Superintendent Crane announces his retirement

New Year’s Eve will be more than just the close of the calendar year. It will also mean the end of the Jeff Crane Era at the West Irondequoit Central School District. The Board of Education announced on July 12 that Crane will retire as WICSD superintendent of schools, effective Jan. 1, 2019. The 66-year-old is the longest-serving school superintendent in Monroe County. He was hired in 2003 after spending six years as principal at Irondequoit High School.

“He has led with the moral conviction and unwavering belief that all children are unique and deserve not only a high quality education but a safe and caring environment,” School Board president John Vay said. “Beyond his tremendous leadership and communication skills, I have always admired his commitment to individual relationships with all members of the community. From his student led Superintendent’s Leadership Initiative to his significant work with the Monroe County School Boards Association advocating for fair funding of schools, Jeff has always been a visionary and someone who leads by example.”

A graduate of Fairport High School and SUNY Brockport, where he also earned a Master’s degree, Crane’s career began in 1979 as a teacher in Fairport and Brighton before he became an athletic director and principal at Victor. Built through 44 years of public education, Crane’s legacy is immense. He helped revitalize the Urban-Suburban program in recent years and convened a West Irondequoit student-guided organization, Roc2Change, which addresses racial issues beyond district boundaries. Crane has been a powerful voice against suburban segregation and racism and a key school leader in ACT4Education. The organization fosters cooperation between all districts, including BOCES, within the borders of Monroe County and encourages community and local business support for public schools.

The Board of Education has hired School Leadership, LLC to lead the search for Crane’s successor. Click on the new “Supt. Search” section at www.westirondequoit.org for regular updates on the process, which will include plenty of community input. The regional search firm has done more than 85 superintendent searches statewide and in New England since its inception in 2004. Dr. Howard S. Smith, a 1967 graduate of West Irondequoit and veteran school administrator, is the lead consultant working with the Board of Education.

As for Crane, a husband and father of four, “Each child belongs to all of us,” is the hallmark phrase of his tenure – seven simple words that have become part of the culture for a diverse district whose mission is to provide a quality, comprehensive education to all.

“My years in the West Irondequoit School District have certainly been fulfilling,” Crane said. “Please know how much I will always value being a part of the tradition of excellence that is the West Irondequoit Central School District.”

— Jeff DiVeronica, Director of Public Information
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:

- **Irondequoit High School**
  - Principal Doug Lauf
  - 585-336-2911 / douglas_lauf@westiron.monroe.edu

- **Dake Junior High School**
  - Principal Michelle Cramer
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- **Iroquois Middle School**
  - Principal Christian Zwahlen
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- **Rogers Middle School**
  - Principal Michelle Flood
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- **Briarwood School**
  - Principal Kathleen Bush
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- **Brookview School**
  - Principal Alicia Spitz
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- **Colebrook School**
  - Principal Kathleen Bush
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- **Listwood School**
  - Principal Kelly Santora
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- **Seneca School**
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- **Southlawn School**
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  - Deputy Superintendent
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  - Christina Miga
  - K-6 Director of Instruction
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Staff Directory

A directory is available on our website at www.westirondequoit.org. Click on “Staff” 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!
Christian Zwahlen
Principal
Iroquois Middle School

Mr. Christian Zwahlen is the new principal of Iroquois Middle School. Mr. Zwahlen most recently served as an Elementary School Assistant Principal in the Rochester City School District. In addition, he served on the NY State Education Department’s Office of Curriculum & Instruction ELA Curriculum Advisory Panel, with a specific focus on the Next Generation Learning Standards.

Prior to the above experiences, Mr. Zwahlen served as an ELA Instructional Coach in the Rochester City School District and as a model teacher/classroom for EngageNY’s Danielson Model video series. He also taught as an ELA teacher for nine years. Mr. Zwahlen holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Boston College and a Master of Science in Education with a specialty in Adolescent English from SUNY Brockport. He earned School Building Leader and School District Leader certifications from the University of Rochester.

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Kelly Santora
Principal
Listwood and Southlawn Schools

Mrs. Kelly Santora is the new principal of Listwood and Southlawn Schools. Mrs. Santora most recently served as principal of Oakfield-Alabama Elementary School. Prior to her career at Oakfield-Alabama, Mrs. Santora was the Coordinator of Instructional Services for the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership where she specialized in designing and implementing professional learning opportunities for teachers in multiple districts. She also taught as a classroom teacher for seven years in first, third, and fourth grades.

Mrs. Santora holds a Bachelor in Science in Childhood and Special Education from SUNY Geneseo and a Master in Education from Indiana Wesleyan University. She earned her School District Leadership and School Building Leadership certifications from the University of Rochester.

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Tracey Savine
Director
West Irondequoit Teaching Learning Center

Ms. Tracey Savine is the new director of the West Irondequoit Teaching Learning Center. Mrs. Savine has taught Italian in West Irondequoit for 12 years, at Dake Junior High School and Irondequoit High School. She is currently a member of the Technology Advisory Committee and the Irondequoit High Technology Committee. She recently collaborated with colleagues to develop an aligned curriculum for 7-12 Italian. Mrs. Savine has been a new teacher mentor, and a member of the District Curriculum Council, and has participated in department and building initiatives such as the transition to 1:1 technology and Project Based Learning.

Mrs. Savine holds a Bachelor of Arts in Italian Language and Literature from Nazareth College and a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from the State University of New York at Brockport. She expects to complete Advanced Certification in the School Leadership program at the Warner School of Education, University of Rochester in January 2019.

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Jeff DiVeronica
Director of Public Information
West Irondequoit CSD

Mr. Jeff DiVeronica is the new Director of Public Information. He has spent the past 24 years working as a reporter for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, focusing mostly on local high school sports. He also was a leader at the D&C in video production and used social media channels to build a brand much the same way he plans to do for West Irondequoit’s students, people and programs. A native of Canastota, N.Y., Mr. DiVeronica was a two-time winner of the Rochester Press-Radio Club Sportswriter of the Year award and in recent years was named the state’s Top Digital Journalist and the D&C’s Multimedia Journalist of the Year. His work has appeared on ESPN.com, USA Today and with The Associated Press. A St. John Fisher College graduate and member of its Communications/Journalism Hall of Fame, Mr. DiVeronica also hosts a weekly radio show on Fox Sports 1280 highlighting Section V athletes and teams.

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“The Quote”
The Town of Irondequoit’s new speed limit laws, including many in zones around our schools, went into effect on July 1. It lowered speeds on most roads from 35 miles per hour to 30 mph and in school zones to 20 mph during school hours.

“It’s about becoming a more pedestrian-friendly town,” Town of Irondequoit supervisor, David Seeley, told the Democrat and Chronicle. “We want to make sure we’re keeping the safety of our non-motorists in mind.”

Most area communities already have a 30 mph town-wide limit. According to the Town of Irondequoit website, below are the speed limits:

New 25 mph school speed zones (during school hours only)
- Laurelton-Pardee School: the portion of Norton Road near the school
- 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 will be reduced to 25 mph.

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

Roads lowered to 30 mph
- Cooper Road: Entire road
- Titus Ave.: Between Gardham Road and St Paul Blvd.
- St. Paul Blvd.: North of Pattonwood Dr. in Summerville neighborhood
- Culver Road: North of Sweet Fern Road in Sea Breeze neighborhood

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 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 4th 7:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday, September 5th 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
Alex Croll, Vice President
Maureen Heron, Vice President
Audrey Shafer, Secretary
Melissa LeVesque, Treasurer
Maureen Heron, Past President
School Announcements

How the Newsletter Was Named

The West Irondequoit School District has published a newsletter since April of 1956. In October of 1966, it became the “Ironde-Quote,” an homage to our town’s Native American roots.

From Adiarundaquat to Tyronequot, Seneca/Iroquois culture lists 51 different acceptable spellings for Irondequoit, a word that means, “Where the land and waters meet.” Irondequoit is one of them, so in the mid-1950s someone decided to call our newsletter that. In the fall of 1987, the name was shortened to just “Quote.”

Right to Refuse Photo/Video of Your Child

During the year there are times when the District or the outside media take photographs of and/or videotape our students and even interview our students. It could be to publicize an activity or event or to honor student achievement. The student photo and/or interview may be used for internal or external consumption in print and/or electronic form and/or on the Internet. Sometimes the media simultaneously posts student interviews and/or pictures on its website.

If you do NOT wish for 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.

In addition, please know that the news media is legally entitled to take photos during events of public interest such as at a board meeting or at an athletic event 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 2018-2019 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

Explore Employment Opportunities at West Irondequoit 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, food service personnel, lunch monitors and pool lifeguards.
New York State Education Law Section 409-H required 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, 2018. 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.

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**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 cannot 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 http://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 Dake), the district requires students to attend no fewer than 85 percent of the scheduled class meetings. For students whose attendance falls below 85 percent of 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

2018 - 2019 Crossing Guard Schedule
Irondequoit Police Department Crossing Guard Coordinator: Mary Beth Egeling / 585-336-6000 x 2236

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Community Education offers:
• K-6 Extension Program
• SAT Preparation
• Gardening
• Driver Education, Permit Testing, Prelicensing, Point & Insurance Reduction
• Art
• Recreational Activities
• Fitness Classes
• Passport Application Nights
• First Aid, CPR, Safety Classes
• Parent & Child Classes
• Health & Wellness Classes
• Senior Citizen Swim
• 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
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 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 notified using our automated phone system. 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:

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.

“The Quote”
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. It will be credited towards your first payment. 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. 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

School Announcements

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.
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 Web site 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 not changed the National School Breakfast and School Lunch regulations for the 2018-19 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,
• All grains must be whole grain rich, which means that nothing on the menu can be made with white flour, except for bagels – we have an exemption.
• 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 Sandra Sandford at 585-336-2993.

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
Dear Parent/Guardian:

July 2018

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 $2.75; cost of milk only $.50. Children from households that meet federal income guidelines (outlined below) are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Reduced price meals cost each eligible student $0.25 for breakfast and $0.25 for lunch. 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 Sandra Sandford, WICSD 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: Sandra Sandford, WICSD District Office, 321 List Avenue, Rochester, New York 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 585-336-2993 or write Sandra Sandford, WICSD 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 FOR FREE MEALS?** Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call Sandra Sandford at 585-336-2993 if you have questions.

- **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 CHILDREN 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 Sandra Sandford at (585) 336-2993 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.

### 2018-2019 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

#### REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

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**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 (FPDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FPDPIR 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 food stamp, TANF or FPDPIR 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.

**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.

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

**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 (e.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.

**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. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. 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
School Announcements

Stay Connected with West Irondequoit

We urge families to utilize all of the various methods we provide to stay connected to their child’s school. In addition to the district website and school newsletters, we invite you to make the most of the following initiatives:

**Infinite Campus Parent Portal**

Infinite Campus is our student management system. Parents with accounts can view attendance, assignments, grades, teacher contact information and schedules for grades 4-12.

Any Parent/Guardian of students in grades K-12 can create an account. In order to protect student confidentiality, a Photo ID is required. The school secretary can provide the information required to create an account.

Report Cards for grades K-12 are available via the portal. Grades 7-12 – Report Cards will NOT be automatically sent home. If you require a paper Report Card than you need to contact the school secretary.

**E-news**

E-news allows us to send e-mail messages to parents telling of an event that occurred at school, or reminders and information regarding upcoming activities, deadlines and opportunities for students and parents. E-news allows us to send messages to you quickly at home or at work. To receive e-news from any of our schools, register at westirondequoit.org/newsletter.

**Broadcast Call System**

We use an automated system to contact parents when we need to send out information immediately. Please be sure that we have your most up-to-date home, work and cell phone numbers. Our system will leave a voicemail message if you do not answer the phone.

Follow us on Social Media

Twitter & Facebook keep you connected

Follow our **DISTRICT** on:

- West Irondequoit CSD
- Dake Junior High
- @WestIrondequoitCSD
- @IrondequoitHS

Follow **ATHLETICS** on:

- WIEagles
- @WIEagles

Follow **HELMER NATURE CENTER** on:

- Helmer Nature Center

Follow the **WEST IRONDEQUOIT FOUNDATION** on:

- West Irondequoit Foundation
- @WIFoundation

- The WIF Cornhole Tournament fundraiser is Friday, Oct. 12 from 5-8 p.m. at the St. Paul Firemen’s Exempt, 690 Thomas Ave.

**Safe School Helpline**

If you see something, say something! The Safe School Helpline is a convenient, confidential way for anyone to report information about situations that might affect safety at our schools. You can call the number any time of the day or night to report concerns about unsafe or potentially disruptive activities or situations including drug or alcohol abuse, weapons, harassment, bullying or threats. All calls are completely confidential.

- 800-418-6423 (800-4-1-VOICE ext. 359)
- TEXT: 66746, enter TIPS into the message
- safeschoolhelpline.com
- Download the free app
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

(performing 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

(performing 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

(performing 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:
Come See Helmer Nature Center

Celebrating 45 years!
154 Pinegrove Avenue • 585-336-3035

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 lifelong learners.

Due to a generous bequest from Irondequoit resident Mrs. Elizabeth Merz, and ongoing 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.

Family Flu Shot Clinic

Wed., September 26, 2018
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.

Fall Harvest Festival

Sunday,
October 14, 2018
Noon-3:00 p.m.

Pony rides, pumpkins, pioneer candle making, apple press, kid’s crafts and much more!

We invite your family to join us at our annual Fall Harvest Festival
### 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

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.
School Announcements

Play or come watch Cornhole for a great cause!

The West Irondequoit Foundation held a special “kick off” at Irondequoit High School to start the drive toward its annual fundraiser, which this year is a Cornhole Tournament on Friday, October 12.

The Foundation has given more than $923,000 to the West Irondequoit Central School District since 1990 education enhancements. On Aug. 7, 13WHAM-TV’s “Good Day Rochester” morning show broadcasted live all morning from IHS to begin the Foundation’s fundraising efforts. As multiple Cornhole games took place throughout the show – one took place with special West Irondequoit branded boards – reporter Ashley Doerzbacher interviewed a handful of people during six live “look ins.” That group included Superintendent Jeff Crane, Foundation president Donna DePeters, and Karen Finter, the WICSD Director of Instruction for grades 7-12.

The tournament is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 12 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the St. Paul Firemen’s Exempt Club, 690 Thomas Ave., and 32 teams are expected to compete for a $1,000 first-place prize. Cost, which is $100 per team, includes dinner and a free drink. To find out if spots are still available or for information on how to sponsor the tournament, call the District office of Public Information at 585-336-3067.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that was established in 1987 to receive gifts and donations in order to provide funding to further develop programs at WICSD. It raises money to underwrite teacher-initiated grants for projects, equipment and programs that cannot be supported by the district’s annual operating budget. Past grants have gone toward a kiln for arts programs, a grand piano, updated equipment for the physics lab, digital video and computer equipment and digital drawing boards.

Look for the bus schedule in the mail!

Parents of children attending West Irondequoit public schools, grades K-3 and children attending grades 4-8 who are eligible, will receive busing information in a direct mailing at the end of August. It will arrive in homes just prior to the opening of school on September 7.

The bus pass will include the child’s name, school, bus number, bus stop and estimated times of pick-up and drop off.

West Irondequoit students attending out-of-district private schools will be notified directly by their transportation carrier with details of their schedule. Unless new to the district, Transportation Application forms for students attending out-of-district private schools were due April 1, 2018.

Residents who request transportation to or from daycare in West Irondequoit must complete a Transportation Application form. Forms are available at the District Office and on our website at www.westirondequoit.org/forms.htm.

Please contact the WICSD Transportation Department at 585-336-2992 with any questions.

2018 Fall Open Houses and Curriculum Nights for Parents

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# West Irondequoit CSD 2018 - 2019 School Calendar

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- **Faculty Orientation/Supt. Workshop Day**
- **First Day for Students**
- **Holiday/Recess**
- **Local/Regents Exams**
- **Regents Rating Day**
- **Conference Days**

**Important Dates**

- Sept. 3: Labor Day – No School
- Sept. 4: Faculty Orientation/Supt. Workshop Day
- Sept. 5: Superintendent Workshop Day
- Sept. 6: School Opens – Grades K - 12
- Oct. 5: Superintendent Workshop Day – No School K-12
- Oct. 8: Columbus Day – No School
- Nov. 12: Veterans Day – No School
- Nov. 14: Gr. K-4 Full-day Conf. – No School K-4
- Nov. 21-23: Thanksgiving Recess – No School
- Dec. 24-31: Holiday Recess – No School
- Jan. 1: Holiday Recess – No School
- Jan. 2: School Resumes
- Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Day – No School
- Jan. 22-25: IHS Local/Regents Exams
- Feb. 18-22: Winter Recess - No School
- Apr. 15-19: Spring Recess – No School
- Apr. 24: Gr. K-4 Half-Day Release for Conferences
- May 21: Annual Budget Vote/Election
- May 24-27: Memorial Day Recess – No School
- June 3: Regents Exams
- June 18-26: Local/Regents Exams
- June 16: Graduation
- June 24: Last Day of School for Grades K-6
- June 26: Regents Rating Day – Last K-12 Faculty Day

**Faculty Days:** 187  **Student Days:** 185

Approved by the Board of Education: 02-15-18. Revised: 06-07-18
Current Snapshot of West Irondequoit Schools
August 2018

“Public schools in Monroe County are recognized nationally for rigorous programs in the arts, sciences, music and athletics.” West Irondequoit is one of five districts that consistently rank high for academic performance. *2018 Explore Greater Rochester guide, published by the Rochester Business Journal*

Top 7 Rochester Area School Districts (of 67 area districts) - *Business First* magazine

- Graduation Rate (Total 2014 West Irondequoit Cohort/Class of 2018)
- 96% Regents Diplomas Awarded (5 Regents Courses/Exams)
- 68% Advanced Regents Diplomas Awarded (9 Regents Courses/Exams)

- 97% of Class of 2018 graduates accessed college coursework during their high school career

Top 7 Dake Junior High Academic Rating (of 95 area Middle/Jr. High Schools—*Business First* magazine)

- 20 Advanced Placement Courses offered
- 65% Mastery 2018 (College Credit Possible) 614 AP Tests Written 2018
- IHS was recognized as one of America’s Most Challenging High Schools for 2016 in the National ranking by the *Washington Post*.

Top 5 Monroe County Schools Mastery Rate 2017 ELA and Math Gr. 3-8

Top 4 Monroe County Schools 2017 Proficiency Rate Math & ELA Exam combined Gr. 3-8

- 6 Neighborhood K-3 Buildings (average student enrollment of 171)
- 5 World Languages ... French, German, Italian, Spanish
- IHS offers Arabic as the world language elective this year.

- 15 Art Courses Offered (Grades 9-12)
- 5 Project Lead The Way/Engineering Courses Offered (initiated 1997)
- 4 Major Dramatic Presentations per Year (Grades 7-12)

- Recognized One of “Best Communities for Music Education in America” (17 of 19 Past Years)
- 10 Participants in International Model U.N. at The Hague (since 1990)
- 7 Students qualify to compete in International Career Development Conference
- 20 Teams in Odyssey of the Mind Competition

PTSA

- Supportive partnerships in all 10 school buildings.

Ninth Consecutive Year - a W/ISE BLUE-STAR High School for Student Financial Literacy

Numerous Scholar/Athlete, Sportsmanship and Sectional Recognitions

First District Based Nature Center in Monroe County (Helmer Nature Center)

$250,000 Three-year total donation to STEM education by West Irondequoit Foundation and Farash Grants

Full Day K Began in September 2016 - Promise Project approved by voters in May 2014

Under 2% 10 Year Average Tax Levy Increase (1.83% 2009-10 to 2018-19)

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

Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey B. Crane 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:
   - 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.

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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.
We invite you to visit
**Parent University**
on our website @ http://bit.ly/2avdSS8

You’ll find on 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.

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### 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

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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, 2018.
School Announcements

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 student 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

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.

Together Including Every Student

West Irondequoit TIES Coordinator
Liz Wood at Irondequoit High School
585-336-0711 • Liz_Wood@westiron.monroe.edu

“The Quote”
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 standardized English language arts or 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.
Each Child Belongs to All of Us
A Message to Families – Sharing Your Concerns with Us

The back-to-school season is a perfect opportunity to share thoughts on actions we can all take to continue to make our schools welcoming places.

Please remind children to tell a caring adult if they are hurt or intimidated by others. We teach our youngest students the difference between tattling and reporting and guide them in ways to advocate for themselves. This is important advice for all ages. If our teachers and staff are unaware of a concern or an incident, they cannot help resolve it.

If you or your child have a concern, talk to the staff member closest to the situation, most likely your child’s teacher or counselor. If you do not feel that the issue has been resolved, contact the school principal. If you are still uncomfortable, contact Superintendent Jeff Crane.

This is also a good time to review your expectations for children’s use of new technology devices and social media. The Parent University section of our district website contains videos of presentations we have hosted on this topic. Scroll down to Pause Before You Post and Anti-Social Media for tips and family conversation starters. Let us know if your child experiences cyberbullying by members of our school community.

Please remember that we are not able to share information on consequences given to another student or background on that child’s behavior. Every student deserves to be treated with dignity and respect as we work to resolve inappropriate behavior.

As a district, we continue to seek ways to ensure each and every person that they are valued and welcome. In 2016, Irondequoit High School students hosted the first local Student Summit on Race to explore racism in our community and they continue to meet with students from throughout the county to examine this important topic. The Board of Education and staff members have been invited to read the book *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The book chronicles a series of letters written from Coates to his son exploring race in America and how it has influenced our world. Last year, more than 40 staff members completed Safe Zone training provided by the Gay Alliance to help us better understand concerns of our LGBTQ students. We are committed to maintaining an inclusive culture and climate in our buildings.

STEP 1: Teacher

STEP 2: Counselor

STEP 3: Principal

STEP 4: Superintendent Crane
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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Homecoming Week
September 24-29
For information on sports schedules, visit www.mcpsac-ny.org.

Athletic Schedules
Athletic schedules are now posted at www.mcpsac-ny.org.
You can view schedules and sign up for e-mail and text notifications.

Tune in to Irondequoit TV

Channels 1301 and 1303:
Irondequoit Cable Access Television offers a wide variety of school programming including informational videos, tapes of guest presenters, school performances, student-produced programs and sports events. ICAT also runs a bulletin board featuring important school and town meeting dates and info. A schedule of West Irondequoit programming is available at www.westirondequoit.org.

Many videos are also available on our website under “News.”