

**ANNA MCDONALD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
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Ryan McWilliams, Principal  
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**March 24, 2017**

### **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break**

As a reminder, Spring Break is March 25<sup>th</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students will return to school on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. PTO spring room parties will be on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:30pm. Students will be dismissed at 2:15pm on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. There is also no school on Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lunch Accounts**

Please remember to check your child's lunch account balance on a regular basis. Students are not allowed to purchase a hot lunch with a negative balance. If you have any questions, please call.

### **Yearbook Orders**

This year a yearbook can only be purchased for your child using the online website TreeRing. If you want to purchase one for your child, click on the link below, enter in the passcode, and purchase a yearbook for your child. The cost of the yearbook is \$12.00.

When purchasing a yearbook, please either download the TreeRing app or use your PC to complete the process. We have had parents incorrectly filling out the information and accidentally purchasing yearbooks under their name and not their child's.

The website to order is: <http://www.TreeRing.com/validate>

The passcode is: 1014417497762779

The cost of the yearbook is \$12.00

If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook coordinator for Anna McDonald, Tracy Lamont, at [tlamont@manhattan114.org](mailto:tlamont@manhattan114.org)

### **PARCC Testing**

During the month of April, all students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be tested in the areas of reading and mathematics. It is extremely important that students be in attendance to take the tests! The results will be sent to a scoring firm contracted by the State of Illinois Board of Education. The results will be shared with parents when we receive them. Please encourage your child to do her/his best. How our children do on this assessment does reflect on our community and our school district. As with any other school day, please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a balanced breakfast. Good luck to all our kids and staff! Most teachers will allow students to have gum or hard candy during testing. Please check with your child's teacher before sending

any. Water will not be allowed during the testing time as all testing is done on computers this year.

### **Online Registration is OPEN and 2017-18 Fees are Online!**

Manhattan School District 114 registration will be Online for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration for current and new families will be done at home through your personal computer. This process will result in substantial savings in paper and printing costs for our district and make the registration procedure much more convenient for our families.

We have learned that sometimes Internet Explorer does not always work for registration, as it is not as up to date as it should be. If you encounter this problem, please try registering through Firefox or Google Chrome.

**Please login to your Home Logic account and register your students for next year. Fees for the 2017-18 School Year are now on your account. Please login to your account to pay fees for 2017-18 and any outstanding fees.**

If you have any problems or questions regarding registration or fees or if you child/children will not be returning next year, please contact Michele Zmigrodski at 815-531-3302 or [mzmigrodski@manhattan114.org](mailto:mzmigrodski@manhattan114.org).

**Online registration must be completed by April 1st.**

### **Student Arrival - Automobile, Bicycles, Walkers**

Children walking, riding bicycles, and being dropped off by parents, are not to be on school grounds until after 8:25 a.m. The only exceptions are children attending Rec. Care or children that arrive early due to teacher request. Children are to follow the Rules-of-the-Road regarding bicycle safety. Extra Care must be taken around the school due to the high volume of vehicular traffic. Children walking home are requested to use the sidewalks whenever possible. Students walking home on Second Street east of the school are to walk on the right side of the road.

### **Dressing for the Weather**

For grades one (1) thru five (5) the noon duty supervisors will decide whether or not the students will go outdoors depending upon weather conditions. Dress attire should be appropriate for the weather conditions. These decisions will be at the discretion and judgment of the recess supervisors. Verbal notification from recess supervisors, as well as written notification in newsletters, will be provided to the students and parents, of expectations for the good of the whole student body.

### **Manhattan Foundation for Educational Excellence**

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manhattan Jr. High Library.

### **Prime Time Reading Night**

Prime Time Family Reading Night is Friday, April 21st beginning at 6pm. Registration forms will go home April 3rd. If you are planning on attending, please return the form as soon as possible.

### **SUBSTITUTE**

If you or someone you know would like to sub for the District as a teacher, aide, or nurse please contact Diane Ponshe in the Business Office 815-478-4527.

### **PE Exemptions**

If a student presents a note from their doctor exempting them from PE, this also includes recess & any other physical activity. Students exempt from PE will attend workroom during recess and not go outside. For the safety and liability of the students & district, this takes effect 10/6/16. Any questions can be directed to Mr. McWilliams.

### **April 2017**

#### **PARCC TESTING ALL MONTH**

- 4<sup>th</sup> PARCC Pep Rally 2pm  
Student Council Meeting 3:15pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Student Council Field Trip 9am
- 14<sup>th</sup> No School
- 16<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday
- 17<sup>th</sup> No School
- 18<sup>th</sup> Spring Book Fair  
Student Council 3:15pm  
BOE Meeting 6pm @WC
- 24<sup>th</sup> Character Counts Extra Recess 2:40pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Student of the Month Lunch





# Illinois State Board of Education

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State Superintendent of Education

March 13, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We appreciate your investment in your child's education and want to share with you some information about state and federally required assessments.

Federal law requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to administer certain assessments to **all students** who attend public schools in the state, including students who attend charter schools.

According to federal law:

- Students must take an achievement exam in reading/language arts and mathematics each year from **third through eighth grade**. In Illinois, students take the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (**PARCC**) exam.
- Students must take an achievement exam in reading/language arts and mathematics once in high school. In Illinois, **high school juniors** take the **SAT**.
- Students must take an achievement exam in science three times from third through 12th grade. In Illinois, students take the **Illinois Science Assessment** in **fifth grade, eighth grade, and after completing Biology I in high school**.
- Students identified as English Learners must take an English language proficiency exam once per year until English proficiency is reached. In Illinois, **English Learners** take **ACCESS**.
- Students with the most severe cognitive disabilities must take alternate assessments in reading/language arts, mathematics, and science. In Illinois, **students with severe cognitive disabilities** take the Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment (**DLM-AA**).

These are the only ISBE-required student achievement assessments.

Assessments help improve standards, curriculum, and instruction at the classroom, school, district, and state levels. Assessments play a role in helping ISBE and school districts identify areas where schools need targeted support. The average amount of time spent on accountability assessments represents **less than 1 percent of the school year**.

However, we want educators and students to devote as much time as possible to learning, not testing. We are working with districts and schools to evaluate local testing programs and reduce the amount of testing for students, where we can.

We encourage students to do their best on all assessments.

Individual districts and schools may have local policies for students who refuse to take assessments on testing days, but federal and state law does not authorize districts or schools to excuse students from testing. ISBE does not provide guidance on “opting out” because such an option would violate the law.

School districts must administer assessments to at least 95 percent of students and at least 95 percent of each student demographic group or face lower public school recognition status, which leads to increased state oversight and puts districts’ state and federal funds at risk. Individual high school students who had the opportunity to but chose not to take the required state accountability assessments (the SAT and the Illinois Science Assessment) lose their eligibility to receive a regular high school diploma. (Current high school seniors who may not have had the opportunity to take one of the required assessments will not be prevented from receiving a regular diploma.)

We encourage students to complete as much of each assessment as they can. If at any point a student feels they no longer can or wish to continue, they may indicate this to the test administrator.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the ISBE Division of Assessment and Accountability at (866) 317-6034 or visit [www.isbe.net/Pages/Assessment.aspx](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Assessment.aspx).

We thank you for your dedication to supporting and serving all Illinois students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annise Rae Clementz".

A. Rae Clementz  
Assessment and Accountability Division  
Illinois State Board of Education



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**April 13th, 2017**

**5pm - 8pm**

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# MANHATTAN TRACK AND FIELD SUMMER CAMP

**\*\*ANY BOY OR GIRL ENTERING 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> OR 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEXT YEAR \*\***

**MONDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. @ MANHATTAN JUNIOR HIGH**

**PROGRAM: THE CAMP EMPHASIZES TRACK FUNDAMENTALS GEARED TO THE JUNIOR HIGH LEVEL. THE FOLLOWING WILL BE COVERED: RULES AND REGULATIONS, FUNDAMENTALS OF HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, HURDLES, SPRINTS, DISTANCE RUNNING, RELAYS, AND PROPER STRETCHING AND CONDITIONING.**

**EQUIPMENT: EACH ATHLETE MUST ARRIVE WITH GYM SHOES, SHORTS, SOCKS, AND ANY OTHER NEEDED PRACTICE EQUIPMENT. TRACK EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. DO NOT BRING ANY VALUABLES WITH YOU.**

**ELIGIBILITY: ANY BOY OR GIRL ENTERING 4<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE THIS FALL IS ELIGIBLE. A LIMIT OF PARTICIPANTS HAS BEEN SET MAKING REGISTRATION FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVE!**

**FEES: TO HELP WITH THE PLANNING, WE ASK THAT FEES BE PAID AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. THE FEE SHOULD BE RETURNED WITH THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM (CASH ACCEPTABLE). CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO: MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114. PLEASE DROP OFF THE REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE AT THE JUNIOR HIGH OR MAIL TO: MANHATTAN JUNIOR HIGH'S TRACK CAMP, 15606 WEST SMITH ROAD, MANHATTAN, ILLINOIS 60442.**

**\*\* THE FEE IS \$45.00, WHICH INCLUDES A T-SHIRT, STAT SHEET, INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR ABSENCES. \*\***

**\*\*REGISTRATION FORMS/FEES TURNED IN LATE, WILL NOT BE GUARENTEED A T-SHIRT!!!! \*\***

**CAMP STAFF: THE INSTRUCTORS WILL BE JAMIE SMITH (MANHATTAN JUNIOR HIGH FORMER CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK COACH), VINCE PERILLO (MANHATTAN JUNIOR HIGH TRACK/BASKETBALL COACH), AND FORMER MANHATTAN JUNIOR HIGH TRACK ATHLETES WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN HIGH SCHOOL.**

**PLEASE EMAIL COACH SMITH OR COACH PERILLO WITH ANY QUESTIONS.  
[JSMITH@MANHATTAN114.ORG](mailto:JSMITH@MANHATTAN114.ORG); [VPERILLO@MANHATTAN114.ORG](mailto:VPERILLO@MANHATTAN114.ORG)**

# MANHATTAN TRACK AND FIELD SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

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**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. @ MANHATTAN JUNIOR HIGH**

**\*\* REGISTRATION IS DUE BY FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> \*\***

## REGISTRATION FORM:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ 2017-2018 GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR SHIRT SIZE

YOUTH:    LARGE    X-LARGE

ADULT:    SMALL    MEDIUM    LARGE    X-LARGE    XX-LARGE

**I HEREBY GRANT PERMISSION TO THE MANHATTAN JUNIOR HIGH STAFF TO ACT ACCORDINGLY IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. MY CHILD HAS HAD A RECENT PHYSICAL AND IS FIT ACCORDING TO OUR PHYSICIAN.**

**\*\*\*\*\*PARENT(S) SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*THE FEE IS \$45.00 FOR THE WEEK. PLEASE INCLUDE THE FEE WITH THE FORM\*\***

**\*\*PLEASE ALSO LET US KNOW, ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM, IF YOU DO NOT GIVE CONSENT TO POST PICTURES OF YOUR CHILD(REN) FROM TRACK CAMP WHICH MAY BE FEATURED ON OUR SCHOOL/DISTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA SITE.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU MONDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>!**