

Hi Panther Parents/Guardians,

I hope this finds you well.

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to thank you for your overwhelming support during such unprecedented times. While this year has been challenging at times, with your partnership, our students and teachers have accomplished SO much! The pandemic interfered with a few events and required some important protocols, however, student learning continued at Mueller Park Junior High! We started the year with 1038 students and currently have 1056. Our school-wide average GPA for the year (so far) is 3.01! All students learned to use two learning platforms (Canvas and Summit Learning). All students learned to write and achieve smart goals through mentoring in Panther Success. Students were able to compete/perform in sports, music, and academic groups. Growth and countless accomplishments were achieved. Students stepped up as leaders and showed us the best the world has to offer. Our future is bright because our students will lead with intelligence, collaboration, empowerment, flexibility, compassion, and civility. We are truly Better Together!

Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Kellie Mudrow, Principal

FINISH STRONG

We want all students to finish our last days strong. As spring fever sets in, we want students to work hard to stay focused and show all they know! We will end our year with a treat for all 8th and 9th graders whose grades are ALL a C- or above and 7th graders that are "on-track." These are very attainable goals. Teachers continue to teach, encourage, and support students in learning. We invite students to take advantage of every learning opportunity available!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our track team! They had a great season and several student athletes qualified for the District meet to be held at Syracuse High School on Thursday, May 13th! Coach Hansen will inform the qualifiers of the meet start time. Go Panthers!

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks can still be purchased through your myDSD account under "Optional Fees" or in the main office. Yearbooks cost \$29. We have a limited supply remaining. We will remove the option to purchase on the myDSD app when they are sold out.

BIG 5 HEALTH PROTOCOLS

We continue to implement our health protocols through June 5th.

NEW COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR

We have three courses for next year that were not readily advertised during course selection as we were not sure we could offer them. We want students and parents/guardians to be aware of these opportunities. If your student is interested in one of these, the student can email or visit with a counselor this week to amend the course request.

- **Teaching as a Profession** – open to 9th graders only – This course will be taught by Mrs. Holty and is part of a CTE pathway which can lead into high school. Students will learn a perspective of a variety of careers in the education field. Space is limited.
- **Exploring Health Science** – open to 8th graders only – This is an introductory course to the Health Science CTE pathway taught by Mr. Martini. Space is limited.
- **French 1** – open to grades 7, 8, and 9 - This course will allow for an entryway into the French language and culture. Space is limited.

IMPORTANT DATES TO END THE SCHOOL YEAR

- **MAY 12:** 9th Grade Special Awards (By Invitation Only) at 6:00 p.m. at Woods Cross High
- **MAY 12:** Choir Concert at 7:00 p.m. at Woods Cross High School
- **MAY 13:** District Track Meet at Syracuse High School - Time is TBD (Student athletes must have qualified to participate.)
- **MAY 21:** 7th grade Summit Learning PFAs should be complete (Students can work with teachers on late work if needed.)
- **MAY 24:** Reward tickets handed out in Panther Success to 7th graders on-track in their core classes as visible in Summit on this day.
- **MAY 24:** Reward tickets handed out in Panther Success to 8th & 9th graders that have a C- or above in ALL classes as visible in Canvas on this day.
- **MAY 25:** Students exchange their reward tickets for a treat during lunch.
- **JUNE 1:** Laptops must be turned in to Panther Success teachers (Fines will be issued for any unreturned or damaged laptops.) Year-end Assembly in Panther Success Part

- **JUNE 2:** 9th Grade Celebration/Yearbook Signing Party (1:30-2:55 pm on the city baseball field) Year-end Assembly in Panther Success Part 2
- **JUNE 3:** Early out at 12:55 p.m. - A/B Day – 7th & 8th graders will get their yearbooks in first period and do yearbook signing in classes throughout the day. We will have one Grab-n-Go lunch with extended time for yearbook signing.
- **JUNE 4:** Professional Day for teachers to finalize year-end grades.

Thank you and have a great week!