

# OATA Newsletter January/February 2019

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Please see anyone on the team with ideas and suggestions for contract changes.

## Please mark your calendar for the following events:

February 1 - 15: Food Drive

March 9: Bandits Game

April 10: Faculty Basketball Game

April 13: Earth Day Clean Up

May 15: Retirement Dinner

June: Corporate Challenge

June: End of the Year Celebration

The NY Times is looking to survey teachers. Take a look and complete the survey if you feel compelled to share your ideas.

[https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/25/education/learning/seeking-teachers-voices-on-student-resilience.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Feducation&action=click&contentCollection=education&region=stream&module=stream\\_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=2&pgtype=sectionfront](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/25/education/learning/seeking-teachers-voices-on-student-resilience.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Feducation&action=click&contentCollection=education&region=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=2&pgtype=sectionfront)



***ALL ARE INVITED!***

***There's a special event in Ithaca and YOU are the guest of honor.***

Winter Recess, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, celebrates public school teachers and school employees with entertainment, family activities and discounts throughout the community.

It's America's first citywide festival for educators and public school employees. Relax among friends and celebrate your profession in a city that truly appreciates your hard work.

For more information, visit [IthacaLovesTeachers.com](http://IthacaLovesTeachers.com), or contact the Ithaca Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 284-8422.

Thank you, teachers. Ithaca loves you.

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## Benefits designed exclusively for NYSUT members

NYSUT members and their loved ones have access to dozens of endorsed shopping, travel & personal programs available through NYSUT Member Benefits, including discounts on hotels & vacations; car & truck rentals; international group tours; sports & concert tickets; theme parks & attractions; and more.

Whether you are participating in one of our shopping/entertainment/travel offerings; auto, homeowners or life insurance plans; or financial or legal services, NYSUT members have the "Power of the Union" behind them ready to serve as their advocate.

### **The following is just a sample of the endorsed programs available to NYSUT members:**

**Bose** -- NYSUT members receive special educator pricing on high-end, high-quality electronics such as music systems, headphones and bluetooth speakers. You must contact Bose toll-free at 877-709-2073 and mention "educator pricing" to receive this exclusive pricing.

**Orlando Employee Discounts** -- NYSUT members save up to 30% on unforgettable Orlando, FL excursions to Disney World, Universal Studios and many other attractions.

**Grand Circle Travel** -- NYSUT members can enjoy a number of unique travel deals on international river cruises and other travel opportunities with Grand Circle's small ship cruise tours, river cruises and land tours.

### **Member Appreciation Month is back!**

One of our most popular annual events is set to return this February. The 2019 Member Appreciation Month celebration will be filled with a series of prize drawings for items donated by NYSUT Member Benefits and our endorsed program providers -- including gift cards, iPads, Echo Dots and more!

As a MAP Alert member, you are eligible to win prizes every single day throughout the month of February.

All MAP Alert members are already entered to win; if you have colleagues who would like to be eligible to win, they simply need to sign up for our MAP Alert service on the Member Benefits website. Prize winners will be listed daily on the Member Benefits website.



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