

# Iroquois PTO

# NEWSLETTER

A Publication of the Iroquois Parent Teacher Organization

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## PTO News & Notes

## ENCOURAGING INVOLVMENT ON ANY LEVEL

Greetings from the Iroquois PTO!

As the days get shorter, it sometimes feels like our to-do lists get longer! While we can all relate to the feeling of never having enough time to get everything done, the PTO encourages everyone to get involved in one or more of the many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. Whether signing up for a specific committee or a general offer to help where needed, once per year or every week, you will make a difference by enabling us to continue providing a wide variety of events, programs, and services for our Iroquois kids! Check out all of the volunteer opportunities available by visiting the PTO webpage at <http://iroquois.niskypto.org/>

**We want you to join the PTO!** Membership costs \$10 annually with all money earned going directly toward PTO funded events, programs, and services. In addition, you'll also receive your very own Iroquois Family Directory. This handy resources contains school, administration and teacher contact, and student contact information for one stop shopping at your fingertips! New this year - pay your PTO dues using PayPal! Visit the PTO website for more details and to join.

We hope you will consider joining us at our first meeting coming up on Wednesday, September 28th at 7pm in the Media Center. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and learn more about what's in store for this year. We look forward to meeting you!

*Heather Schechter and Michelle Haney  
Co-Presidents*

## SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER! A rewarding experience

You are invited to

## Join the Iroquois PTO



**WE NEED YOU • THE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU • OUR STUDENTS NEED YOU!**

### What does membership do?

- ✓ Enhances our children's experience at Iroquois while providing parents the opportunity to be involved in their child's middle school years.
- ✓ Buys items our children use at school.
- ✓ Funds enrichment opportunities for our students.
- ✓ Hosts events that enhance the community at Iroquois.
- ✓ Provides a Principal's discretionary fund to offer additional resources for students, families, & faculty.
- ✓ Exchanges information between parents, teachers and school district officials.
- ✓ Provides opportunities to show our staff how much we appreciate them.
- ✓ Gives us the opportunity to operate a school store benefiting our students
- ✓ Allows us to limit the number of fundraisers throughout the year.

**\$10  
per family**

**PAY ONLINE USING A CREDIT CARD OR YOUR PAYPAL ACCOUNT:**  
[iroquois.niskypto.org](http://iroquois.niskypto.org) (look for the PayPal button)

- or -

**MAIL YOUR DUES PAYABLE TO 'IROQUOIS PTO' TO THE SCHOOL:**

c/o Peter Kopcha, Treasurer - 2495 Rosendale Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309 (write child's name/grade on check)

## Your 2016-17 Iroquois PTO Officers

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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

### A NEW SCHOOL YEAR... WELCOME BACK!

Classes are in full swing at Iroquois. We are please to have our new sixth graders in our school community and welcome back our seventh and eighth graders. As always, I am impressed with the enthusiasm, responsibility and character our students possess.

Please join us at our upcoming Back to School nights. Grade 6 parents will have their program on Wednesday, 9/14 beginning at 6:15. (Invitations were mailed home with the team letters in August.) Grades 7 & 8 parents are invited to join us on Wednesday, 9/21 at 7:00. Earlier in the week, your child should bring home a copy of their B Day class schedule for you to follow that night.

I am very excited to welcome our new Assistant Middle Schools Principal, Jessica Sanderson. Ms. Sanderson comes to us from teaching in the North Colonie Schools. Ben Smith, coach and PE teacher, continues to serve as our Dean of Students. As always, I welcome you to contact us with any questions, concerns, or feedback. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!

~ Mrs. Wyld

### Team News Team News Team News

Team 61- Welcome to Iroquois!

Thank you for coming to this year's locker set-up. It was a fun opportunity for our students to decorate lockers with their parents. We are looking forward to a great school year!

*The Team 61 Teachers:*

Ms. Tambasco	Mrs. Bonczkowski	Mrs. Skinner
Mrs. Wolfort	Mrs. Swayne	Mrs. Miller



### TEACHING BEYOND THE CLASSROOMS

Iroquois Community Service Trip for 8th Graders: As in years past, 8th graders will be performing community service at various organizations on the morning of September 30th as part of our school-wide Community Day in the afternoon. They will spend 2 - 3 hours working at one of approximately 12 locations and will share their experiences when they return to school.

# 2016-17 Calendar of Activities

**Mark your calendar now  
for the year's fun-filled activities**

#### IROQUOIS PTO MEETINGS: (all 7 pm)

September 28	February 15
October 19	March 29
November 17	May 8
January 18	June 12

#### SCHOOL SOCIALS: (all 7-9 pm)

September 30	WEB social
October 14	Grade 8
October 21	Grade 6
November 18	Grade 7
February 3	Grade 6
March 3	Grade 7

#### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS:

September 14	Grade 6 (6:15 pm)
September 21	Grades 7&8 (7 pm)

#### OTHER PERTINENT DATES:

September 29	Picture Day
October 20	Teens & Social Media Info Night
December 2	Student Council Adopt a Family
March 9	Ziti Dinner
April 5	Staff Luncheon
April 7	Student Council Iroquois Night Out
April 7 <i>*NEW for parents*</i>	PTO Night Out
May 5	Java Jive
May 15	Learning Fair/ Club Showcase/Book Fair
June 21	8th Grade Moving Up & Dance

**PLAN AHEAD AND GET INVOLVED!**

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