



Y Staff Newsletter

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Welcome Back to the Newsletter

This is the second edition of the YMCA Staff Newsletter. We will now be producing an edition of the newsletter for each quarter of the year. We hope that you will find it informative and helpful in your journey with the Y. It is our hope that the newsletter will serve as a reminder to staff about upcoming and ongoing events throughout our Y. The newsletter will also have updates from each of our branches, the CEO and the HR department. Please read and enjoy!



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Staff Identification System is Coming Soon

Many of you may have heard that we will soon have a staff identification system in place. The time has come! The new ID cards will include the YMCA logo, your name and a picture of you. The system will create more consistency for all staff and allow members and parents to more easily identify each of you as a YMCA staff member. Since we will need a picture of you someone will be around in the coming weeks to take your picture. It will be your responsibility to keep the ID card in good repair and wear it during the entirety of your shift, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Please do your best not to lose it!!

Did you know?:

The first mass swim lessons began at the Detroit YMCA in 1907. These were held in the open water, not a pool!!

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What's Going on Throughout the Y?

Happenings

General

There are *Toys for Tots* donation boxes at all 3 branches, please donate if you can!

The Fairgrounds and Downtown branches have extended their hours. Check the web for more details.

Downtown Y

The renovations are complete! Come check them out if you have not already!

The Diabetes Prevention Program is successfully up and running.

Fairgrounds Y

The fitness center renovations are complete, stop in and check out the improvements!

The child watch, power zone and arts areas are all on the move! There will be a grand opening in the coming weeks, you are all invited to come. The invitation is attached to the email as well.

Outreach Branch

The Holiday Weight Drop has begun!

-7 staff and 27 members have taken the challenge!

The Carthage staff would like to send well wishes to Jackie Pierce our Get Fit staff who does a great job helping members along on their journey. She and her husband welcomed a beautiful baby girl to their lives on November 10th!

SACC

Three new SACC sites have recently opened up: Calcium, Cape Vincent and Gouverneur. That brings the total number of SACC school sites to 20! SACC also has multiple fundraisers going on, details on the next page!

Upcoming Events

General

The Festival of Trees event takes place on the first weekend in December.

The 28th annual Turkey Day Run is coming up on November 24!!

-Register now or call Steve Rowell at 315-782-3100 if you would like to volunteer to help out!

SACC

SACC will be running full day program during the following periods:

Wednesday, November 23rd; Christmas Break & February Break.

There will be an all staff training on January 16th at the Fairgrounds .

For more information and exact dates call the office at 315-755-2005

Carthage Y

Carthage after school programs (MAP and CASE) have gotten off to a great start, recording record high enrollments for this time of year. MAP provides the kids with great opportunities, including Dance, Cooking/Baking, French, Computers, Hop Sports, Robotics, Graffiti Art, Arts & Crafts and Student Fitness. MAP and these wonderful clubs are made available absolutely free of charge to any Carthage Middle School student.

For more information contact the Carthage Branch at 315-493-3286

Fairgrounds Y

Many programs (including soccer, arts, basketball and gymnastics) are either underway or open for registration.

For more information contact the Fairgrounds Branch at 315-755-9622

Downtown Y

Registration for the 3rd session of swim lessons starts soon!

-December 19th for members & current swimmers and the 22nd for nonmembers

Register now for following events:

-Student fitness & Homeschool Gym & Swim start date: November 29

For me information contact the Downtown Branch at 315-782-3100

Awareness Coming Out of Tragedy

Many of you have heard of the tragedy that recently came to light on the Penn State campus. I will not go into more detail than I have to; let me start by saying it is a heartbreaking situation that could easily have been prevented. There was a powerful man on the college campus allegedly abusing children. This was a man who no one would have suspected could do such awful things. I mention the story in hopes of reminding each and every one of you to be ultra vigilant for abusers in any of our facilities or program areas. The story illustrates that anyone can be an abuser, there is no stereotypical individual. Please keep your eyes and ears open and do not be afraid to report any misconduct you see to the appropriate supervisor.



Let's keep our kids happy and safe!

SACC Fundraiser Update

This year the SACC program has raised close to \$12,000 for their scholarship fund. This is a huge success for the program and we are very proud of the work the staff and children did. The results are outstanding!

Cindy Moore's Character Counts Preschool is collecting pairs of pajamas for all ages, sizes, and genders to be donated to orphanages and homeless shelters as part of the Preschool Scholastic Books Pajama Drive, in cooperation with Scholastic Books. For every pair that is collected, Scholastic will donate a book. The drive is running until December 2nd. If you or anyone you know is interested in donating a pair please bring them to the Fairgrounds Y. Anything donated stays local!

*Did you know?:
The Fairgrounds Y
gave out a total of
\$26,647 in
scholarships. That
money went to help
94 families and 197
children!!*

Great Job by All Involved!

CEO Corner with Peter Schmitt

We are almost there. Over the past year and one half we have spent more than 1.7 million dollars improving the facilities through which we offer our programs and services. Now we need to use these great facilities to offer experiences that change lives. This is where you come in. You are a part of our plan to change our community one story, one experience, one success at a time.

Come to our last ribbon cutting on December 16 at the Fairgrounds YMCA (invitation is attached to this e-mail). We will be opening our new art studio, our upgraded child watch room and the new cardio area. In addition we will be unveiling our donor recognition wall (which includes a lot of staff donors) plus showing the world our new Y branding. Lets show our Board of Directors and our donors that we as a staff team are ready and eager to use the new facilities to help impact the lives of our members.



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Soon, we will be offering a staff themed section of the website. The purpose of this addition is to keep our staff better informed on our program offerings. At least once a quarter the staff tab will be updated and the programs will be changed. We will be putting up the occasional questionnaire, quiz or contest in the section, some of which may come with a reward. Please check back on the tab at least every once in a while so that you do not miss anything! The first set of programs to be highlighted include the YEP (Youth Empowerment Program), Reball and our Diabetes Prevention Program. The new section should be operational by next week, please check the new tab for descriptions and additional information about these three great programs.

BRAND NEW!

W-2s will be going out at the end of the year. We will mail them to the address that we have in our payroll system. If you have changed your address during the past year you must let us know. Please send an email to: ymca_sschmitt@yahoo.com with your address change. If you do not have access to email you can call the Fairgrounds YMCA 315-755-9622 and leave a message for either Stuart Schmitt or Stacey Campbell with your updated address. It is better to be safe than sorry so please call and check that we have the correct address in the payroll system, which is different than the membership system! If there is any doubt at all, please check that we have the correct address for you, thanks!

Always check our website www.watertownymca.org to keep track of happenings, events, and registration dates and times!!

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The Watertown Family YMCA continues to grow and thrive. It is the hard work and bright ideas of our staff that makes this possible. Thanks again to all of you!



ATTENTION!