Calendar of Events

**September**
8  First Day of Classes
9-22 Cherrydale Fundraiser
12  Board of Education Mtg.  7:00 p.m.  @ Middle School (LGI)
16  5th & 6th Grade Sabre City  7:00-9:00 p.m.
19  PTO Meeting (Library)  6:30 p.m.
20  Life Touch Picture Day
22  Back-to-School Night  6:30 p.m.  (Schedule to follow)
23  Staff Development Day  No School
26  Board of Education Mtg.  7:00 p.m.  @ Middle School LGI

**October**
10  Columbus Day Observed  No School
11  Board of Education Mtg.  7:00 p.m.  @ Middle School (LGI)
14  Interim Reports Issued (Grades 6-8)
21  8th Grade Job Shadow Day
24  Board of Education Mtg.  7:00 p.m.  @ Middle School LGI
25  Cheesecake Factory Fundraiser Begins
26  PTO Meeting (Library)  6:30 p.m.
28  Life Touch Picture Make-Up Day
28  Halloween Dance  7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
3,14,20,26—Elementary Conference Days for Grade 5—1/2 day of school

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year again where focus changes from vacation mode to back to school planning. We want to let you know that the custodial and building and grounds staff have been very busy this summer preparing the building for opening day on September 8th. With the start of school only a few days away, we hope that everyone is excited and anticipating a great school year.

The teachers have been working on curriculum projects, teams have been working on common sense approaches to implementing the NYS Common Core Standards by adapting rather than adopting the modules, and the Middle School Task Force has met twice over the summer undergoing intensive professional development as they prepare to develop a new middle school schedule for implementation in the 2017 school year.

The schedule will be designed to provide additional student contact time for instruction.

We will be sharing various strategies and mediums with parents to increase parent-middle school communication including SNN, e-school data, Schoology, and Twitter. Expect to hear more about these platforms shortly.

Please remind your child that there are numerous extra-curricular activities available here at the middle school, including a continuation of the Maker Space experiment begun last year.

On behalf of the staff here at the middle school, we look forward to seeing you and your child in September.

Brian Sherman
Principal
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.

### 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.

### LATE ARRIVALS
A student is considered late to school when he/she arrives following the 7:40 a.m. bell. Late students must sign in at the guidance office before going to class. They will need a signed parent excuse or be accompanied by an adult stating the reason for tardiness in order to avoid the following disciplinary action:

- 1st and 2nd offense (per month) - no disciplinary action
- 3rd offense (per month) - detention
- 4th offense (per month) - detention
- Continued offenses (per month) - in-school suspension

### 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.

### 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.

### 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, beepers, laser pointers, walkmans, 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.

### PARENT VISITORS
When parents visit the middle school classrooms, we request you park in the back parking lot near the LG1 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.
The following middle school telephone numbers and extensions are listed below for your convenience.

(518) 355-6255

Main Office
- Mr. Brian Sherman, Principal 2003
- Mr. Scott Ziomek, Assistant Principal 2064
- Anne Marie Pigliavento, Secretary 2003

Guidance Office
- Robin Bingham, Counselor 2065
- Christina Rizio, Counselor 2067
- Mrs. Dayna D’Ambrosio 2001

Nurse’s Office
- Cheryl Glindmyer, Nurse 2062

Our PTO meetings are held each month at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school library.

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

Officers for the 2015-16 school year are: Felicia Amoroso, President 355-5839
- Melissa Santabarbara, Vice President 357-0526
- Nicole Roohan, Treasurer 355-5550

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. Pigliavento 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 your alert sections.
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.