



IROQUOIS NEWS

January/February, 2026

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Principal's Corner

Panther Parents,

Happy New Year! As we begin 2026, it is a great time to reflect on the progress our students have made so far and to set goals for a strong and successful second half of the school year.

It is difficult to believe, but soon we will be mid-way through the school year. Please continue to work with your students and encourage them to perform at their best. Good communication with your student's teachers, checking the Parent Portal, good organization and planning, continued use of the school agenda, and hard work will keep students on course to have a successful remainder of the school year. If you are unable to access the Parent Portal, please call our office and we will be happy to assist you.

January is School Board Appreciation Month. On behalf of the Iroquois students and staff, I would like to thank the Board of Education for their dedication to our students and our community!

Thank you for your continued involvement and support.

Sincerely,

Chris Gardner
Principal

IROQUOIS MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Iroquois Middle School Community, will provide a safe, supportive, challenging environment that encourages students to reach academic potential, develop respectful behaviors, and become responsible and successful citizens.

Please remind your student(s) to . . .

BE RESPECTFUL ... TAKE OWNERSHIP ... ACT RESPONSIBILITY



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NEWS TO KNOW

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan 5	Classes Resume 8:05AM
Jan 13	CAC Meeting at 9:00AM
Jan 15	Donut Sale
Jan 16	Spelling Bee
Jan 19	NO SCHOOL — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 23	End of 2nd Quarter; Half Day — Dismissal at 11:12AM
Jan 28	NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day
Jan 29	Winter Activity Night from 6:00-8:00PM
Feb 5	Group Picture Day
Feb 11	Count Day
Feb 13	Mid-Winter Break begins at 11:00AM Dismissal
Feb 23	Classes Resume 8:05AM
Feb 27	Volleyball Tournament from 6:30-9:00PM
Mar 3, 5	Spring NWEA Testing
Mar 10	CAC Meeting at 9:00AM
Mar 11, 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences Evening Only (5:30-8:00PM)
Mar 13	Half Day — Dismissal at 11:00AM
Mar 13	LEGO Robotics Competition at Dakota High School
Mar 14	Science Olympiad Regional Competition at MCC South
Mar 16	6th Grade Band Concert at 7:00PM
Mar 23	Spirit Week begins
Mar 27	Spring Break begins at 11:00AM Dismissal
Apr 6	Classes Resume 8:05AM , M-Step Window opens
Apr 7, 8	5th Grade Student Orientations
Apr 9	5th Grade Parent Orientation at 6:30PM
Apr 10	End of 3rd Quarter
Apr 14	PSAT for 8th Graders / late start for 6th & 7th Graders
Apr 23	NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day
Apr 30	Donut Sale
May 21	Choir Concert at 7:00PM at Dakota
May 25	NO SCHOOL — Memorial Day Holiday
May 28	Band Concert at 7:00PM
May 29	Student Council to Dave & Buster's / 8th Grade Choir Banquet
Jun 4	8th Grade Awards Banquet
Jun 9	6th & 7th Grade to CJ Barrymore's
Jun 10	8th Grade to Urban Air
Jun 11	Last Day of School - Half Day — Dismissal at 11:00AM

CAC = Citizens Advisory Committee — Any Iroquois parent is welcome to join our informal CAC meetings. The meetings are held in the school office conference room.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:05AM to 2:49PM

Doors open at 7:15AM

Students may proceed to lockers at 7:45AM

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

THE CIRCLE DRIVE AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL IS DESIGNATED FOR BUSSES ONLY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL.

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL AT THE DOORS NEAR THE TENNIS COURTS.

STUDENTS SHOULD BE PICKED UP AT THE END OF THE DAY IN THE SAME PARKING LOT AS THE MORNING DROP OFF.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE AND RESPECT THE SPEED LIMIT.

Attention 8th grade Parents:

Please be advised that any high school application forms for the IAM or other high schools outside of Chippewa Valley Schools require a minimum of 48 hours to process. The forms are confidential and will not be returned to students or parents; rather, they will be forwarded directly to the high school in question. NWEA/M-Step scores can be found in Parent Portal along with your student's most recent report card. Middle Schools in Chippewa Valley School District do not have the capability to print transcripts. That can only be done at the high school level. If needed, your student's current GPA can also be found in Parent Portal. All additional requests must be submitted in writing to your student's counselor, Ms. Gargalino at ngargalino@cvs.k12.mi.us.

Due to over crowded buses, students **are not allowed** to ride a friend's bus home after school.

The Transportation Department thanks you for your help in this matter.



NEWS TO KNOW

IMPORTANT PROCEDURES

(Please Read and Save)

ABSENCE REPORTING PROCEDURE - **ALL** absences, including hospital stays and vacations, should be reported to the main office by calling the attendance line. The office will then notify the teachers. **ABSENCES** should be called in before 8:00AM to (586)723-3799. Please leave the student's name, grade level, reason for absence and length of absence on the absence line. We are required to report illnesses to the Macomb County Health Department and must be advised of any illness, especially if contagious. It is also important to call the attendance line when your child is going to be tardy.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM - Please make sure your child's emergency information is up-to-date throughout the year with current emergency phone numbers and authorized persons for picking up your child in case of illness. If a child becomes ill during the day, we expect that child will have a way to get home.

HOMEWORK REQUEST - If your student is absent, please have them check Schoology for homework assignments. If your student has a question regarding an assignment when they are absent, they can contact their teacher through Schoology, e-mail or by phone. For students going on vacation, make-up work should be requested the day they return from vacation. Make-up work should be completed within the same number of school days as he/she was absent, unless special arrangements have been made with each teacher.

EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURE - When a child needs to leave school early, please come to the office to sign the child out. Students will **only** be released to persons on their emergency form with a valid picture ID.

STUDENT MESSAGES AND DELIVERIES - If your child has called home because they have forgotten their lunch, money or any other item needed for the day, please bring it to the main office. Students are aware it is **their** responsibility to check for the item in the office. Lunches that are not picked up in the office are put on the stage in the cafeteria to be picked up during lunch time. When a delivery is unexpected, your child will be notified at a time when it will least disrupt the class.

PLEASE TRY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HELP YOUR CHILD REMEMBER THEIR THINGS FOR THE SCHOOL DAY. IT IS DISRUPTIVE TO YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING DAY IF WE HAVE TO CALL THEM TO THE OFFICE TO PICK UP THINGS OR TO MAKE A PHONE CALL TO YOU. When delivering lunches, notebooks, money, etc., PLEASE make sure your child's name is clearly marked on the item.

MOVING??

If you have moved, please provide the Iroquois office with proof of your new residency. Items that are accepted are a copy of a signed lease, a copy of the closing papers from a purchase or 2 current utility bills. Once all documentation has been received, we can then change your child's address on file. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



LOCKER DECORATION

Students may decorate lockers for birthdays only before school begins between 7:15-7:30AM. Please remember to bring your own supplies and tape.



PLEASE DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS TO SCHOOL . . .

- ⇒ **Perfume or cologne:** There are a couple of students that are **HIGHLY** allergic to these items. Please refrain from using them at school.
- ⇒ **Balloons or flowers:** Please do not deliver these items to students. There is simply no place for the student to keep them during the day. Also, balloons are not allowed on the busses.

IS YOUR STUDENT'S LOCKER GETTING JAMMED?

Please make sure that there is no contact paper or tape on the inside of the locker door. Also, any mirrors or magnets stuck to the inside of the door need to be away from the edge of the door. The mechanism that opens the locker door runs the entire length of the door. If anything is blocking it, that will cause the locker not to open.

NEWS TO KNOW

Medication Administration in School

Listed below are some key points in the Chippewa Valley School District Medication Administration Policy. The purpose of the policy is to support the health needs of children during school hours and to ensure the safety of all children.

- * **Legislation on Inhalers:** Public Act 10 allows a public or non-public school student to possess and use a metered dose inhaler of a dry powder inhaler for the relief of asthma symptoms, or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthma symptoms while at school, or on school-sponsored transportation, or at any school-sponsored activity if there is written approval from the student's physician or other health care provider and the student's parent/guardian for the student to possess and use the inhaler; and the building administrator has received a copy of the written approvals from the physician and the parent/guardian.
- * Any student that requires an EpiPen, is diabetic or takes seizure medication, **MUST** have an action plan completed and on file with our Health Aide. Action Plan forms are available at the school.
- * Before any medication can be administered in school, written authorization from the child's physician and parent **must** be obtained and be on file in the school office. Separate forms are available in the main office and on the district's website for prescription and non-prescription medications.
- * All medication should be brought to school by the child's parent/guardian.
- * All medication should be in the original bottle or container. Medication not in the original bottle cannot be administered.
- * Containers should be labeled with the child's name, medication, dose, time and route of administration.
- * Information on the use and adverse effects of any medication given in school should be provided to the school by the parent, pharmacist, or physician.
- * Parents **must** notify school personnel if their child has conditions such as allergies, diabetes, or asthma, so that proper precautions/training may be put in place.



Making sure that your children are safe and healthy is our primary concern. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the office at 723-3700.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF MACOMB

If your 8th grade student is interested in applying to attend the International Academy of Macomb for high school, applications are currently available on their website. Please visit www.iamacomb.org/admissions/ for more information. The deadline for applications is **January 31, 2026**. The entrance exam is on **February 7, 2026**.



Attention 8th Grade Parents:

Throughout the school year, your student will be taking a series of assessments for placement into high school courses. These tests will evaluate their skills in reading comprehension, algebra readiness and other math concepts. It is **ESSENTIAL** that parents reinforce the importance of these assessments to their students. Each student must try their personal best so that they can be appropriately placed into high school courses for their freshman year.

STUDENT ID CARDS

If a student loses their ID, they can get their free one from the office. After that, a replacement card will be printed for \$5.00. This fee will be put into PaySchools Central.

THE TIME TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK IS NOW!

The end of the school year may seem far away, but it is time to place your yearbook order. The 2025-2026 yearbook will include many new, fun and exciting features. You will not want to miss out on this opportunity. Yearbook prices start at \$20 and can be customized for an additional cost. Visit: <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> to order. Our yearbook ID code is: 1529626. The deadline to order is April 24, 2026.

NEWS TO KNOW

WINTER BUS RULES

Basic bus rules apply all year long; but, now that winter is here, we would like to review some rules that might especially pertain to this time of year.

1. Students should be standing at the bus stop at least 10 minutes before the bus normally arrives. After the driver turns off the flashing red lights, they may not pick up any more students at that stop. Drivers may not wait for tardy students!
2. Due to slippery roads, stay on the sidewalk while waiting for the bus to arrive. If no sidewalk is present, please stay as far back from the roadway as possible.
3. Because of possible limited visibility it is extremely important to remember to cross in front of the bus only after a signal from the driver.
4. Due to road conditions in the winter, it is very important that you wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and the door is open before approaching the bus.
5. Students must remain seated at all times. Students should leave their seat only after the bus comes to a complete stop.
6. All students should dress appropriately for the weather. Boots, mittens, hats, scarves, coats, etc., should be put on before leaving the bus. If they do forget a piece of clothing, ask the driver for it the next morning. The drivers keep such articles of clothing on the bus until claimed.
7. Please be patient when waiting for the bus. Inclement weather including rain, snow and sleet will cause traffic delays and the buses to run behind schedule. The buses may arrive late but they will be there. Please watch or listen to the following radio and television stations for any school closing information:

**** WDIV Channel 4 WXYZ Channel 7 WJBK Channel 2
WJR AM 760 WWJ AM 950 ****



HIGH SCHOOL 9TH GRADE SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Chippewa Valley High School

Chippewa Valley High School will be hosting an 8th Grade Parent Orientation Meeting to help educate parents on the scheduling process. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 6:00PM** in the Chippewa Valley High School Auditorium (just inside Entrance A).



Dakota High School

The Dakota High School will be hosting an 8th Grade Parent Orientation Meeting along with the Curriculum and Activities Night to help educate parents on the scheduling process. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 6:00PM** in the Dakota High School Auditorium.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

If you have a Kroger card, you can earn money for the education of Iroquois students. Simply log into your Kroger account on-line and select Community Rewards from the bottom of the Kroger homepage. The page will show if you currently have Community Rewards linked to an organization. If you'd like to establish that Iroquois should receive the rewards or change your current organization to Iroquois Middle School, search under our name or enter our Organization Code which is BK099. Thank you for your support.



APPROPRIATE SCHOOL FASHION

- Shorts, skirts/skorts must be below middle fingertip length when a student's arm is extended at their side.
- **NO** leggings can be worn alone. You must wear a longer shirt over them.
- **NO** short shirts showing undergarments or exposing the waistline while in the standing or sitting position.
- Pants **MUST** be worn at the waistline.
- **NO** bandanas are allowed in school even if the girls wear them to hold their hair back (they should use regular headbands - not bandanas folded up).
- All sleeves **MUST** cover the shoulders with a full hand's width.
- **NO** hats can be worn in school.
- **NO** tank tops are allowed, but may be worn **ONLY IF** it is being covered at all times by an appropriate shirt.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Ripped clothing, such as jeans, should not expose undergarments and rips must be below middle finger tip length.
- **NO** clothing made of see-through material.
- **NO** muscle shirts.
- **NO** clothing advertising tobacco, alcohol, or drugs may be worn in school.
- **NO** clothing containing designs/pictures/symbols or language that are sexually suggestive, vulgar or profane are allowed in school.

Further information about the Dress Code can be found in the Chippewa Valley School District Student Code of Conduct

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

This program is designed to let our students know that their “positive” behavior is appreciated and noticed. This award is not given for academic achievement; but rather, in recognition of the student’s good citizenship, effort, manners, dependability and positive attitudes. Each month, every staff member selects one student to be Student of the Month. These students were given a special token of appreciation and a certificate.

Congratulations to our October and November Students of the Month:

October 6th Grade: Gabriel Abraham, Charlotte Arini, Maleah Braxton, Becka Cavender, Aubree DeVoogd, Adriana Dex, Keegan Doebler, Leila O’Halloran, Maxim Sysak, Christopher Talant, Emilio Walter, Carter Washington, Savio Yousif

November 6th Grade: Jacob April, Sofia Bacharouche, Milana Brezina, Samantha Brugnone, Addison Brunson, Bryson Butler, Lilly Campbell, Hadley Lynch, Lauren Reisner

October 7th Grade: Sofia Cardenas Nazara, Amelia Chalkey, Cayla Cicchini, Kirandeep Deo, Juliana Dex, Jacob Hanna, Addison Koleczko, Maksym Lieblang, Luke Walden

November 7th Grade: Vincenza Balsamo, Jack Foreman, Zachary Hren, Morgan Jankowski, Liam Landoski, Anajulieta Lopez-Espinoza, Colton Porter, Jacob Schmidt, Sydney Spiewak, Logan Thu

October 8th Grade: Layth Bailey, Barry Bakewell, Alison Blazejewski, Jaielyn Buttris, Mya Fohey, Nadya Guzman-Sparrow, Chloe Kleist, Riella Manzanara, Zachary Pierce, Sean Reeves, Alyssandra Sinadinowski, Gianna Sowter, Deangelo Yousif

November 8th Grade: Anthony April, Noah Archibald, Armando Bahnam, Blake Fleming, Nathanael Gonzalez, Avery Grabinski, Curveer Grewal, Mackenzie Hower, Miles Jones, Aubrey Kleinow, Natalia Kort, Olivia Scott, Eleanor Soderberg



ROAR — 1st Quarter Prize Winners

Several of the Iroquois students received our PBIS ROAR tickets throughout 1st quarter for their kind deeds and good behavior. Our raffle drawing for ticket holders yielded the following winners:

Cider & Donuts for Homeroom Class: Maxwell O’Leary, Kristen Steinhebel, Tristin Warda

Trop w/ Your Bestie: Stephen Kort, Larissa Kasyouhanan, Zoe Calkins

Treat Trolley: Audrina Farnese, Cayla Cicchini, Riyadh Shouaa

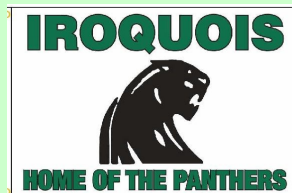
Target Gift Card: Lincoln Cavender, Morgan Jankowski, Ella Stout

Taco Bell Gift Card: Nikolas Puka, Adam Chowdhury, Anthony Youkhana

Amazon Gift Card: Adriana Dex, Christiano Cholagh, Anthony Youkhana

Lunch w/Teacher and 2 Friends: Leila O’Halloran, Jacob Hanna, Anthony Olko

Fancy Lunch: Agnesa Lajcaj



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATES

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have more Student Council activities planned this school year. Save the dates below and watch SchoolMessenger for further details as each event gets closer!

January 29: Winter Activity Night from 6:00-8:00PM

February 27: Volleyball Tournament from 6:30-9:00PM

March 23-27: Spirit Week

Student Council thanks you for all your support and wishes you a safe and Happy New Year!!

Student Council Meetings

January 16

February 13

March 6

April 10

May 1

Meetings are held from
7:30-7:45AM in the Media Center

News from NJHS

By Gabriel Edwards, President

The Iroquois National Junior Honor Society members are doing well with living up to the NJHS motto of "Service Over Self". The members have already helped their community by donating to the Clinton Township Kiwanis Canned Food Drive. They were able to fill over 30 boxes of food for families in need and were able to help box up the food at Mohawk Elementary School. Most recently, members of NJHS have done Red Kettle Bell Ringing at Kroger. The members also help within the school too, as they give as much assistance to teachers as they can. Not to mention the fact that they recycle around the school, help the custodians, and sell concessions at sporting events. The members have also found ways on their own to help the community like helping their churches, tutoring younger students, working at animal shelters, and even making food to give to people. Under the leadership of officers Gabriel Edwards, Tristan Grainger, and Kourtney Acabo, the members are hard at work and will continue to serve their community. We are so proud of everyone's hard work. Keep it up and continue to lead with peace and prosperity!



Meeting Dates

January 22

March 19

May 7

Community Service Hours Due

January 23

April 10

May 20



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Girls 7th and 8th Grade Basketball Schedule 2026

Tuesday 2/10	Anchor Bay Red	Home
Wednesday 2/11	Romeo White	Away
Thursday 2/12	Romeo Red	Away
Tuesday 2/24	Anchor Bay White	Away
Thursday 2/26	LCE	Away
Monday 3/2	LCN	Home
Tuesday 3/3	LCC	Home
Thursday 3/5	LCS	Away



Monday 3/9	Richards	Home
Tuesday 3/10	Algonquin	Home
Monday 3/16	Wyandot	Away
Wednesday 3/18	Seneca	Dakota HS

Times: Grade 7 @ 3:30PM; Grade 8 @ 4:45PM

Girls 7th and 8th Grade Basketball Try-Outs

8th Grade

Tuesday, January 20 from 4:30-6:00PM

Wednesday, January 21 from 4:30-6:00PM

Thursday, January 22 from 4:30-5:30PM



7th Grade

Tuesday, January 20 from 3:00-4:30PM

Wednesday, January 21 from 3:00-4:30PM

Thursday, January 22 from 3:00-4:30PM

All girls trying out **MUST** have an updated physical (April 15, 2025 or later) to be able to try out. **No exceptions!!**

Boys 7th and 8th Grade Basketball Schedule 2026

1/6/26	LCS	Away
1/7/26	Seneca	@Dakota
1/8/26	Richards	Home
1/12/26	Algonquin	Home
1/14/26	Wyandot	Away

GAME TIMES

7th Grade at 3:30PM

8th Grade at 4:45PM



HOLIDAY FUN!!



Dakota High School

9th & 10th Grade

Curriculum and Activities Night

February 25th, 2026

6:00-8:30pm

In the 10-12 Building

6:00-7:15pm - Incoming Freshmen Presentation (Class of 2030)

7:30-8:15pm - Incoming Sophomore Presentation (Class of 2029)

6:00-8:30pm - Curriculum & Activities informational tables



Chippewa Valley High School

8th Grade Parent Meeting (Incoming 9th grade)

Join us for an engaging informational meeting designed to guide parents through the scheduling process and support a smooth transition into high school.

February 25, 2026
6:00-7:00 PM
CVHS Main Building Auditorium
18300 19 Mile Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

6:00-7:00 pm— Incoming Freshmen Parent Presentation (Current 8th Graders)

7:00-7:30 pm —Informational Tables and School Store open

For a fun, informative evening, plan on attending our Curriculum Fair

Wednesday, February 11th, 6:30-8:00 pm

CVHS Main Building—Cafeteria

Scan this code for early access to the School Store offerings:





NEW FOR 2026!

WORKSHOPS FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 4-8:

*Separate Programs for Elementary
and Middle School*

- STRATEGIES FOR STRESS
- SMART GIRLS SET GOALS
- NAVIGATING PEER PRESSURE
- YOGA

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS:

- TEEN PANEL
- PERSPECTIVE FOR PARENTS:
EMPOWERING YOUR GIRLS

6:00 – 8:45 PM

DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL 9TH GRADE CENTER

21055 21 Mile Rd. – Macomb 48044

Enter through west athletic doors

\$5 per person
(girls & parents/other adults)

**SIGN-IN BEGINS AT 5:40/PIZZA & SALAD SERVED AT 6
PROGRAM STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:30PM**

? Questions? Call (586) 723-2048

GIRLS MAKING AWESOME DECISIONS (G-MAD)

Empowering Our Girls For the Future

*Friday,
January 23,
2026*



REGISTER ONLINE OR VIA MAIL BY 1/20/26

Online: Scan QR code or go to www.payschoolsevents.com/events/details/42821



SCAN CODE
TO REGISTER
ONLINE
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Mail: Clip off & mail this form to: Chippewa Valley Schools, Attn: Coalition/GMAD,
19120 Cass Ave., Clinton Twp., MI 48038 -Make checks payable to the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth & Families

PLEASE PRINT:

Parent/Adult Attendee Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Girl #1 Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Girl #2 Name: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

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