



Middle School

Newsletter

Calendar of Events

September

- 7 First Day of Classes
- 9-25 Mixed Bag Fundraiser
- 11 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
@ Middle School (LGI)
- 11 PTO Meeting (Library) 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Dollars for Scholars (Library) 7:30 p.m.
- 22 5th & 6th Grade Sabre City 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 25 Life Touch Picture Day
- 25 Board of Education Meeting (LGI) 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Back to School Night 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL

October

- 9 Columbus Day Observed NO SCHOOL
- 10 Board of Education Meeting (LGI) 7 p.m.
- 13 Interim Reports Issued (Grades 6-8)
- 16 PTO Meeting (Library) 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Dollars for Scholars (Library) 7:30 p.m.
- 20 8th Grade Job Shadow
- 23 Board of Education Meeting (LGI) 7 p.m.
- 27 Halloween Sabre City 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 30 Lift Touch Picture Make Up Day

6, 12, 17, 25 - Elementary Conference Days for Grade - 1/2 day of school **10:45 Dismissal**

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! On behalf of all the staff at Schalmont Middle School, we hope that you had a restful, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break filled with fun and family! The teachers have been hard at work planning, designing curriculum, and preparing activities to help assure that this coming year is the best one yet! Looking around the building it is clear that the custodial staff worked exceptionally hard as always to be sure the facilities are in top condition to welcome students back on day one. The building is already buzzing with activity and we hope that you are as excited as we are to start another great year here at the Middle School.

This year we welcome some new staff to the main office. Make sure to stop in and welcome the newly hired Assistant Principal Kenneth Rizzo and Administrative Assistant Mrs. Debbie McGarry. They will play a key role in continuing work towards our goals of increased

home-school communication and student attendance. Several avenues will be used to accomplish these goals including Schoology, Parent Portal, eSchool data, Twitter, and SNN. Be sure that you have visited the website to become active in these accounts, or contact the school if you are in need of assistance.

Student attendance is essential to your child's success in school so please help us to make sure students arrive to school on time each and everyday and ready to learn. In the event of a student absence or late arrival, they must **always** return to school with a written note. Thank you for all of your hard work and support, and we are looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the year ahead!

R. Scott Ziomek
Building Principal

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The following are middle school policies and procedures that you should be aware of. We would appreciate if you could adhere to these procedures to help the middle school run more smoothly.

ARRIVAL TIME

Please do not drop students off at school prior to 7:10 a.m. For the safety of students, it is essential that we have staff in place to supervise during the time before school begins.



BUS PERMISSION SLIP

A child will not be allowed to ride another student's bus without a signed permission slip from a parent/guardian with the following information: a) date, b) child's name, c) name, address and telephone number of where the student is going. Bus permission slips are processed first thing in the morning. Without the above information, time is wasted and students are occasionally late for homeroom.

GAMES/ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Cell phones, laser pointers, and electronic games should be left home.

- 1st offense—the object may be confiscated and picked up by the student at the office at the end of the day.
- 2nd offense—the object may only be picked up by the parent/guardian.

BUILDING SECURITY

The middle school doors will be locked during the regular school hours. The purpose of this policy is to promote a safe and secure environment in our school. Our doors open from the inside via "panic bars" so safety of students is not compromised. If you visit the middle school, we are asking that you enter the building by the front door located on the circle near the visitor's parking. All visitors are asked to check in at the main office, present identification and receive a visitor's pass prior to entering other areas within the middle school.

HOMEWORK REQUEST

Homework will only be taken for students who have been absent for two or more days. You may call for homework assignments through guidance at 355-6255, extension 2001. All requests must be received prior to 9:00 a.m. in order to contact all teachers.

Requests made after 9:00 a.m. will be processed the following day. We do not suggest that your child's friend pick it up. You may also pull up information on Schalmont.org.

PARENT VISITORS

When parents visit the middle school classrooms, we request you park in the back parking lot near the LGI entrance. Walk to the main office to check in.

If visiting at the end of the day, anyone who parks in the circle will be asked to move their car due to buses entering to pick up students, otherwise, you will be locked in until they exit.

LATE ARRIVALS

A student is considered late to school when he/she arrives following the 7:38 a.m. bell. Late students must sign in at the guidance office before going to class. They will need a signed parent excuse stating the reason for tardiness in order to avoid the following disciplinary action.

- 1st offense (per month) - attendance letter sent home with student
- 2nd offense (per month) - student meeting with building administration
- 3rd offense (per month) - student assigned an after school detention

PICKING UP/DROPPING OFF

We are asking that if you drop off your child(ren) and/or pick them up during the regular arrival and dismissal time, that you use the parking lot entrance. By doing this, it will allow the buses easier entrance and exit of the property; it will ensure your exit quicker; and finally it should make it easier for all involved. There are two open entrances. Please use both entrances so that the line of cars does not block the parking lot.



**EXTRA
CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES**

ATHLETICS

Grades 7 & 8: Boy's sports include football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, cross country and baseball. Girl's sports include soccer, basketball, cross-country, volleyball and softball.

SABRE CITY

Sabre City is a recreational program for middle school students in grades 5-8. Dances, games, etc. are played on selected Friday's. I.D. is required and only Schalmont Middle School students are allowed to attend. New students will be able to enter without an I.D. Card. They will receive their cards when school pictures arrive.

CLUBS/INTRAMURALS

Student Council, Sabre Service Club, National Junior Honor Society are just a few of the clubs the middle school offers to 6th, 7th & 8th grade. Go online to Schalmont.org, middle school to see a complete list.

The following middle school telephone numbers and extensions are listed below for your convenience.

(518) 355-6255	Extension	FAX: 355-5329
Main Office		
Mr. Scott Ziomek, Principal	2003	
Mr. Kenneth Rizzo, Assistant Principal	2064	
Mrs. Debbie McGarry, Secretary	2003	
Guidance Office		
Robin Bingham, Counselor	2065	
Christina Rizio, Counselor	2067	
Mrs. Dayna D'Ambrosio	2001	
Nurse's Office		
Mrs. Cheryl Glindmyer, Nurse	2062	

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Monthly newsletters are posted on our website at Schalmont.org and through SNN (see below). If you do not have access to a computer and would like a hard copy of the middle school monthly newsletters, please contact Mrs. McGarry at 355-6255, so one can be sent to you.

Want to receive an e-mail or text message when Schalmont has an unexpected closing or delay? Then visit <http://snn.neric.org/schalmont/> to sign up for the Schalmont School News Notifier (SNN), a system designed to help keep parents and the community more in touch with what's happening in Schalmont schools.

Schalmont SNN is an opt-in e-mail alert system that allows you to receive notices about emergency school closings/delays, reminders about school activities, school budget information, and more. Users choose which alerts to receive and can unsubscribe at any time. If your child has changed schools within the district since you first signed up to receive SNN alerts, be sure to log into the system to update

P.T.O. (Parent Teacher Organization)

The Schalmont Middle School P.T.O. is an organization consisting of middle school parents who meet once a month to discuss ways to assist the middle school throughout the school year. Get involved / stay involved!

WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. The PTO is looking forward to an exciting and wonderful upcoming year.

Our PTO meetings are held each month at 6:00 p.m. in the middle school library.

We hope to see everyone at our first meeting on September 19th.

Officers for the 2017-18 school year are:

Felicia Amoroso, President

355-5839

Melissa Santabarbara, Vice President

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Mr. Scott Ziomek, Principal, ext. 2002
Mr. Kenneth Rizzo, Assistant Principal, ext. 2064
Guidance, ext. 2001
Nurse, ext. 2062

NURSE'S NOTES

All absences should be reported to Mrs. Glindmyer, School Nurse @ 355-6255, ext. 2062 or Mrs. D'Ambrosio, Attendance Secretary at 355-6255, ext. 2001.

All student's entering 6th grade need the Tdap vaccine (11 years old) and second dose of the varicella vaccine (chicken pox). It is mandatory that all 7th grade students have the meningococcal vaccine and a physical. Written documentation of these vaccines must be given to the nurse.

All students participating in sports must have a recent physical, completed sports paperwork and be cleared by the nurse. Physicals are good for one full year and must be on file in the nurse's office.

Medications can be given by the nurse with a note from the parent and a note from the doctor. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Glindmyer, middle school nurse at 355-6255, ext. 2062.

Cheryl Glindmyer, R.N.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The **Tools for Schools** program sponsored by Price Chopper has helped shoppers like you support our school just by shopping with your AdvantEdge card.

Help us earn points! Register your Price Chopper AdvantEdge card with our school code. Please enroll today, or change from elementary to middle school by using **CODE 16010**. The more you shop, the more points we earn. Purchase Price Chopper store brand products to earn double points. Supporters who enrolled their card in the middle school last year do not need to re-enroll this year. Fifth grade parents should change their enrollment to the middle school.

It's as easy as going on line to www.pricechopper.com to check your enrollment and sign up. You may find the link for Tools for Schools under the "Savings" tab, then Click on "School Savings Program" and the Tools for Schools logo will appear. You can also enroll at any Price Chopper store or sign up at Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 22nd.

Thank you for your support through the Tools for Schools program.

