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September 2017

Urban **US** Suburban

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Message from the Program Director:

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Welcome to the Urban-Suburban Interdistrict Transfer Program coordinated by Monroe One BOCES. Our team is excited to embark on the journey of a new school year and ALL of the great, new experiences it is certain to bring to our families, schools, and programs.

We recognize the cornerstone of the program's success and excellence for over 52 years is your parental investment and partnership. Your active commitment ensures children and schools are enriched and able to achieve to their highest potential. As the program strives to provide outstanding service, we have incorporated many of the suggested topics from surveys parents completed last year. It is our goal to offer tools that are effective resources as you advocate and support your student along their journey.



Below are the parent group meeting dates for 2017-18. All families are required to attend two (2) parent meetings for the 2017-18 school year. Check our website, www.monroe.edu/us for meeting locations and start times.

Participating Districts:

Brighton
Brockport
East Irondequoit
East Rochester
Fairport
Hilton
Penfield
Pittsford
Rochester
Rush-Henrietta
Spencerport
Webster
West Irondequoit
Wheatland-Chili

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Parent Group Meeting Dates 2017-18

Grades 1-12

9/28: Open House
10/26: Cultural Diversity
11/6: Youth & Mental Health
11/29: Building a Strong Financial Future*
12/5: Transportation
12/14: Alumni Panel
2/1: Athletics & Academics
2/13: Youth & Family Fair
3/21: Cultural Diversity*

Grades 1-5

10/10: Parent Teacher Conferences*

Grades 6-12

10/18: Bridging the Gap: Transition

*daytime meeting


****Parents only please. No children.****

Please Note: These are the dates for Parent Meetings; however there may be conditions beyond our control that occur during the school year that may cause some dates to change. If you have any questions, please contact the Urban-Suburban office at (585) 249-7045. If you do not meet your Parent Meeting requirement, you will be referred to the Superintendent of your district.

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Consider volunteering for an Urban-Suburban event. (An event does not count for a required parent meeting.)

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*Parent Volunteers are needed
for all family events.
Sign-up today!*

Event Dates 2017-2018	
College Planning Series by Nazareth	9/19, 11/21, 1/16, 3/20, 5/15
Senior Luncheon	10/6
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Fundraiser	3/3
U-S Award Ceremony	5/30

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Always remember, when parents are immersed and actively participate in their child's educational journey, the benefits are immeasurable for the students, families and schools. The success we achieve will be proportional to the quality and the quantity of the effort we put in. *You, the parents, are the critical element in the formula for student, family, school and Urban-Suburban success.* We are here to support you in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 249-7045 with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Wishing you a wonderful year and looking forward to seeing you at the first Urban-Suburban parent meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 7:00PM.

All the best,
Felicia A. Smith, Program Director

NEW Distribution Schedule for the Urban-Suburban Newsletter

In an attempt to bring our program supporters consistent and up-to-date information, the Urban-Suburban newsletter is now being distributed bi-monthly. The program's expansion, along with increased use of technology, resulted in office staff evaluating the purpose of our newsletter and how to ensure the information presented is relevant to our program families and other stakeholders.

The next newsletter will be available November 2017. If you would like to make a submission for the newsletter, please send your material to TaShonda Jefferson at tashonda_jefferson@boces.monroe.edu by October 15, 2017. Any submissions received after this date will be used for the following edition of the newsletter.

Urban-Suburban On the Road

Back-to-school Event Dates



Sept. 13: East Rochester—11:00am	Sept. 25: Martha Brown MS—1:39pm
Sept. 15: Johanna Perrin MS—8am; Twelve Corners MS—2:00pm	Sept. 27: Mendon HS—7:30am
Sept. 19: Minerva Deland NGA—6:45am	Sept. 28: Brockport HS—9:00am
Sept. 20: Brighton HS—11:00am	Sept. 29: Sutherland HS—7:45pm
Sept. 21: Penfield HS—7:30am	Oct. 3: Fairport HS—7:00am
Sept. 25: Wheatland-Chili Jr/Sr HS—7:30am	Oct. 4: Irondequoit HS—8:00am
	Oct. 12: Calkins Rd. MS—7:35am

2017–18 College Planning Series

Last school year, the Urban-Suburban program partnered with Nazareth College resulting in outstanding scholarship opportunities and support to Urban-Suburban students as they prepared to enter their college years. Representatives from Nazareth College started facilitating monthly workshops on the college planning process for students in their junior and senior years. Students were also provided with opportunities to tour Nazareth's campus and meet with current faculty and students at the college. Four students from the Class of 2017 were awarded scholarships and made the decision to become part of the Nazareth community.

This partnership will not only continue in the 2017–18 school year, but expand. Nazareth College will continue to provide workshops centered on college preparation via the College Planning Series. This year, the series will also be open to freshmen and sophomores. Representatives from the college will also continue to work with Urban-Suburban staff to identify students for scholarship opportunities for the 2018–19 school year.

The schedule for the College Planning Series for the 2017–18 School Year is as follows:

- Tuesday, September 19, 2017
- Tuesday, November 21, 2017
- Tuesday, January 16, 2018
- Tuesday, March 20, 2018
- Tuesday, May 15, 2018

The session will be held from 6–7:30pm, location to be determined. A parent must accompany their student.

For more details about this initiative, contact TaShonda Jefferson at (585) 249-7047 or tashonda_jefferson@boces.monroe.edu

For further information on topics and the workshops location, please visit the Urban-Suburban website at www.monroe.edu/us.

CALLING ALL 11TH & 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

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EVENT DETAILS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017
8:30 AM-2:00 PM
RIVERSIDE CONVENTION CENTER
123 MAIN ST, ROCHESTER NY 14604

FREE ADMISSION!

WORKSHOPS

- PREPARING FOR COLLEGE
- HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE
- MALE & FEMALE MENTORING

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****Transcripts required****

****References recommended****

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COLLEGE READINESS & PARENT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017
MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DOWNTOWN
CAMPUS
321 STATE ST, ROCHESTER NY 14608

REGISTRATION: 8:30AM
PROGRAM STARTS: 9AM-1PM

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[HTTP://WWW.ULR.ORG/EVENTS.ASPX](http://www.ulr.org/events.aspx)

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Urban-Suburban Application Process Opens October 2017

Applications for the 2018–19 school year will become available Monday, October 2, 2017. The application process will remain open until Friday, February 9, 2018. Please note, this is a hard deadline and NO applications are accepted after this date.

The Urban-Suburban program accepts applicants in Pre-K through 8th grade at the time of application. Applicants must also be a city resident, attending a city school at the time of application. Students attending a suburban district are not eligible to apply.

Applications will be accessible via the Urban-Suburban website at www.monroe.edu/USApply. To have an application mailed to you, contact the Urban-Suburban office at (585) 249-7045.

For more information regarding the application process, including frequently asked questions, visit the website at www.monroe.edu/USFAQs. Also, be sure to check out the November 2017 edition of the newsletter for some selection/placement quick facts!

Student Corner

Melissa Torres

This past spring, Melissa Torres played on Fairport's Freshman Softball Team at Minerva Deland. Her position was the right outfielder. She played very well throughout the season. As a result, she was awarded the Ideal Teammate award by her coach at their annual awards banquet. When presenting Melissa with her award, Coach Melissa Faeth commented, "This person was a positive force on and off the field, always leading in cheers. I could hear her yelling out there how many outs and where's the play." We are wishing Melissa continued success, both off and on the field!



Brielle Burgess

Brielle Burgess is beginning her high school career, entering the 9th grade at Pittsford Sutherland High School. She has played softball in the past, but set her mind on playing volleyball at the beginning of the summer. She briefly attended a volleyball camp. She was unable to complete it in its entirety because she was committed to returning to Camp Cory. However, she didn't let that stop her.

Brielle's parents happily purchased her volleyball net and set up shop in their backyard, as her mother was ecstatic her daughter was following in her footsteps. Brielle practiced tirelessly all summer, with her parents, sibling, friends, and anyone else she could recruit in her efforts.

All of her hard work was not in vain. In August, Brielle tried out for the junior varsity volleyball team and now plays for the Sutherland Knights! Congratulations, Brielle!



Alumni Spotlight

Monet Crues Pittsford Sutherland High School Class of 2000

Monet Crues began the Urban-Suburban Program in the second grade at Jefferson Road Elementary School. As an eight-year-old, the transition was extremely difficult at times. However, Monet quickly began to find ways to take advantage of the unique opportunity that she had been given.

Monet has always been naturally gifted in the visual arts. While her parents encouraged her to explore her talent, it was her teachers at Jefferson Road Elementary that provided her with the guidance she needed to develop her gift. Upon entering Pittsford Sutherland, Monet continued creating art in her art class and even joined the school's art club. During her freshman year, she tried out for the cheerleading squad and made the team. Monet enjoyed the sport so much that she cheered all four years of high school.



Upon graduating from Pittsford Sutherland, Monet went on to study psychology and studio art at SUNY Geneseo. Following graduation from college, she worked at Crestwood Children's Center. This work was challenging yet rewarding as it allowed her to see the students make positive changes in their lives. Monet eventually left Crestwood to work for the Arc of Monroe. Although performing important work in each of these positions, Monet desired to reach people on a different level. As a result, Monet decided to go to graduate school to study Creative Arts Therapy at Nazareth College of Rochester.

With a degree in Art Therapy, Monet was able to provide therapy for many families within Monroe County through her work with Cayuga Centers. The therapy focused on helping each family member take responsibility for their role in the family's problems. It also helped family members take an active role in finding a solution.

Monet is currently the Coordinator of the Young Scholars Program at Nazareth College. This program seeks to enroll high achieving diverse students into Nazareth. Monet hopes to be both challenging and encouraging to each student she encounters. She also hopes to facilitate the growth of future leaders that will make positive changes in our community and ultimately our world. As a part of her responsibilities in this position, she will also facilitate the bi-monthly workshops in the College Planning Series offered to Urban-Suburban students in grades 9–12.

Comment regarding the Urban-Suburban Program:

“The Urban-Suburban program definitely made a huge impact on my educational experience. The program enabled me to be placed in an environment that ultimately taught me how to overcome adversity. The program will always be a part of my life, which is something that I'm grateful for.”

District Updates

Brockport

Brockport Oliver Middle School welcomes new assistant principal

The Brockport Central School District Board of Education appointed Karl Dubash as assistant principal at Oliver Middle School effective July 1. Dubash succeeds Eric Vaillancourt and will work with the eighth-grade cohort.

Dubash most recently served as interim assistant principal in the Rush-Henrietta Central School District. Prior to that he was a summer school assistant principal and geometry instructional coach. Dubash also taught mathematics at Rush-Henrietta High School for 12 years.

“We are very excited to welcome Karl Dubash to our OMS family,” said Oliver Middle School Principal Melody Martinez-Davis. “He brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership skills to our district and will be a great addition to our administrative team.”

Dubash received a Certificate of Advanced Study from SUNY Oswego, a Master’s of Mathematics Education from St. John Fisher College and a bachelor’s degree from the State University of New York College at Brockport.



Fairport

Dennis DesRosiers is named new Director of Special Education

The Fairport Central School District has appointed Dennis DesRosiers as the new Director of Special Education. DesRosiers has been serving as the principal of Rogers Middle School in the West Irondequoit Central School District for the past five years.

“Dennis DesRosiers is poised to make important contributions as our new Director of Special Education,” said Superintendent of Schools Brett Provenzano. “His passion for special education is contagious and we look forward to him joining our District.”

Prior to his time as principal, DesRosiers served in both administrative and teaching positions for the West Irondequoit Central School District since 2001, including as a junior high school assistant principal and junior high school special education teacher. He has also held a position as an educational consultant for Leap for Kids (SEIT) in Rochester, in which he provided consult and feedback on early intervention for students with special needs.

DesRosiers holds a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from Oswego State College, Master of Science in Special Education and Elementary Education from Nazareth College, and a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Niagara University.

“I am so honored to be joining the tradition of academic excellence in Fairport,” said DesRosiers. “The community has been incredibly warm and welcoming and I look forward to collaborating in support of all of our students.”

DesRosiers began his new position June 26. He replaces Sheila McCarthy, who retired at the end of June after serving in the role for 20 years.



Spencerport

Spencerport Central School District welcomed a new superintendent as of July 1. Mr. Dan Milgate has been appointed to the leadership position after Michael Crumb retired.

Milgate previously served as the assistant superintendent for schools for the district since July 2011. Prior to that, he served as the district's assistant superintendent for instruction for three years, the Canal View Elementary School principal for six years and as a high school assistant principal for three years.



Mr. Dan Milgate



Mr. Ty Zinkiewich

The transition of leadership in Spencerport also includes Mr. Ty Zinkiewich, assistant superintendent of instruction, becoming the new liaison for the Urban-Suburban Program. Mike Crumb previously held this role.

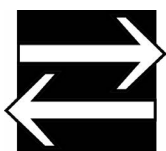
Zinkiewich said, "It's an honor to be a part of this amazing partnership as we work collaboratively to support the students that we serve in an innovative manner."

West Irondequoit

Ms Michelle Flood is the new principal of Rogers Middle School. Miss Flood brings a wealth of experience to this position, including over 20 years as a grades 4-6 teacher. During this time, she received numerous awards, including the PTSA Honorary Lifetime Award and multiple Excellence in Teaching awards. She was also the 4th grade Team Leader for nine years and the ELA Summer Program Co-director for multiple years.

Recently, Ms. Flood has served as a Teacher on Special Assignment as a Reading/Math Intervention Teacher and, this past year, as K-12 Social Studies Supervisor. As Social Studies Supervisor, she was deeply involved in curriculum design and implementation, teacher supervision, and teacher professional development.

Ms Flood holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from St. Bonaventure University and a Master of Science in Education from SUNY Geneseo. She will complete her Advanced Certificate in School Leadership at the University of Rochester in August 2017.



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