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Dear Parents:

Your child is eligible to attend a BOCES after-school enrichment course at the F. Donald Myers Education Center on Henning Road in Saratoga Springs. These courses are designed to provide students with opportunities to learn new subjects and gain new skills.

**The courses meet on Thursdays for six weeks from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m.: October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5 and 12 with a snow date, if needed, of November 19, 2009.**

These courses are offered through WSWHE BOCES, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Washington, Saratoga, Warren, Hamilton and Essex Counties. If you need a class menu and/or registration form, please contact June Leary at 581-3580 or e-mail [jleary@wswhoboces.org](mailto:jleary@wswhoboces.org) or log onto the BOCES website page by pasting into your browser: [http://www.wswhoboces.org/SSS/Gifted&Talented/Project\\_Enrich\\_MiniCourses\\_draft.htm](http://www.wswhoboces.org/SSS/Gifted&Talented/Project_Enrich_MiniCourses_draft.htm). Then click on Myers Menu and Myers registration on the left-hand column.

All course work will take place at the Myers Center except for one course this session. The course, "HORSE SENSE" will take place at the Myers Center on weeks 1, 3 and 5 (October 8, October 22 and November 5) and at the National Museum of Racing (Union Avenue in Saratoga) on weeks 2, 4 and 6 (October 15, October 29 and November 12). If your child is enrolled in this course, bus transportation between the Myers Center and the museum will be provided. If you drive your child, you should drop off and pick up your child at the MYERS CENTER (not the museum) EVERY week.

**The registration form is due back no later than Thursday, September 17, 2009.**

**ABOUT THE COSTS**

To defray the expense of the course, you are asked to pay \$54.00 toward the cost of the course. The district will pay the lab fee (if applicable with your child's mini course). Payment should be made in the form of a check made payable to Saratoga Springs City School District and is due with your registration by **September 17, 2009.**

**Please Note: The deadline for a refund request is October 1, 2009.**

## **HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET THE COURSE THEY WANT**

- All of the courses are assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- All students are strongly encouraged to select 10 choices of classes they are willing to take (try something new!). If there are only some classes they are willing to take, list those in order and follow on the next line by writing "withdraw." To give your child the best chance at enrollment in the course of his/her choice, make sure to send back the registration form immediately.
- This is a multi-district course offering by BOCES. In order to speed up the enrollment process and help your child get the course they desire, **SEND THE REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK (MADE PAYABLE TO SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT) DIRECTLY TO Michael Piccirillo, 3 Blue Streak Boulevard, Suite 208, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866.** (Do not send to your child's school. This would cause a significant delay in processing.) You may also drop your check off directly to Mr. Piccirillo's office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily at the MacFadden Administration Building at 3 Blue Streak Boulevard (High School Campus). This is strongly encouraged for quicker processing.

## **INTERNET, MEDIA, FIELD TRIPS**

Some of the courses involve Internet use. By signing the registration form, we understand that you have given your child permission to use the Internet and that your child has a signed Internet Usage Permission form on file at his/her home school. In addition, it is possible your child will be photographed by BOCES or the news media while the mini course is in session. Some courses might include a short field trip off site, which would be supervised at all times by your child's BOCES instructor. **Please check your preference in the boxes as indicated and your signature on the registration form grants or denies permission for all of the above.**

## **ALLERGIES AND STUDENT HEALTH**

A nurse is on site during mini courses. If your child has a serious allergy or needs an epi pen, you will need to contact the mini course nurse ahead of time and arrange for her to have an extra epi pen for your child. We do serve fruit juice and snacks each week to the students. The snacks served can include such items as: Graham crackers, Oreo cookies, popcorn, pretzels, goldfish crackers, and Capri Sun drinks. Please send in a snack with your child if they cannot eat the regular snacks with their class.

## **ABOUT TRANSPORTATION**

The school will provide transportation for your child to the mini courses, but you will need to pick up your child at 5:15 p.m. at the F. Donald Myers Education Center on Henning Road in Saratoga Springs.

Sincerely,



Stuart F. Byrne  
Principal