

SCHOOL 12 PTA NEWSLETTER
- MAY 2015 -

PTA Meeting Schedule

Please mark the following date in your calendar: June 18. This will be our final PTA meeting of the year, and we would love to see you there! Free babysitting will be provided for smaller children.

Safety at School 12

Safety is a priority at School 12. It is our policy that all students are escorted into the building. Thank you for parking and then walking your child through the blue doors. Also, all students going to the Recreation Center will be escorted by a School 12 staff member. Finally, if you plan to alter your child's pick-up in any way, please send a note with your child that morning AND plan to arrive before 1:50 or to wait until after the buses leave. Otherwise, the entire dismissal process is disrupted, impacting buses, students, and staff. Thank you for your continued support....

Box Tops

Please continue to send in your Boxtops! Contact Alisa Hall at alisa.adh@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Donations Needed

There is still a need for uniforms of all sizes. Please consider donating clothing that is too small. Any solid-color shirts in navy, light-blue, purple, or white or pants in navy, black, or khaki are especially appreciated.

Construction/Expansion Update

Please join School 12's new Facebook Group: James P.B. Duffy School #12 Construction and Remodel. Thank you to Wayne Hermanson and Gilbrand Building Company for sharing pictures! Also, note that School 12 plans to expand to include Grades 7 and 8 in the new building. Conversations are happening right now about whether or not this expansion should include the dual-language HOLA program. Follow the link to learn more: <http://on.rocne.ws/1ynfRNB>.

Physical Fitness Update

School 12 students have started their track unit and are lucky enough to get outside and use a real track! 5th-grade students will begin their swim unit after testing is over. Here's your challenge: Run to one telephone pole, then walk to the next, and so on—then run to the second telephone pole, walk to the next, and so on. Good luck!

NYS Testing

Packets outlining NYS testing and the "not participating" option were distributed to all School 12 families. The PTA supports each family's decision in this matter. One parent observer counted about 120 students who didn't participate, about 30% of the students in Grades 3 through 6.

Duffy Day/Swim Day

This year, School 12's Duffy Day will be a Swim Day instead. Students will swim with their classes on Monday or Tuesday the last week of school so everyone gets a chance to experience the pool.

First Friday, May 8

Parents, guardians, and the entire School 12 community are invited for coffee, pastries, fruit, and conversation the first Friday of every month from 7:35 to 8:45 AM in the Parent Room. This is a great way to meet families and learn more about our school. We hope to see you there!

All-City Concert, May 11

Several School 12 students will participate in this year's All-City Band, Choir, and Orchestra performances. Join us to celebrate their work on Monday, May 11, at 6 PM, at the Eastman School of Music!

Junior Achievement Day/Day of Caring, May 14

Volunteers will converge at School 12 to participate in Junior Achievement Day and the United Way Day of Caring. Stay tuned for details about how this event will improve our school and about how you, too, can help!

Math/Science Night, May 14

School 12 will host its annual Math/Science Night on Thursday, May 14, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. More information soon!

Save the Date!

Friday, 5/1: Super's Day – NO SCHOOL

Friday: 5/8: First Friday

Thursday, 5/14: Junior Achievement Day/Day of Caring

Thursday, 5/14: Match and Science Night

Friday-Monday, 5/22-5/25: Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

Friday, 6/12: Annual Fun Run