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September 2019

Special Back to School Edition for Parents/Guardians

Welcome back!

Classes begin Thursday, September 5 for grades K-12

The first full school year with new Superintendent, Dr. Aaron Johnson, leading the West Irondequoit Central School District starts Thursday, Sept. 5, and students, families and guardians will notice some improvements.

First and foremost, a new “Raptor” system is being implemented throughout our District, adding another significant layer of building safety. The Raptor Visitor Management system, which is used in more than 26,000 schools nationwide, allows our staff to screen visitors and provides an even safer environment for our students and staff.

It immediately identifies anyone listed on a sex offender registry and also allows schools to customize databases for parental custody alerts and/or banned visitors. It flags them before entry to the building. The most important information our school community should know: During school hours visitors will need to show government-issued photo identification to enter the building.

New playgrounds were installed over the summer at Briarwood and Brookview elementary schools. Seneca’s playground is scheduled to be redone. The walking path behind Briarwood to Saint Paul Boulevard also was resurfaced. More construction is scheduled for mid-September on the roofs at Irondequoit High School, Rogers Middle School and

Southlawn School. It will impact some traffic flow and parking availability, particularly behind IHS, so please follow posted signs and drive carefully.

IHS also has a new school leader. IHS Principal, Ms. Alecia Zipp-McLaughlin, arrived in July. A parent in our District, she most recently served in a leadership role in the Rochester City School District as Freshman Academy Director at East Upper High School. She has worked as an educator for more than 23 years.

Also at IHS, business teacher, Mrs. LaVon Bucciarelli, is the new Career Connections Coordinator, helping connect our students with local businesses and identify potential career paths. Mrs. Laura Westerman, a longtime science teacher at Dake Junior High School, is the new Director of the Teaching Learning Center. Each educator will continue to teach in a more limited role.

The pursuit of peak performance has its rewards, too. Last June, six of our 10 schools moved up in *Buffalo Business First’s* annual ratings of Rochester-area schools. Briarwood (K-3)

ascended to the top spot among 162 elementary schools. As a District, eight of West Irondequoit’s 10 schools received five-star status. Only 55 schools in the area received that distinction of academic excellence. 📌




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What is DASA? Dignity for All Students Act

In accordance with NYS Education Law, the Board of Education has adopted West Irondequoit CSD Policy #3171, to provide a framework of support in order to continue to maintain a culture and climate of mutual respect in our schools. Additionally, the Code of Conduct provides expectations for students, staff and residents as they work, volunteer and visit our schools.

In each school, a DASA Coordinator is thoroughly trained to handle human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (identity or expression) and sex. The coordinators are available to assist families with any concerns. 

Our DASA Coordinators are:

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Directory

A directory is available on our website at www.westirondequoit.org. Click on "Directory" on the navigation bar at the top of the page. You can find an employee when searching by name, building or position. 

Local Weather Site

WICSD is part of the WeatherBug network, and local information can be accessed via our website. The monitoring equipment is located atop Listwood School and the camera gives a view of current weather conditions as they approach from the west. Check it out the next time you are looking for truly local weather information! 



The 2018-19 IHS Ace Mentorship team, from left to right: Pietro Camerucci, Anthony Ha, Micah Matuska and Kyle Taylor.

Leadership Updates at WICSD



Alecia Zipp-McLaughlin
Principal
Irondequoit High School

Ms. Alecia Zipp-McLaughlin is the new leader of IHS. Prior to starting in her new role in July, she spent her 23-year career as an administrator and teacher in the Rochester City School

District. Most recently, she served as Freshman Academy Director at East Upper High School while also supervising its 7-12 English Dept. Her work with ninth-graders is of special note and was instrumental in demonstrating definable success. East's graduation rate increased from 33% to 61%. Ms. Zipp-McLaughlin utilizes clear and consistent communication with students and parents about expectations and support. Her other RCSD roles included Program Administrator (2015-2019), Vice Principal (2009-2015), Coordinating Administrator of Special Education (2006-2009) and Teacher, ELA and Special Education (1996-2006).

Ms. Zipp-McLaughlin is a West Irondequoit resident. Her daughter, Meghan, was a member of the IHS Class of 2019 and is now at Florida Southern. Son, Kalan, is an IHS sophomore. A native of Dolgeville near Utica, she earned her Bachelor of Science in psychology (elementary education minor) from St. John Fisher College. She also holds two Master of Science degrees.

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LaVon Bucciarelli
Career Connections Coordinator
Irondequoit High School

Mrs. LaVon Bucciarelli is the new Career Connections Coordinator, helping connect students with internships and jobs that they might want to pursue beyond high school. She

has been a key member of the IHS Business Department for the past 11 years, an advisor for the award-winning DECA Club and recognized as a Gold Star recipient for teaching financial literacy. A former IHS Teacher of the Year, she is one of the founding members of the Transitional Support Program. Mrs. Bucciarelli has taught business and marketing but is also certified to teach family and consumer science. She will continue to do some teaching at IHS. A Rochester native and Nazareth Academy graduate, the Greece resident earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from SUNY Brockport (marketing/economics major). She owns a Master's degree from Nazareth in marketing education and has work experience in real estate, banking and tax preparation. She and her husband, John, have owned and operated the Pizza Shack in Spencerport for 24 years. The couple has three children: Erica, 25, Liana, 22, and Jonathan, 13.

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Laura Westerman
Director
Teaching Learning Center

Mrs. Laura Westerman is the new Director of the Teaching Learning Center. She has worked in West Irondequoit her entire 14-year career and since 2005 has taught general science and living

environment at Dake Junior High School and Irondequoit High School. As leader of the Teaching Learning Center, Mrs. Westerman plays a critical role in the professional development of her colleagues. In addition to earning this year's Beverly F. Engel Excellence in Education Award, the Rochester native has held a state Master Teacher designation since 2015, presented at multiple local conferences and in 2011 was a finalist for the Rochester Area Colleges Center for Excellence in math and science and Excellence in STEM teaching awards. Mrs. Westerman has mentored many of our probationary teachers and already has significantly impacted the integration of classroom technology on Dake's Implementation Team. Mrs. Westerman, who will continue to teach some science courses, earned her Bachelor of Science in biology and science education from Syracuse University and Master of Science in Teaching of Reading and Literacy from SUNY Geneseo. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Penfield with their two daughters, Grace and Abigail.

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Mary Jo Nugent
Transportation Supervisor
West Irondequoit CSD

Ms. Mary Jo Nugent started working for West Irondequoit in December of 2018. An East Irondequoit native, she worked for Gates Chili's bus operations for seven years, including four as

its expediter, and also was a head bus driver in the Webster School District for nearly four years. Ms. Nugent oversees the WICSD's transportation operation, including routing, communication with families and working closely with bus companies with which WICSD contracts. A graduate of Greece Athena, she earned her Bachelor of Science from Niagara University in hotel and restaurant management. She also holds an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from Monroe Community College. Ms. Nugent resides in Gates. She has a 20-year-old daughter, Marissa, and two sons, Nick, 18, and Jimmy, 16.

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Safety: Know Your Speed!

The Town of Irondequoit's speed limit laws, including many in zones around our schools, have been in place for a little more than a year and have reduced speeds on most roads throughout the town to 30 miles per hour and 20 in school zones during school hours. According to the Town of Irondequoit website, below are the speed limits:

25 mph school speed zones (during school hours only)

- **Seneca School:** The portions of Thomas Ave. & St Paul Blvd. near the school
- **Rogers School:** The portions of Seneca Ave. near the school

Note: most Irondequoit schools already have school speed zones on town (local) roads.

Town roads near schools - 25 mph

Additionally, many of the town roads near schools have been reduced to 25 mph.

West Irondequoit Central School District

- **Dake Jr. High/ Irondequoit High:** Biltmore Dr., Hoover Road, Gardham Road (both North and South of campus), Winona Blvd.
- **Listwood School:** List Ave.
- **Rogers/Southlawn schools:** Burwell Road, Northfield Road, Rawlinson Road
- **Briarwood School:** Briarwood Drive, Somershire Drive
- **Brookview School:** Brookview Drive
- **Iroquois/Colebrook Schools:** Colebrook Drive, Washington Ave., Cinnabar Road, Shorewood Drive

Roads lowered to 30 mph

- **Cooper Road:** Entire road (20 mph in front of IHS)
- **Titus Ave.:** Between Gardham Road and St. Paul Blvd.
- **St. Paul Blvd.:** North of Pattonwood Drive in Summerville neighborhood

Meet our Security Team

Please check out the new Security page on the WICSD website. It includes the names and pictures of our Security unit, which is led by Mr. Mike Brooks. You can find it by clicking on the "Departments" tab.



Mike Brooks

WICSD Security Personnel

Mike Brooks	Wanda Moore
Chris Adams	Tony Onorato
Tim Bubb	Ann Porter
James Elliott	Phil Prinzi
Delauno Johnson	Chris Rodriguez

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The West Irondequoit Central Parent Teacher Student Association invites you to become a member.

PTSA membership support means:

- Making a difference in the lives of all children and youth
- Being an advocate for appropriate legislation to improve laws, policies, and conditions on behalf of children in both Albany and Washington
- Obtaining valuable information, news, and services to keep you abreast of key issues affecting your children
- Funding family events, scholarships, and cultural arts at all schools in the district
- Promoting quality education and a meaningful partnership between parents and administration
- Encouraging community involvement
- Fostering a healthy environment and safe neighborhoods
- **It does NOT obligate you to volunteer although we would love your help if you are interested!**

When you join, you will receive a copy of the WICPTSA School Activity Calendar. Not only does the calendar include all the key events in every school in the district throughout the year, it has the entire staff breakdown by building and key phone numbers and email addresses.

Membership "pre-sale" in the commons at Irondequoit High School

Tuesday, September 3rd 7:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. and
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

You can also join online, at District Office or through your child's school. Check out the website at www.wicptsa.org for more information.

WICPTSA Executive Committee

Bridget Harris, President
Colleen Smith, VP Administrative Affairs
Audrey Shafer, VP School Affairs
Maureen Keller, Secretary
Melissa LeVesque, Treasurer
Maureen Heron, Past President

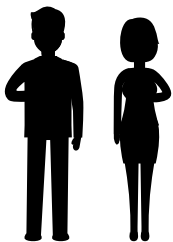
Parent/ Guardian on Active Duty in the Armed Forces

In an effort to better serve students, the United States Department of Education, under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), now requires school districts to identify the students with parents and/or guardians on active duty in the Armed Forces. Active duty is defined as full-time duty in the active military service of the United States. If you are a parent/guardian on active duty, please notify Teresa Nickeson, West Irondequoit's District Registrar, by email at Teresa_Nickeson@westiron.monroe.edu or phone at (585) 336-6743.

Employment Opportunities at our schools

Employment opportunities are posted on our website at <https://www.applitrack.com/westirondequoit/onlineapp/default.aspx>, and applications should be submitted online.

Current openings include substitute teachers, clerical help, lunch monitor, food service and security.



Right to Refuse Photo/Video of Your Child

There are times when the West Irondequoit Central School District or the media take photographs of and/or video of our students and also interview our students. It could be to publicize an activity or event or to honor achievement. The student photo and/or interview may be used internally or externally outside of the WICSD in print and/or electronic form and/or on the Internet. Sometimes the media simultaneously publishes student interviews and/or pictures on its own sites.

If you do NOT want your child to be interviewed and/or your child's photograph to be released/posted and/or his/her name released in print and/or electronic form and/or on the Internet, please sign and return the form below. Additionally, please know that the news media is legally entitled to take photos during events of public interest such as board meetings, athletic events or activity where students are present even if the parent has not granted permission.

The District is required to allow student teachers to videotape themselves providing instruction in a classroom to meet their instruction component for their teaching certification. The video is confidential and is not subject to viewing or disclosure to an individual or entity, other than the student teacher applicant and relevant personnel. This is an exception to parental consent for release of education records under FERPA per New York State Law.

Right to Refuse Photography 2019-2020 School Year

I, as parent/guardian of my child, **WITHHOLD CONSENT** for my child to be interviewed and/or photographed by West Irondequoit CSD and used in print and/or electronic form. I understand that any outside news media may still take and use photos of my child.

Child's Name

Child's School

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Send requests to:

Office of Public Information, West Irondequoit CSD
321 List Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617






Invitation for Pesticide Notification

Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all schools to provide periodic written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the use of pesticides. School districts are also required to maintain a list of persons who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain scheduled pesticide applications. Please note that the following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements. It is our intention to only use these types of methods to control pests:

- Those followed by a continuous 72-hours of no occupancy;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides or insecticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- EPA designated bio-pesticides;
- EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25 applications;
- Aerosol products with a directed spray, in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less, when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

It is our intention to only use these types of methods to control pests as part of our integrated pest management system. Once a month a representative from our contract pest control firm meets with the custodian or custodial assistant from each building to review any pest problems that may exist in the building. If there are any such problems, the area is investigated and the least toxic method of eliminating the problem is chosen. The pest control firm is also available to respond within 24 hours for emergencies. Should an emergency application be necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification after-the-fact to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to be on the list to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that could occur in your school, please complete the enclosed form and return it no later than October 1, 2019. Notification will be mailed to the address that you designate on this form. To obtain further information about the district's pesticide management, please contact John Conti, Executive Director of Operations, 720 Washington Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617; 585-336-3009, FAX 585-336-3064; john_conti@westiron.monroe.edu. 



Request for Pesticide Application Notification*

Return completed request form to:
West Irondequoit Central School District
Attn: Pesticide Notification
720 Washington Avenue
Rochester, NY 14617



Please notify me of scheduled pesticide applications for the schools I have circled: Briarwood • Brookview • Colebrook • Dake • IHS • Iroquois • Listwood • Oakview • Rogers • Seneca • Southlawn • Evans & McGraw Learning Center

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

**You only need to register once for notification. If you have registered previously, DO NOT REGISTER AGAIN. You are permanently on the notification list until you ask to be removed.*

Our Attendance Policies

West Irondequoit's attendance policy reflects the Board of Education's belief that attendance and achievement are directly related, and that students, parents, and the district all share responsibility for assuring high levels of student attendance. This summary is intended to inform you of the key features of the policy and related procedures.

General

The attendance policy (and its accompanying regulations) provide for a number of components:

- Classification of absences as "excused" or "unexcused" (see below)
- Establishment of a comprehensive register of attendance in each building
- The promotion of incentives for good attendance and disincentives for excessive absence
- Procedures for parent involvement and for school-parent communication regarding attendance issues
- Procedures for school-parent collaboration in addressing excessive absence
- The possible denial of credit (for high school level courses) as a consequence of excessive absence (see below)
- Procedures for annual review and, where necessary, improvement of the district's attendance policy

Classification of Absences

Each student absence, tardiness, and early departure from scheduled instruction will be classified and recorded as "excused" or "unexcused" based on the reason for the absence.

Excused absences may be for the following reasons:

- Personal illness or hospitalization
- Medical or dental appointment that can not be scheduled outside school hours
- Death in the family
- Religious observance
- Legal obligation (i.e., required to be in court)
- Authorized school activity (e.g., field trip, music lesson)
- College visits
- Other reasons as may be approved by the principal and are consistent with the intent of the policy

Absences for any reason other than those listed above are unexcused. Such absences include, but are not limited to:

- Family vacation
- Oversleeping
- Babysitting
- Car trouble
- Take your child to work day
- Truancy/class cut
- Other

Communication

Prior to any absence (or as soon thereafter as possible) parents should call their child's school to report the absence (full or part day) and to indicate the reason for it. Phone numbers and specific directions for reporting absences appear in each school's student/parent handbook and on the district's Web site at <https://www.westirondequoit.org>. The school will promptly notify parents of any unaccounted absences from school or class. In addition, school officials in all buildings will work closely with parents to intervene in cases where excessive absence is a concern.

Attendance and Course Credit

For courses that carry a unit of credit toward graduation (all IHS courses and some at Duke), the district requires students to attend no fewer than 85 percent of the scheduled class meetings. For students whose attendance falls below 85 percent in a course, regardless of the reasons for absences, credit for the course may be denied.

When a student's pattern of absence could lead, if continued, to loss of credit, school officials will notify parents and collaborate with them in steps designed to improve attendance and avoid denial of credit. Prior to any denial of credit, these steps will include an attendance hearing to review the circumstances surrounding the excessive absence and to determine whether course credit should be allowed or denied. While credit could be denied when attendance falls below the 85 percent threshold regardless of the reasons for the absences, principals are authorized to consider those reasons-excused and/or unexcused-along with other circumstances, in rendering a decision.

Policy Availability

West Irondequoit's attendance policy and its related procedures follow the guidelines set forth by the New York State Commissioner of Education.

Parents who would like a full copy of the district's attendance policy and its accompanying regulations should contact Mrs. Patricia Kelly, District Clerk, 321 List Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617 585-336-2983
Patricia_Kelly@westiron.monroe.edu
 Policies (#7120 and #7140) are also available on our website: www.westirondequoit.org.

Child Abuse Hotline

The NYS Office of Child and Family Services operates a toll-free telephone number to receive reports of child abuse or neglect. The number is 1-800-342-3720. The Office of Child and Family Services website can be accessed here: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/faqs.asp>

La Oficina de Servicios para Niños y Familias del Estado de Nueva York opera un número de teléfono gratuito para recibir informes de abuso o negligencia infantil. El número es 1-800-342-3720. El Sitio Web de La Oficina de Servicios para Niños y Familias se puede acceder aquí: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/faqs.asp>





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- Fitness Classes
- Passport Application Nights
- First Aid, CPR, Safety Classes
- Parent & Child Classes
- Health & Wellness Classes
- IHS Fitness Center and pool are available to the public during select hours.

View our complete course catalogue online at www.westirondequoit.org/community.

For more information, contact:

- Barb Reardon, Director of Community Education – 585-336-3014, Barb_Reardon@westiron.monroe.edu

2019 - 2020 Crossing Guard Schedule

Irondequoit Police Department Crossing Guard Coordinator: Mary Beth Egeling / 585-336-6000 x 2236

TIMES	SCHOOLS	LOCATION
7:05-8:05; 2:45-3:40	Dake Jr. High/IHS	Dake North Entrance & Genrich's
7:05-8:05; 2:45-3:40	Dake Jr. High/IHS	IHS South Entrance & Thorncliffe Dr.
7:30-8:30; 2:15-3:30	Seneca	St Paul Blvd. & Thomas Ave.
7:30-8:30; 2:30-3:30	Iroquois/Colebrook	St Paul Blvd. & Colebrook Dr.
7:30-8:30; 2:30-3:20	Iroquois/Colebrook	Shorewood Dr. & Colebrook Dr.
7:30-8:30; 2:30-3:20	Iroquois/Colebrook	Washington Ave. & Colebrook Dr.
7:30-8:15; 2:30-3:15	Iroquois/Colebrook	Washington Ave. & Lakeshore Blvd.
7:30-8:15; 2:30-3:15	Iroquois/Colebrook	Pattonwood Dr. & St. Paul Blvd.
7:45-8:30; 2:15-3:00	Listwood	List Ave. & Hoover Rd.
7:30-8:15; 2:25-3:15	Listwood	List Ave. & Pinegrove Ave.
8:15-9:00; 3:05-3:35	Briarwood/Rogers	St Paul Blvd. & Thorncliffe Dr., Chestnut Hill Dr.
8:00-9:00; 3:00-3:45	Briarwood/Rogers	St Paul Blvd. & St Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
8:00-8:50; 3:05-3:50	Southlawn/Rogers	St Paul Blvd. & Armstrong Ave., Westbourne Rd.
8:00-9:00; 3:05-3:45	Southlawn/Rogers	Seneca Ave. & Rawlinson Rd.
8:30-9:05; 2:45-3:30	Southlawn/Rogers	Oak Lane & Northfield Rd.
8:00-9:00; 3:05-3:45	Rogers/Southlawn	Seneca Ave. & Titus Ave.
7:45-9:00; 3:05-4:00	Brookview/Rogers	Hudson Ave. & Brookview Dr.
8:15-9:00; 3:00-3:45	Christ the King/Rogers	Portland Ave. & Kearney Dr.
8:00-9:00; 3:05-3:50	Rogers/Southlawn	St. Paul Blvd. & Titus Ave.

Keeping students safe during the cold

Each year, we receive questions regarding outdoor play at recess for students during the winter season. Printed below are the guidelines that we follow to ensure the safety of our students while allowing them time during the school day to enjoy outdoor physical activities. These guidelines have been prepared by Larry Denk, M.D., School Physician, and Mary Lou Popolizio, M.S., PNP School Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

If children are properly clothed, they can participate in safe, vigorous play in an outdoor environment in most weather conditions. Increased caution is necessary, however, due to a large body surface area to weight ratio. During cold temperatures less than 20 degrees F, children are at risk of cold-related injury. In particular, the younger the child, the less physical adaptive reactions they have to cold stress. Shivering is one physical adaptive mechanism that alerts caretakers to the negative effects of cold exposure on the child. However, children can safely play outdoors in cold temperatures over 20 degrees F if properly dressed.

For elementary school-aged children we are concerned about periods of inactivity while outside. Therefore, we have chosen a temperature of 20 degrees F or higher for allowing children to be outside for a planned or structured sedentary activity (including standing in line). This does not apply to individual children who choose to stand around or sit around at a time when there is opportunity for play and running around; such children will be encouraged to be active at all temperatures. School personnel will not plan sedentary activities in cold weather and will not expect students to be inactive while outside in cold weather. When outdoor temperatures and wind chill factors are greater than or equal to 20 degrees F, children will be allowed to play outdoors with adult supervision if adequately dressed with hats, mittens or well insulated gloves, and boots. This applies to all children who are physically well enough to attend school.

West Irondequoit will continue to follow the advice of the Monroe County Health Department in using -25 degrees F wind chill as the threshold for closing schools due to cold. As always, parents may choose to keep their children home on any day they deem too dangerous for travel. ❧



Emergency Closing Procedures

There may be times, due to adverse weather or other emergencies, when it will be necessary to close one or more schools. In order to inform the community, the district will contact parents via our automated phone system using numbers provided by families at the start of the school year. We will also alert **major television and radio channels (TV 8, 9, 10, 13, 31 and 1180 AM and 1370 AM)** with details of the situation.

If the determination to close is made before the opening of school, every effort will be made to notify families by 6:00 a.m. There may be occasions when the start of school is delayed. For example, a one-hour delay would mean that schools would open one hour later than the normal schedule. Buses would pick students up one hour later. The school day would end at the regularly scheduled time.

Should it be necessary to close school during the day, the district will take actions to ensure the safety of children and staff, and parents will be notified using our automated phone system. The following procedures will apply:

K-8: Parents must fill out and return an Emergency Notification Form in September. It is crucial that we always have correct, up to date

phone numbers. If the principal feels that students can reach their destination safely, students will be released in accordance with instructions on each child's emergency form.

Review with your child the procedure to be followed if s/he arrives at home and you are not there. If conditions permit, busses will be available to transport students who regularly ride the bus.

9-12: Students (except handicapped students requiring transportation) who feel that they can reach their destinations safely will be dismissed. All other students will remain in school until satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Please review with your children, neighbors and relatives the plans you have pre-arranged, should an early dismissal or emergency school closing occur. It is crucial that parents understand the emergency notification procedures we are using and that you think about how you and your children will respond under these rare conditions. We appreciate your efforts to keep your child's emergency plan up-to-date as family schedules and circumstances change. ❧

In the spirit of cooperative learning, school personnel and parents have a shared responsibility to foster the health and well being of all students. It is the parent's responsibility to send children to school appropriately dressed for outdoor activities.

Prevention of Cold Related Injury

- Keep hands and feet dry.
- Use mittens instead of gloves.
- Apply clothing in multiple layers.
- Avoid tight clothing.
- Increase fluid and calorie intake in cold weather.
- Cover lips with plain petroleum jelly to decrease risk of chapping.
- Wear a scarf around the nose and mouth to allow re-breathing of warmer air.
- Wear hats to prevent heat loss.
- Head covering should protect sensitive ear tissue.



West Irondequoit Offers Before and After School Childcare

Offered through West Irondequoit Community Education, the K-6 Extension Program provides children in grades K-6 with a safe, secure and enriched environment before and after their school day.

Activities include:

- indoor and outdoor play (weather permitting)
- homework assistance
- independent reading
- reading with a partner
- academic support
- supervised computer use
- board games
- crafts and more!

Children receive a healthy snack during the afternoon session.

Hours & Locations

Iroquois Middle School
150 Colebrook Drive
7:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m.
2:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Rogers Middle School
219 Northfield Road
7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Program

Morning

- Quiet socialization, homework, board games

Afternoon

- Snack, recreation
- DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read), homework
- Supervised computer use, enrichment opportunities, arts & crafts, board games

Fee

Cost is \$60 per week per child AM only, \$85 per week per child PM only, \$110 per week per child for both, to be paid monthly. Cash, checks, Visa and MasterCard are accepted for payment. The Community Education Department is self-supporting.

Students who attend Briarwood, Brookview, Southlawn and Rogers Schools attend the Rogers Middle School site. Students who attend Colebrook, Listwood, Seneca and Iroquois Schools attend the Iroquois Middle School site. An extension staff member meets Colebrook students at their school and walks with them to Iroquois School. An extension staff member meets Southlawn students at their school and walks with them to Rogers School. All other

students are eligible for district transportation. Arrangements for transportation must be made by the parent; contact the transportation office at 585-336-2992.

Iroquois and Rogers students may participate in after school activities and join our program when the activities end. Parents must pick up their children at the conclusion of the program each afternoon.

The Community Education K-6 Extension Program follows the West Irondequoit School District calendar and is not able to provide care during school holidays. If schools are closed due to the weather or other extenuating circumstances, the extension program will also be closed.

Registration packets are available in the Community Education Office (585-336-3014), the District Office, in K-6 schools and on the district website at www.westirondequoit.org.

Darlene Martorana
K6 Extension Program Coordinator
Darlene_Martorana@westiron.monroe.edu

Barb Reardon
Director of Community Education
Barb_Reardon@westiron.monroe.edu



Parents Have Right to Know Reviews for Teachers, Principals

The District's Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) generates annual ratings for teachers and principals. Pursuant to Education Law 3012-d the District will, upon written request, release the final quality ratings to parents or guardians for each of their child's teachers and principal who are subject to 3012-d.

Upon receipt of a written parental request, the principal will forward the request to the Deputy Superintendent, who

will arrange to meet with the parent/legal guardian regarding the sharing of ratings. The Deputy Superintendent will take reasonable steps to verify the parental relationship, including, where appropriate, through photo identification and/or other means. If the Deputy Superintendent cannot verify the parental relationship through reasonable means, information tied to individual APPR ratings will not be released.

Final decisions regarding class placement are up to the principal; changes in teacher placement are extremely rare and are made on the basis of multiple considerations. APPR ratings and/or parental requests alone generally do not result in a change in placement. Parents or guardians may request information about the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers. Upon written request, the District will provide this information.

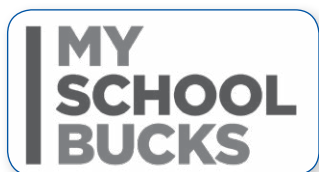
Notes from our Food Services Department

This Year's Meal Prices:
Breakfast - \$1.70 Lunch - \$2.85 Milk - \$.50

The Food Services Department will continue to serve breakfast and lunch in all of our schools this year.

Breakfast consists of milk, juice, fruit and cereal, the cost is \$1.70. There is also a hot breakfast option on select days. Menus will be posted on the district website (look for MENUS tab). Studies show us that students who eat a healthy breakfast are better able to focus on their studies and schools that offer breakfast on-site often see a reduction in tardiness.

The MySchoolBucks payment option is offered to all of our students, allowing parents to pre-pay for meals online using a credit card or PayPal. Payment may also be made by check. Student accounts are tracked by computer, using student ID numbers. Visit the Food Services page of the district website for more information and to set-up or update your child's account.



Students may also use the mySchoolBucks account to purchase snack items. If you would like to limit your child's use of the account to meals only, please contact School Lunch Director Betsy LoGiudice at 336-2953. A fee of \$2.49 is assessed for each deposit transaction. Parents placing money into multiple meal accounts will be assessed the \$2.49 fee only once per deposit transaction. West Irondequoit does not profit from this fee. Parents have found mySchoolBucks to be a convenient alternative to sending money to school each day.



Students may choose from skim, fat-free chocolate or 1% milk. Children who are lactose intolerant may request juice or water with a note from your family physician on file in the Health Office.

USDA has made minimal changes to the National School Breakfast and School Lunch regulations for the 2019-20 school year, and the following is still true:

- Schools must now offer a full cup of fruit with breakfast, and students are required to take at least half a cup,
- At least half of the bread/grain offerings must meet the criterion for a whole-grain rich food (based on at least half of the grain content as whole grain).

- New sodium targets are in effect, lunches must contain between 1230 and 1420 mg. of sodium, or less, depending on grade level. For breakfast, levels are between 540 and 640 mg., or less, depending on grade level.
- A la carte or snack food regulations require an a la carte item to contain 50% or more whole grains or have as the first ingredient a fruit, vegetable, dairy or protein food. In addition, the item must contain no more than 35% calories from fat and no more than 10% calories from saturated fats, less than 35% weight from sugar, less than 230 mg. of sodium and less than 200 calories.
- Beverages – Elementary schools can serve only water, milk, 100% juice (no more than 8 oz.), or 100% Juice mixed with water or carbonated water (no more than 8 oz.); Middle and High Schools may serve the same beverages up to 12 oz., but in addition, High schools may serve other flavored or carbonated beverages that contain no more than 10 calories per 20 oz. container.

Students in grades K-12 will always receive the hot lunch if they did not bring a lunch with them, regardless of whether they have money on their account. Each meal will be added to their balance. Parents will be contacted and encouraged to pay the balance due.

Information and applications for Free and Reduced Meals are included in this publication. Students who qualify may receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch. Questions regarding the Free and Reduced Meals program may be directed

to Sarah Herbert at 585-336-3063.

Links to menus, mySchoolBucks information and payment options, and forms for Free and Reduced Meals can be found on the district website at <http://tinyurl.com/WICSDmeals>.

Betsy LoGiudice, School Lunch Director
betsy_logiudice@westiron.monroe.edu 585-336-2953

FIND MORE INFO AT www.westirondequoit.org



West Irondequoit Central School District

FOOD SERVICE OFFICE, Irondequoit High School
260 Cooper Road, Rochester, New York 14617-3125
Telephone: (585) 336-2993 • www.westirondequoit.org

Dear Parent/Guardian:

July 2019

Children need healthy meals to learn. West Irondequoit Central School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast will consist of milk, juice, fruit and cereal. Meal costs: breakfast \$1.70; student lunch \$2.85; cost of milk only \$.50. Children from households that meet federal income guidelines (outlined below) are eligible free or reduced price meals. **As of July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge. NOTE: If the student becomes eligible for free or reduced meal benefits, but decides they only want milk for their meal, they will be charged \$.50 per milk.** To apply for free or reduced price meals, submit a Direct Certification letter, **including your case number**, from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete the enclosed application, sign it and return it to **Sarah Herbert, WISCD – District Office, 321 List Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617** as soon as possible. Please refer to the guidelines contained in this letter when completing the application.

We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information.

- **DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?** No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Sarah Herbert, WISCD – District Office, 321 List Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617**
- **WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS?** All children in households receiving benefits from **SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations** or **TANF**, can get free meals regardless of your income. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in the household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving possible benefits.
- **CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, foster children who are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced priced meals, an eligible foster child will still receive benefits. We require documentation from the county/state regarding guardianship of a foster child.
- **CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?** Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call **585-336-3063** or write **James Brennan, WISCD–District Office, 321 List Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617** to see if they qualify.
- **WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS?** Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
- **SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call **Sarah Herbert at 585-336-3063** if you have questions. *Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch at no charge.*
- **MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first 30 days of this school year. You must send in a new application, using the current school year application, unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- **I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS?** Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
- **WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?** Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.
- **IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

- **WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to Mr. James Brennan, 321 List Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617, 585-336-2993.
- **MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN?** Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- **WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD?** You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- **WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?** List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- **WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- **MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS THEIR COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME?** No, if the combat pay is received in addition to their basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before he/she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact **Sarah Herbert** at **585-336-3063** for more information.
- **MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR?** To find out how to apply for **SNAP** or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call **1-800-342-3009**.

2019-2020 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS
REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 23,107	\$ 1,926	\$ 963	\$ 889	\$ 445
2	\$ 31,284	\$ 2,607	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,204	\$ 602
3	\$ 39,461	\$ 3,289	\$ 1,645	\$ 1,518	\$ 759
4	\$ 47,638	\$ 3,970	\$ 1,985	\$ 1,833	\$ 917
5	\$ 55,815	\$ 4,652	\$ 2,326	\$ 2,147	\$ 1,074
6	\$ 63,992	\$ 5,333	\$ 2,667	\$ 2,462	\$ 1,231
7	\$ 72,169	\$ 6,015	\$ 3,008	\$ 2,776	\$ 1,388
8	\$ 80,346	\$ 6,696	\$ 3,348	\$ 3,091	\$ 1,546
Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,177	\$682	\$ 341	\$ 315	\$ 158

How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit an Eligibility Letter for Free Meals received from the NYS Education Department, OR carefully complete **one application for your household** and return it to the designated office. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. **An application that is not complete cannot be approved.** Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application. **No application is necessary if the household was notified by the school that their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.**

Reporting Changes: The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.



Income Exclusions: The value of any childcare provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such childcare or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should **not** be considered as income for this program.

Reduced Price Eligible Students: Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch at no charge.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability.

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include, but are not limited to: functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. You must request the special meals modifications from the school and provide the school with medical statement from a State licensed healthcare professional. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal, State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,

James Brennan, Assistant Superintendent for Finance

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (g.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800)877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

All-Access: Stay Connected with West Irondequoit schools!

We have various communication platforms to help you stay connected with our schools. In the past year we have enhanced our social media coverage on Facebook and Twitter, added a YouTube channel and modified our Transportation Page to make it more useful and user friendly. Please visit our District website – www.westirondequoit.org – for the latest news. For more details, please read below.

New! Receive Transportation details online!

Did you know parents and guardians can now submit ALL transportation forms/applications on our District site or print them out? Find the TRANSPORTATION “Quick Link” on the main page. New this year: The online Opt-Out form. Families must have an Infinite Campus account (see below) to obtain transportation information, such as bus passes, route times and bus numbers. It will no longer be mailed home.

Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal

Infinite Campus is our student management system. Parents of students in all grades can create an account that allows them to view schedules, attendance, report cards and teacher and transportation information. High school and junior-high students have accounts to view their own information. Login credentials are available from school main offices; parents must present ID to obtain them. If you registered in a previous year, your account stays active and only one account is necessary for families with multiple children enrolled.

E-news

E-news allows us to e-mail parents to inform them about events at school or share reminders about upcoming activities and deadlines. We continue to send home printed newsletters by request, but we can reach you directly via E-news. Register at westirondequoit.org. Click “News” then “Newsletters & E-news” and “subscribe.”

Broadcast Call System




Our Blackboard Connect system allows us to contact parents via the phone/email when we need to send out information immediately. Phone numbers are pulled from Infinite Campus using a secure system. Please be sure that we have your most up-to-date home, work and cell phone numbers. The system will leave a voicemail message if you do not answer the phone. [☎](#)



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-  Helmer Nature Center

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Student Health Information

The district's school health services program supports your student's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way that we provide care for your student is by performing health screenings as mandated by the State of New York.

During this school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school:

Health Appraisals

New York State Education Law (section 903) requires a health examination for new entrants and students in kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. It is recommended that your child have the exam done by your primary care physician. If this not possible, an exam may be scheduled with the district's school physician, with your permission. Forms are available at school, in most physician's offices and on our Web site (www.westirondequoit.org see District / Forms and Publications).

New York State Education Law requires that body mass index (BMI) and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. The BMI lets the health care practitioner know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or if it is too high or too low. A sample of school districts is selected each year to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health and must report information about student weight status groups. Only summary information is used. No names and no information about individual students is sent.

Hearing

(performed at school if not submitted by private physician)
Hearing screening for all newly entering students and for students in kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11.

Vision

(performed at school if not submitted by private physician)
Distance and near vision acuity for all newly entering students and for students in kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11. Color perception screening for all new entering students.

Dental Certificates

A dental certificate is requested for all newly entering students and for students in kindergarten and in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. The form, available at school and on the district Web site (www.westirondequoit.org see District / Forms and Publications), is to be completed by your child's dentist.


The New York State department of Health has provided the following list of dental providers that offer reduced fee screening if you have a need.

- Anthony L. Jordan Health Center: 585-423-5800
- Eastman Dental Center: 585-275-5051
- Eastman Dental at Highland: 585-341-6888
- Unity Hospital Rochester-Unity Dental Group: 585-368-3800

Scoliosis

(performed at school if not submitted by private physician)
Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for girls in grades 5 and 7 and boys in grade 9.

Additional Notes:

- Please review and complete the Confidential Student Health Information Update and the Authorization for Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that was sent home from your child's school.
- All medication (prescription /over the counter) must be delivered to the school by an adult. Medication cannot be administered at school without a written order from the physician and written permission from the parent/guardian.
- If your child has a medical condition that prevents physical education participation, a medical excuse from the physician must be submitted to the school nurse.
- Please notify the school when your child will be late, absent or dismissed early.
- If your child has any special medical concerns or needs, please contact the nurse at your child's school. 

**New York State immunization requirements are listed here:
www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf**

Come See Helmer Nature Center

WICSD's outdoor classroom!


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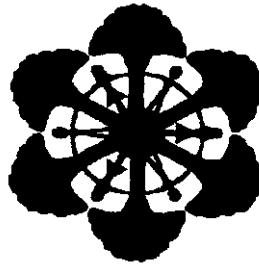
Owned and operated by the West Irondequoit Central School District since 1973, the objective of Helmer Nature Center is to utilize the natural world as a classroom in order to provide practical, integrated learning opportunities, foster environmental awareness, and promote the concept of global stewardship for life-long learners.

Due to a generous bequest from Irondequoit resident Mrs. Elizabeth Merz, and on-going support from the WICSD and the community, Helmer Nature Center continues its 45-year tradition of providing hands-on learning opportunities to countless students from pre-school to adult each year.

Helmer Nature Center is both an outdoor classroom and an environmental resource for the entire community. It encompasses approximately 45 acres of land with trails that are open to the public daily from dawn until dusk. Students from schools throughout Monroe County visit the center for curriculum based lessons in the unique educational setting. The center offers after school programs, evening and weekend events, as well as several family festivals each year. *Please remember that HNC is a sanctuary for wildlife, so please keep your pets at home while visiting.*

Become a member of the nature center and support environmental education programming in our area. Receive discounts and complimentary tickets to most of HNC's events and programs, discounts on REAL maple syrup (locally made), one free snowshoe rental per year, our quarterly newsletter, the Ecolog and admissions and discounts to nature centers across the U.S.

Learn more about the center at www.westirondequoit.org under COMMUNITY tab. Visit us on Facebook for the most up to date information on events and much more! 



2019 Fall Open Houses and Curriculum Nights for Parents

Briarwood
Curriculum Night
Sept. 12 / 6:30 p.m.

Brookview
Curriculum Night
Sept. 18 / 6:30 p.m.

Colebrook
Curriculum Night
Sept. 18 / 6:30 p.m.

Dake Junior High
Parent Open House
Sept. 11 / 7:00 p.m.

Iroquois
Curriculum Night
Oct. 2 / 6:30 p.m.

Irondequoit High School
Parent Open House
Sept. 26 / 6:30 p.m.

Listwood
Curriculum Night
Sept. 25 / 6:30 p.m.

Rogers
Curriculum Night
Oct. 2 / 6:30 p.m.

Seneca
Curriculum Night
Sept. 25 / 6:30 p.m.

Southlawn
Curriculum Night
Sept. 24 / 6:30 p.m.

Save the dates!

Events at Helmer Nature Center

Fall Harvest Festival
Sunday, October 6, 2019
12–3 PM

Owl Prowl
Friday & Saturday, Oct. 25 & 26, 2019
7–9 PM

Saturday Snowshoe
Saturdays in December, January, and February from 1–3 PM
(EXCEPT 1/11 & 2/1)

Trees for Trails
Saturday, January 11, 2020
10 AM – 1 PM

Team Trivia Competition
Saturday, February 1, 2020
7–10 PM

Maple Sugar Open House
Saturday, March 21, 2020
12–3 PM

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 29, 2020
10 AM – 2 PM

Bloomin' Baskets
Friday, May 8, 2020
4–6 PM

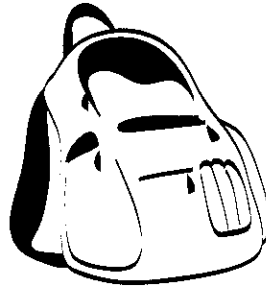


E-flyers / Virtual Backpack

The district is often asked to distribute community information, in the form of paper flyers, to our students. In many cases it is not possible to honor these requests. We will, however, consider posting notices on our Web site on our “E-flyers/Virtual Backpack” page. Flyers will be accepted if they concern:

- School district information, student activities
- PTSA information
- Town of Irondequoit sponsored events
- Non-profit youth activities held in our facilities

If you would like to submit a flyer for consideration, please e-mail it to:
patricia_kelly@westiron.monroe.edu.



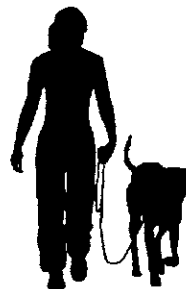
Visit the page often to keep current on local opportunities.

Attention Pet Owners

Residents are reminded that for the safety of all of our students and visitors, pets are not allowed on any of our campuses when students are present, including during athletic competitions.

At other times, pets must be leashed and under control. Please comply with requests from school district security and athletic supervisory personnel regarding pets on our grounds.

In recent years it has become a problem so thank you for cleaning up after your animal, keeping our walkways and fields more pleasant for everyone! WICSD has provided waste bags for use in problem areas.



Security Cameras

The West Irondequoit Central School District and its sub-contractors have installed surveillance cameras in some of the following areas: district buildings, on transportation vehicles and in outdoor areas. Cameras are located in public areas; they are not placed in any locations where people can have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Equal Opportunity Education

The West Irondequoit Central School District offers occupational education opportunities without regard to sex, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin or disability. Questions may be directed to Dr. Timothy Terranova, 321 List Ave., Rochester, NY 14617, 585-336-2995.

Board of Education

The Board of Education is made up of seven members, all volunteers, elected by the community. The board meets twice a month.

Business meetings are held the third Thursday of the month (unless otherwise indicated) in the Suzanne Dreher Conference Room, District Office, 321 List Avenue, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board study sessions are held the first Thursday of the month.

Board meeting dates, locations, agendas, agenda materials, and minutes will be posted on the district website: www.westirondequoit.org

Meetings are open to the public and public comment is routinely scheduled at meetings. Contact District Clerk Patricia Kelly at patricia_kelly@westiron.monroe.edu or 585-336-2983 with any questions.



The West Irondequoit Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic group, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, weight, veteran status, military status, religion and religious practice in its programs and or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Timothy Terranova, 321 List Ave., Rochester, NY 14617, 585-336-2995.

Cornhole Tournament set for September 28

The West Irondequoit Foundation's Cornhole Tournament is back and bigger! Last year's inaugural event attracted 32 teams. This year's field has expanded to 48 and the tournament has moved to a bigger venue – under the big tent at Camp Eastman, 1301 Lake Shore Blvd. It starts at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 and will be catered by Stick Lips BBQ, owned by Irondequoit High School graduate, Howie Nielsen. To secure your spot, visit www.westirondequoitfoundation.org. The entry fee of \$100 for a two-person team includes dinner and one drink per person.

The winning team gets \$1,000 and runner-up \$200. Diamond Packaging is back as the major sponsor and FULL MEASURE is our Sticky Lips food sponsor.

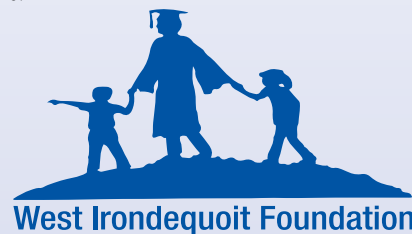
Sponsorship levels are:

- Board Sponsors (\$1,000): Includes one tournament entry fee (with dinner/one drink per person) and a custom-made Cornhole set (boards and bags) emblazoned with a logo of your choice (plus on-site signage during the tournament).
- Gold Sponsors (\$200): Includes one tournament entry fee (with dinner/one drink per person), court sponsorship and on-site signage during the event.
- Blue Sponsors (\$50): Includes on-site signage during the event.

Please consider playing, sponsoring or donating. It's money that goes toward education and helping West Irondequoit students. Call 336-3067 for more information.

The Foundation, a not-for-profit established in 1987, receives gifts and donations to fund programs. It underwrites teacher-initiated grants for projects, equipment and programs that cannot be supported by the WICSD's annual budget. Through the years, \$933,600 has been given to WICSD. This year's grants were for:

- iPads for elementary teachers to enrich student learning
- A digital system to administer, score and record psychological student assessments traditionally done manually.
- Dake Junior High's "Breakfast Club" to foster readiness to learn for select students and create a sense of belonging to their school community.
- Micro:bits (tiny programmable computers) to teach coding skills.



Bus information is now online!


By now parents and guardians of children attending West Irondequoit in grades K-3 and those in grades 4-8 who are eligible for transportation should have obtained bus schedules through our Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you have not done so, please call our Transportation Department ASAP at (585) 336-2992. The information within the Transportation tab of the Portal includes bus number, bus stop location and estimated times for pick-up and drop-off. For your convenience, transportation forms can be found and submitted through our website. They include childcare application, bus authorization release (K-3), Transportation Opt-Out form and applications for private-parochial-charter school students. Go to westirondequoit.org/Transportation_Department.

Please note: No child in grades K-3 will be allowed to exit the bus without a parent or guardian present at the bus stop or visible from

it unless a release form has been submitted. A student's morning bus number also may differ from the afternoon bus number.

Some bus and safety rules to follow:

- Students should be at the bus stop at least five minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time.
- It is a parent/guardian's responsibility to get the student to and from the bus stop safely.
- Students should observe the same conduct as in a classroom.
- Students should stay seated while the bus is moving and should never put their hands or arms outside a window.
- No eating or drinking is allowed on the bus.
- Cross the street ONLY when the driver has signaled to do so.

If you have more questions, please call Transportation at 336-2992. 

West Irondequoit CSD 2019 – 2020 School Calendar



July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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8	9	10	11	12
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August

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September

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February

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Faculty Orientation/Supt. Workshop Day



First Day for Students



Holiday/Recess



Local/Regents Exams



Regents Rating Day



Conference Days

- Sept. 2 Labor Day – No School
- Sept. 3 Faculty Orientation/Supt. Workshop Day
- Sept. 4 Superintendent Workshop Day
- Sept. 5 School Opens – Grades K-12
- Sept. 5 Superintendent Workshop Day – No School K-12
- Oct. 11 Columbus Day – No School
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day – No School
- Nov. 22 Gr. K-4 Full-day Conf. – No School K-4
- Nov. 27-29 Thanksgiving Recess – No School
- Dec. 23-31 Holiday Recess – No School
- Jan. 1-3 Holiday Recess – No School
- Jan. 6 School Resumes
- Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Day – No School
- Jan. 21-24 IHS Local/Regents Exams
- Feb. 17-21 Winter Recess - No School
- Apr. 6-9 Spring Recess – No School
- Apr. 10 Friday Holiday
- Apr. 15 Gr. K-4 Half-Day Release for Conferences
- May 19 Annual Budget Vote/Election
- May 22-25 Memorial Day Recess – No School
- June 2 Regents Exams
- June 14 Graduation
- June 17-26 Local/Regents Exams
- June 24 Last Day of School for Grades K-6
- June 26 Regents Rating Day – Last K-12 Faculty Day

Faculty Days 186 Student Days 183

West Irondequoit Schools

Welcome. Nurture. Inspire.



BY THE NUMBERS

- 8** Of our 10 schools earned Five-Star status from *Buffalo Business First* magazine
- 94** Graduation rate percentage of Irondequoit High School Class of 2019
- 95** Percent of 2019 graduates who earned Regents diplomas (71% earned Advanced Regents diplomas)
- 89** Percent of 2019 graduates who accessed college coursework at IHS
- 1** Where Briarwood School is ranked by *Buffalo Business First* magazine among 162 elementary schools
- 21** Advanced Placement Courses offered
- 11** Straight years named one of “Best Communities for Music Education in America” (18 of 20 years)
- 10** Consecutive years IHS has been a WISE BLUE-STAR High School for Student Financial Literacy
- 6** Of our 8 elementary schools ranked top 20 of 162 Rochester-area schools by *Buffalo Business First*
- 4** World Languages offered: French, German, Italian, Spanish (and Sign Language as a 2019-20 elective)
- 47** New York State Seal of Biliteracy recipients in 2018-19
- 18** Of the last 20 years at least one IHS student has earned a spot in DECA’s International competition
- 2** IHS Class of 2019 students among 16,000 in the country to earn National Merit Scholarship distinction
- 108** Students in grades 4-12 who competed in Odyssey of the Mind in 2019
- 1.94** 10-year average Tax Levy Increase (1.94% 2010-11 to 2019-20)

ACHIEVING PEAK PERFORMANCE

- ◆ **Comprehensive education:** We offer one of the area’s most comprehensive high schools with programs in art, building trades, business, music, performing arts, technology and vocational automotive.
- ◆ **Neighborhood schools:** Average enrollment of 172 among our six K-3 schools.
- ◆ **Career Connections Program:** Helps students thrive in work-study jobs, internships & career shadowing.
- ◆ **Fine art:** Offer 15 courses in art; students regularly have work displayed in local exhibits.
- ◆ **Performing arts:** Four major dramatic presentations annually by IHS and Dake Junior High students.
- ◆ **1:1 technology:** Laptop computers for grades 4-10 in 2018-19 and scheduled for grades 3-12 in 2019-20.
- ◆ **Professional development:** For 35-plus years we have provided a teacher learning center.
- ◆ **Athletics:** Varsity teams in 26 sports; Section V titles in football and girls volleyball in 2018-19.
- ◆ **Scholar Athlete teams:** 9 recognized in 2018-19 by New York State Public High School Athletic Association.
- ◆ **Sportsmanship Award:** IHS boys varsity basketball named top team in Monroe County in 2019.
- ◆ **Helmer Nature Center:** Our District-owned 45-acre “outdoor classroom” teaches environmental awareness to our students and is a widely used community asset offering exposure to woods and wetlands.
- ◆ **West Irondequoit Foundation:** Has awarded more than \$940,000 in grants to the District for educational programs and equipment.

We believe that each child ... belongs to all of us.

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Aaron Johnson

585-336-2983

Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

The West Irondequoit Central School District is committed to protecting the privacy and security of student, teacher, and principal data in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations and district policies. To this end, and pursuant to U.S. Department of Education (DOE) regulations (Education Law §2-d), the district provides the following Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security:

1. A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial purposes, except for authorized school related purposes.
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record.
3. The District has the following safeguards in place to protect student data, including personally identifiable information stored or transferred by the District:
 - a. All databases that have student information are protected by a secure password and login. These logins are monitored and kept up to date;
 - b. Student information is only accessible by those that are deemed warranted of having the information.
4. A complete list of all student data elements collected by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) is available for public review at:
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/documentation/NYSEDstudentData.xlsx>,
or by writing to:


Office of Information & Reporting Services
New York State Education Department
Room 863 EBA
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12234.

5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of students data addressed. Complaints should be directed to:

Director of Technology
West Irondequoit Central School District
321 List Avenue
Rochester, NY 14617

And/or to:

Chief Privacy Officer
New York State Education Department
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12234
cpo@mail.nysed.gov

This Bill of Rights is subject to change based on regulations of the Commissioner of Education and the NYSED Chief Privacy Officer. Changes/Additions are also anticipated as NYSED releases further guidance documents. 

Public Internet Access

is now available in most large areas of our buildings and at the Gordon Allen Field.

Look for WIGUEST
Username: wicsd, Password: goeagles

Access is available:


- after 3 p.m. Monday-Friday
- all day/night Saturday & Sunday

Please note that access is filtered at a student level. 



Family Flu Shot Clinic

Wed., September 25, 2019
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
IHS Campus Center

The clinic will be held by Independent Nursing Care. Additional information will be available in September. Many insurance plans cover the cost of the vaccine. 

We invite you to visit

Parent University

on our website @ <http://bit.ly/2avdSS8>



You'll find a wide range of topics:

- Anti-Social Media
- An Overview of Therapeutic Crisis Intervention
- Planning and Implementing Full-Day Kindergarten
- Response to Intervention
- College Major and Career Exploration and Financial Aid Info
- High Demand STEM Careers
- Pause Before You Post
- Test Refusal, Common Core & APPR
- Full Day Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten
- Issues Facing Teens
- i-Ready
- Trauma Resource for Families

“Classes” contain printed material and presenter contact information, almost all have a video presentation. We will continue to add presentations throughout the year. 📺

From the Transportation Department

- Please watch carefully for children near school buildings, in areas where school buses are traveling or where there are signs for school zones or bus stops.
- Remember that if you are approaching a school bus from either the front or behind, and its yellow lights are flashing, the bus is preparing to stop.
- If the bus's red lights are flashing, **YOU MUST STOP.**

PENALTIES FOR ILLEGALLY PASSING STOPPED SCHOOL BUSES WITH RED LIGHTS FLASHING

By Conviction	Fines	Points	Possible Imprisonment
1st Conviction	\$250 - \$400	5	Up to 30 days
2nd Conviction (within 3 Years)	\$600 - \$750	5	Up to 180 days
3rd or subsequent Convictions (within 3 Years)	\$750 - \$1,000	5	Up to 180 days



Code of Conduct

A summary of the West Irondequoit Central School District's Code of Conduct will be mailed to all parents/guardians. Copies will also be distributed to all students during September. The entire Code of Conduct is posted on the district website. Copies are available in each school. This document, adopted July 26, 2001 in accordance with Section 2801 of the Education Law, and reviewed annually, governs the conduct of students, faculty and other staff, and all other persons whether or not their presence is authorized, and also pertains with respect to any other premise or property under control of the District used in teaching, administrative, service, cultural, recreational, athletic and other programs and activities.

Please review the contents of this important document and share it with your child in an effort to support compliance and positively influence a school culture promoting teaching and learning. It is suggested that you retain your copy for future reference.

Annual Written Notice Regarding Limited Disclosure of Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, generally requires that the District obtain your written consent prior to disclosing personally identifiable information from your child's/your education records (*to persons other than those with a legitimate educational interest*). The District may, however, disclose "directory information" for limited purposes without your written consent, unless you have timely advised the District of your decision to opt out of such disclosure(s) in whole or in part.

Directory information is information contained in an education record of a student that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. The District defines "directory information" to include only the following:

- name
- grade level
- dates of attendance
- photograph/image
- honors and awards received
- participation in officially recognized activities and sports

In accordance with FERPA and Board Policy No. 7241, "Limited Disclosure of Student Directory Information," the District's disclosure of directory information will be limited to specific parties and specific purposes only. Specifically, the District will include directory information in certain school publications, such

as the yearbook, honor roll and other recognition lists, graduation programs, sports activity sheets, and playbills showing your child's/your role in drama productions in a timely manner and without the necessity for requesting consent in situations in which it is expected that there would be no significant concern about invasion of privacy or any danger or harm from the disclosure. Unless the parent/eligible student opts out, the District will make the disclosure without obtaining consent. The District may also disclose directory information to outside organizations/parties without a parent's/eligible student's prior written consent but only for school-related activities or purposes. Examples of such outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks.

The District shall not disclose directory information in any situation when a risk to student safety, risk of identity theft, or other harm to student(s) is reasonably perceived.

If you do not want the District to disclose any or all of the types of information designated below as directory information from your child's/your education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing of such decision to opt out in whole or in part. Your written notice must be received by the Office of Public Information at 321 List Avenue, on or before September 30, 2019. [»»](#)



Notification of Rights Regarding Education Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the school information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible students who should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the school to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to privacy of personally identifiable information in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

For example, the district may disclose information from student education records to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as

an administrator, supervisor, teacher, or support staff member, including health staff, office staff, and security personnel. It may also include a person serving on the School Board, a parent on an official District committee, or a person or company with whom the school has outsourced services or functions it would otherwise use its own employees to perform (such as an attorney, auditor, consultant). A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Under FERPA, the District is permitted to disclose education records, including disciplinary records, without consent to other schools or post-secondary educational institutions in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student’s enrollment or transfer. However, while the District reserves all its rights under FERPA, its standard practice will be to seek written consent from parents or eligible students in order to transfer the student’s records, and those records will not normally include disciplinary information unless the parents or student specifically request that they do. Exceptions to this standard practice will occur only where specific circumstances make them reasonable and prudent.

In the event of a health and safety emergency, the District may disclose information from a student’s education record when such disclosure appears likely to protect the health and safety of the student or others.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-8520 [📄](#)



Together Including Every Student

TIES gives participants and volunteers the opportunity to develop leisure skills, community/school connections and friendships.

- Participants are young people with developmental disabilities in grade 3 through age 21.
- Volunteers are students in grades 8-12 who learn how to support participants through our TIES training program.

Our goal is for participants and volunteers to have fun with peers in an adult supervised setting.

West Irondequoit TIES

For more information: Call Student Services at (585) 336-3175.

Student Evaluation, Promotion and Placement

The West Irondequoit Central School District will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations regarding student evaluation, promotion, and placement.

Grade Promotion and Placement

Grade promotion and the placement of students within the District's instructional system will be at the discretion of the school administration and will be subject to review and change at any time. In making and reviewing placement decisions, the building administration will be guided by performance in class, past records, including various measures of student growth; parent and teacher recommendations, and any other appropriate sources of information. Final decisions will rest with the building administration.

Testing Program

The West Irondequoit Central School District utilizes various ability, achievement, diagnostic, readiness, interest and guidance tests for the purpose of complying with state and federal law and/or aiding the implementation of quality educational services.

Pursuant to New York State Education Law, the District will not make any student promotion or placement decisions based solely or primarily on student performance on the state administered English language arts and mathematics assessments for grades 3 through 8. The District may, however, consider student performance on such assessments in making student promotion and placement decisions provided that multiple measures be used in addition to such assessments and that such assessments do not constitute the major factor in such determinations.

Reporting to Parents and Persons in Parental Relation to Students

Parents and/or persons in parental relation shall receive an appropriate report of student progress at regular intervals. Report cards shall be used as a standard vehicle for the periodic reporting of student progress and appropriate school related data. Report cards, however, are not intended to exclude other means of reporting progress, such as conferences, phone conversations, etc.

Pursuant to New York State Education Law, the District will not place or include on a student's official transcript or maintain in a student's permanent record any individual student score on a state administered standardized English language arts or mathematics assessment for grades 3 through 8. However, the District will comply with state and federal requirements regarding the maintenance and transfer of student test scores. Any test results on a state administered standardized English language arts or mathematics assessment for grades 3 through 8 sent to parents or persons in parental relation to a student shall include a clear and conspicuous notice that such results will not be included on the student's official transcript or in the student's permanent record and are being provided to the student and parents for information purposes.

When necessary, attempts will be made to provide interpreters for non-English speaking parents/guardians.

WICSD Policy 7210 - All district policies are available on our website, www.westirondequoit.org.

West Irondequoit
Performing Arts
Presents:
**A Musical
Season for
the Family**

See both shows for only \$16
as part of our new Musical
Subscription Package!
Contact the Box Office
at 336-2903.

DAKE MUSICAL
2019

November 8-10



IHS MUSICAL
2020

March 26-29





Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to be launching a new school year as a member of the West Irondequoit Central School District. West Irondequoit is an invested community of caring neighbors who are committed to the health and welfare of our children. It is this commitment that distinguishes the West Irondequoit Central School District as a highly acclaimed destination for families looking for a collaborative, safe, and supportive environment for their children to learn and grow.

"Our community welcomes each child, nurtures each mind, and inspires each other to peak performance."

This statement is a point of pride and maxim for our District. Reflected in our staff, schools, and you, this mantra is commonly vocalized as *"each child belongs to ALL of us."* Our dedicated team ensures that our classrooms and schools are warm and bright, illuminated by welcoming smiles and helpful friends. Artifacts of learning and the vivid personalities of our students and staff hug our guests, proclaiming the high expectations and personal responsibility ingrained in West Irondequoit. This disposition is what an educational institution should be. A place where ALL students find ways to develop and explore their assets and interests and are encouraged to develop their best self.

Last year, the West Irondequoit Central School District re-energized our efforts to provide a safe and positive school environment by reading *Trauma-Sensitive Schools for the Adolescent Years* by Susan E. Craig. This year, we will explore restorative practices to build on these efforts. Beginning with reading *The Restorative Practices Handbook for Teachers, Disciplinarians and Administrators* by Bob Costello, Joshua Wachtel and Ted Wachtel, our staff and Board of Education will investigate what it looks and feels like to be restorative. We will also leverage the Rochester-based *Partners in Restorative Initiatives* or *PiRI* (<http://www.pirochester.org/>) for extra support. We know that students and staff are best situated to achieve peak performance when they feel safe and supported. Safety, and ultimately learning, begins with creating an interconnectedness where people appreciate the gifts of themselves and one another. When harm occurs, we aspire for our students and staff to recognize that it has happened and to strive to correct it. Taking accountability for the harm you have caused is the first step followed by work to repair the negative impact it caused. Sometimes this includes natural consequences and other times imposed. In either case, the response is connected back to the initial act and aimed at personal growth.

Higher order progress like this would not possible without your involvement. This year, we continue to invite your participation in the education that happens in our schools. Joining together to celebrate our talented students and to recognize their accomplishments brings us ALL joy. Please continue to partner with our staff, administration, and schools to create the right conditions for learning. Your investment is a critical element to the success of the West Irondequoit Central School District and why so many people love to call the West Irondequoit community "home."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron R. Johnson'.

Aaron R. Johnson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

STEP 1:
Teacher

STEP 2:
Counselor

STEP 3:
Principal

STEP 4:
Superintendent
Johnson



Superintendent
Dr. Aaron Johnson

Board of Education
Mr. John Vay, President
Mr. David Long, Vice President
Mrs. Ann Cunningham
Mr. Matt Fink
Mr. Matthew Metras
Dr. Meg Steckley
Mr. Matthew Sullivan
Mrs. Patricia Kelly, District Clerk
Ms. Hannah Roscoe, Student Representative
Ms. Elizabeth Tramonto, Student Representative

Newsletter Editor
Mr. Jeffrey DiVeronica

West Irondequoit Schools Contact Info

Irondequoit High School
260 Cooper Road
Rochester, NY 14617
Main Office: 266-7351
Hours: 8:00 – 2:57
Attendance: 336-2918/336-2919

Brookview School
300 Brookview Drive
Rochester, NY 14617
Main Office: 336-1630
Hours: 9:00 – 3:05
Attendance: 336-1630

Dake Junior High School
350 Cooper Road
Rochester, NY 14617
Main Office: 342-2140
Hours: 7:53 – 2:57
Attendance: 336-3100

Colebrook School
210 Colebrook Drive
Rochester, NY 14617
Main Office: 336-1600
Hours: 8:30 – 2:30
Attendance: 336-1600

Iroquois Middle School
150 Colebrook Drive
Rochester, NY 14617
Main Office: 342-3450
Hours: 8:15 – 2:30
Attendance: 336-3091

Listwood School
325 List Avenue
Rochester, NY 14617
Main Office: 336-1640
Hours: 8:30 – 2:30
Attendance: 336-1640

Rogers Middle School
219 Northfield Road
Rochester, NY 14617
Main Office: 342-1330
Hours: 9:00 – 3:05
Attendance: 336-3030

Seneca School
4143 St. Paul Boulevard
Rochester, NY 14617
Main Office: 336-1620
Hours: 8:25 – 2:25
Attendance: 336-1620

Briarwood School
215 Briarwood Drive
Rochester, NY 14617
Main Office: 336-1610
Hours: 9:00 – 3:05
Attendance: 336-1610

Southlawn School
455 Rawlinson Road
Rochester, NY 14617
Main Office: 266-5070
Hours: 9:00 – 3:05
Attendance: 336-3030

Homecoming Week

September 16-21
GO EAGLES!

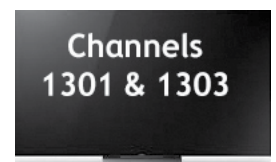
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