping on teens

The bottom line: vaping is unsafe, especially for teens.

- E-cigarettes are designed to deliver nicotine quickly, which is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain development.

- Kids don't realize how addictive nicotine is and that they might be signing up for a lifetime of nicotine dependence.
- It's not just harmless water vapor. E-cigarettes contain diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease; volatile organic compounds such as benzene, which is found in car exhaust; and heavy metals, such as nickel, tin and lead.
- E-cigarettes are designed to appeal to and be used by teens and can go undetected by adults.

American Lung Association Resources

- N-O-T® (Not On Tobacco) is a teen vaping and smoking cessation program and provides the tools, information and support to quit for good. [Lung.org/NOT](https://www.lung.org/NOT)
- INDEPTH® is an alternative to suspension program for students who violate school tobacco use policy. Led by an adult facilitator at a school or community-based setting. [Lung.org/INDEPTH](https://www.lung.org/INDEPTH)
- Our Vape-Free Schools Initiative helps schools navigate the public health crisis of youth vaping and allows them to become a recognized leader by offering students education, cessation and support. [Lung.org/vape-free-schools](https://www.lung.org/vape-free-schools)

Contact

Our Lung Helpline is a free service staffed by registered nurses, respiratory therapists, pharmacists and certified tobacco cessation specialists.



1-800-LUNG-USA (1-800-586-4872)
[Lung.org/helpline](https://www.lung.org/helpline)



Learn more about these and other programs at [Lung.org](https://www.lung.org).

Contact your local American Lung Association office for information on youth leadership groups and other youth tobacco initiatives. **1-800-LUNGUSA**



RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER

April Award Winners

Student

Abdullah Al Awaja
Zachary Ford
Glory Gwee
Iysis Holmes
Abiola Ikusika-Beasley
Aniyah Overton
Jacier Santos
Vanessa Tatarevich
Anonda Tennell-Brown
Grace Way

Nominated by

Principal Palladino
Mr. Eccleston
Principal Palladino
Mr. Brigano
Principal Palladino
Principal Palladino
Principal Palladino
Principal Palladino
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Student

Ariellynn Albertson
Justin Brown, Jr.
Justin Hilario Dominguez
Alasender Lah
Brandon Lee
Heh Ler
Angelize Lopez
Jesmary Morales
Alexander Polanco
Naylen Woods

Nominated by

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Employee

Michelle Fabbio
Ryan Fagan
Jessica Pasqualicchio
Brittany Roundtree
Ashley Wnuk-Frank

Nominated by

Ms. LaPorte
Mrs. Tillotson
Mrs. Tillotson
Mrs. Racioppa
Ms. LaPorte

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

Grade 7	Grade 8
<p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Citizenship</p> <p>1. Alaysaia Ward Nominated by Ms. Wronka</p> <p>2. Siti Ahmad Nominated by Ms. Saville</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Citizenship</p> <p>1. Laila Truong Nominated by Ms. Kilian</p> <p>2. Justyce Robinson-Isu Nominated by Ms. Tillotson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Most Improved</p> <p>1. Safya Ebadi Nominated by Ms. Mihajlovic</p> <p>2. Kevaja Woodall Nominated by Ms. Beach</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Most Improved</p> <p>1. Aisling Warren Nominated by Mr. Hawley</p> <p>2. Aniyah Overton Nominated by Mr. Singleton</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best Participation</p> <p>1. Traehs'ym Rodgers Nominated by Ms. Hyde</p> <p>2. Vincent Cognito IV Nominated by Ms. Ricci</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Best Participation</p> <p>1. Abiola Ikusika-Beasley Nominated by Ms. Saville</p> <p>2. Giada Guzman Nominated by Ms. Egresits</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Perfect Attendance</p> <p>1. Kyaw Kyaw</p> <p>2. Rachel Rah</p> <p>3. Hsaku Thay</p> <p>4. Mason Vo</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Perfect Attendance</p> <p>1. Freddy Aviles-Padilla</p> <p>2. David Musei</p> <p>3. Vanessa Thach</p> <p>4. Hser Eh Moo Win</p>

Donovan Middle School June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 4 Locker Clean Out this week. No book backpacks/large bags next week allowed.	 5 Day 2 NYS GRADE 8 WRITTEN ASSESSMENT	 6 Day 1 <u>Finals</u> English FACS Math	 7 Day 2 Grade 8 Awards Ceremony (Invite Only) 4:00 Pm	1 Day 2 <u>Finals</u> Music	2 Day 1	3
11	12 Day 1 <u>Finals</u> ENL	13 Day 2	14 Day 1 <u>Regents</u> Liv. Env. PM	15 Day 2 <u>Regents</u> Algebra AM	16 Day 1	17
18	19 No School (Juneteenth)	20 Day 2 World Language Proficiencies-Italian, French, Spanish	21 Day 1	22 Day 2 Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony-MVCC	23 Day 1 Last Day of School!	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	