



TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – APRIL 2017

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**Enclosures:** *Enclosed with this newsletter is your child's Term 3 report card.*

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE D.C. TRIP PARENTS:** Important notes regarding the Washington D.C. trip:

There is a mandatory meeting for all parents and students on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the middle school gym.

Final bills for students and chaperones will be sent out Monday, April 17, with a due date of May 2. Please let Mr. Smullen know if you need additional time to make the payment. See Mrs. Brauer if you would like to pay using a credit card.

Chaperones are reminded that we will be meeting on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Mrs. Nelson's room (115).

Students will leave for D.C. on Sunday, May 14, at 2:30 p.m. and return on Friday, May 19, around 8:00 A.M.

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE D.C. PARENT MEETING:** There will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school commons for 7th grade parents for the purpose of planning the fundraising activities for next year's D.C. trip. This meeting is for parents, not students. Please consider attending this meeting.

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP:** Thursday, April 6 the 7th Grade students and staff are going to see the Milwaukee Brewers play against the Colorado Rockies. Have a great trip!

**ADOPT-A-SOLDIER:** Huge thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to TJ Walker's Adopt-A-Soldier campaign. We rose over \$620 and collected an additional 700 items to be delivered to Door County's 180+ soldiers serving our country.

**BAND NEWS:** The Band Pops Concert (March 18) was a huge success because of all the students and parents who helped in so many ways. Thank you to the students who worked so hard and sounded so wonderful on the concert. Thank you to the parents who made the delicious desserts and provided the soda. Thank you to the high school art students and band students who made the wall decorations for our "Super Hero" theme. And, thank you to all the students who stayed late on Friday after school to make the gym look so nice! Our Band Parents and Band Board did an amazing job running the raffle and the concession tables. It takes so many people to do this event. Thank you!

Next, we will be signing up the 4th graders for summer band. On April 28 they will have the opportunity to try the different band instruments to see which one they like best. Summer band will start on Monday, June 12.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade band is busy preparing for their 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Solo/Ensemble on Tuesday, May 2 after school from 3:30 – 5:30 pm here at Walker Middle School. Parents, friends and family are invited to attend and listen to all the wonderful solos and ensembles the students are preparing. The band students will perform in the high school band room and the choir students will perform in the choir room.

Also, mark your calendars for the following events:

Spring Middle School Band Concert (plus the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band) – Thursday, May 25, 2017

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Trip to Wisconsin Dells – Friday, June 2, 2017

**CHOIR NEWS:** Thank you to everyone who supported our Hansen's fundraiser. Merchandise will be delivered on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and may be picked up after school in the music lab (directly behind the choir room).

Spring Glee Club season will begin at 7:30 AM on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> and rehearse weekly through our May 31<sup>st</sup> spring concert. All students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choirs are welcome to join Glee Club, whether or not you participated in the fall season.

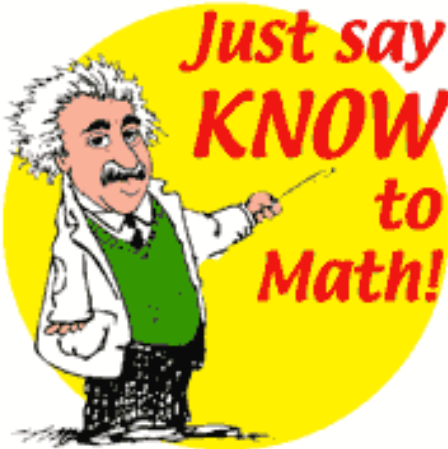
Sixth grade choir students are preparing for their Solo and Ensemble Festival which will be held in the choir room from 3:30-5PM on Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parents are welcome to attend.

Next year's SBHS musical will be *Legally Blonde*. This is a fun show that includes many character roles for males and females. Some roles involve singing while other roles do not. Preparing and staging next year's musical will be done similar to the plan used for Allied Arts. Those interested in participating in the musical should be sure to enroll in one of these three Semester 2 courses: Theater

Arts – Music, Theater Arts – Costume Design, and Theater Arts – Set Design. Students who select Costume Design or Set Design may also have stage roles at the discretion of the directors.

If you are interested in participating in next year's musical, be sure to discuss your interest with Mrs. O'Handley or Mrs. Bader when you meet to build your 2017-18 class schedule. Otherwise, for more specific information about the musical, please talk with Ms. Hill.

**DOOR COUNTY MATH MEET RESULTS:** The Door County Middle School Mathematics Meet is an annual event in which students work individually on four events: 1) Rational Number Theory, 2) Geometry, 3) Ratio, Proportion and Percent, and 4) The Metric System and Its Application. A fifth and final event is a team effort in which all eight members work cooperatively as a group.



On Tuesday, March 7, Sevastopol Middle School hosted the 39th year of this event with participants from T.J. Walker, Gibraltar, St. Peters, St. John Bosco, Sevastopol, and Southern Door. Two of the sixteen teams were from T.J. Walker. Divide and Conquer consisting of 7<sup>th</sup> graders Sam Parenteau and Johnathan Wind and 8<sup>th</sup> graders Autumn Anderson, Curtis Barganz, Isabella Dippel, Carter Henry, Miranda Olson, and Henry Pudlo placed 5<sup>th</sup> and the Algebraic Athletes placed 7<sup>th</sup>, consisting of 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Christy Braun, 7<sup>th</sup> graders Maggie Stephens and Arry VanLieshout and 8<sup>th</sup> graders Lauren Alger, Maycee Dettman, Elliott Feldman, Julie Guo, and Erick Mellen. Alternate, 6<sup>th</sup> grader Espen Walker competed as an individual. Congratulations to all who participated in this annual event. Our school was well represented in both academic achievements and excellence in sportsmanship.

**FORWARD EXAM:** Wisconsin Students in Grades 3-8 will be participating in the Wisconsin Forward Exam this spring during the test window March 20 – May 5. Each grade level at our school has developed a testing schedule over multiple days. Here is the testing schedule by grade level:

**Grade 6: April 25 & 26 Grade 7: April 25 & 26 Grade 8: April 11, 12, 18 & 19**

The Wisconsin Forward Exam tests all students in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Grades 4 & 8 have additional testing in the areas of Science and Social Studies. One or more subtests may be administered daily during the identified time frame and it is very important that your son or daughter be in school during this time. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window. Please make sure they get plenty of rest the night before testing and eat a healthy breakfast.

Enclosed is an *Informational Brochure for Families* which gives more information about the assessment including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used. The Forward Exam measures the knowledge and skills your student(s) should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Their performance on the assessment will not affect any of their current grades. Please encourage your son or daughter to take the test seriously and do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make determinations or placement in classes to best support your child(ren). If you have any questions, please contact our counselor, Heidi Bader, at 920-746-3875 or [hbader@sturbay.k12.wi.us](mailto:hbader@sturbay.k12.wi.us).

**INNOVATION HOUR SHOWCASE:** Welcome to the [TJ Walker Middle School Innovation Hour Showcase](https://sites.google.com/sbsdmail.net/innovationhour/home). Each semester, students in our school are invited to learn something new through a self-selected Innovation Hour project in the middle school library. Projects can take many forms from exploring electronic circuits, to learning how to code using JavaScript, to creating a stop motion animation video. This website is a platform for students to share their projects, and what they've learned from them, with the world. We hope you learn something new too! <https://sites.google.com/sbsdmail.net/innovationhour/home>

**LONG TERM SUBSTITUTES:** This quarter, Mary Serafico is substituting for our Family and Consumer Education Teacher Amanda Bennett who had a beautiful baby girl on Sunday, April 2nd named Maisie Marie Bennett. Julie Davis is substituting 4 more weeks for our Life Skills teacher Jennifer Hanson who had a baby boy Noah. Alex Bailey is substituting for Brynn Orthober who is expected to have her first child on Monday, April 10.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Under the open enrollment law, February 6 – April 28, 2017 is the time period during which families have the first and best opportunity to apply for enrollment to a district other than their district of residency for the 2017-2018 school year. Students already attending Sturgeon Bay through open enrollment do not need to reapply. The preferred method to apply for open enrollment is using the Department of Public Instruction's online application form: <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/applications> and is "active" only during the application period. Contact Mary Nickel, 920-746-3876 for a paper application or with questions. Please inform friends who may be considering the Sturgeon Bay Schools.

**STATE DI TEAM:** Congratulations to TJ Walker's 7th Grade DI Team: Sam and the Fam' on qualifying for State DI Technical Build category. Team members include Scout Feldman, Logan Fischer, Kayley Bell, Malia Bicoy, Callie Kraemer, Sam Parenteau and Team Manager Mrs. Wiseman. Sam and the Fam's technical build includes intricate pulleys to create a moving stage where one actor is moved to the other side of the stage without taking a step. Their moving stage includes computerized lights and sound.

**STATE BASKETBALL TEAM:** Sturgeon Bay students won first place in a Special Olympics Regional Basketball Tournament in Sheboygan in March. A team of middle school and high school students won both games to claim the regional championship. The Sturgeon Bay students won their first game by three points and won the deciding game by one point on a last-second shot by Nathan Klaubauf.

Sturgeon Bay travelled to Stevens Point for the sectionals on March 19 and qualified to go to the State Special Olympics in Oshkosh in April. Sturgeon Bay won their first game 32-24. They then won their second game to advance to the state tournament.

**STATE QUALIFYING WRESTLERS:** Congratulations to Wyatt Coburn for qualifying for the State Wrestling Tournament March 24, 25 and 26. Two other wrestlers from the Sturgeon Bay Wrestling program advanced to the state tournament.

**TJ WALKER SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT:**

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball results* – Championship Bracket – Porter Gigstead, Johnny Hubbard, Sam Whitmore, Jacob Zettle, Lily Cilar, Mackenzie Burlo, Claire Dickson. Consolation Bracket – Keith House, Cole Frangipane, Sydney Jeanquart, Caden LeMieux, Ally Sargent, Robert Alas, Elijah Pinkert, Gabe Hurley.

*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Results* – Championship Bracket – Sierra Arneman, Johnathan Wind, Ella Dietzel, Bjorn Lokken, Lily Duerst, Elden Antonio, Hannah Sternard. Consolation Bracket – Ethan Almstadt, Maggie Stephens, Spencer Hubbard, McKenzie Fish, James Pollock, Callie Kraemer, Riley Nichols, Bennett Johnson, Alyssa Brendemuehl.

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Champions* – Trent Bohn, Kadince Will, Tony Hoffman, Regin Hoffman, Jack Schmelzer, Sydney Nellis

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place* – Oscar Polecheck, Carley Wodack, James Fifer, Raven Stewart, Hailee Millard, Maggie Richard, Carson Dvorak.

**TRACK CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are looking for a 7th grade parents who are willing to organize concessions for our upcoming track meet on May 4. Money raised will go to next year's D.C. trip for the group. Please contact Mark Smullen at 746-2803 if you are interested.

**TRACK MEET WORKERS NEEDED:** This year we have a home triangular track meet with Kewaunee and Sevastopol on Thursday, May 4. We are looking for parents to assist with timing of running events and measuring/recording of field events. If you are willing to work the track meet, we pay \$15.00 per hour. Please contact Mr. Smullen at 746-2803 or at [msmullen@sturbay.k12.wi.us](mailto:msmullen@sturbay.k12.wi.us)

**WISCONSIN'S TORNADO & SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK:** Schools, businesses, families, and individuals have two opportunities to test their emergency plans during statewide tornado drills on April 20, 2017. The drills are part of the annual spring severe weather campaign to encourage everyone in Wisconsin to be ready for possible tornadoes and severe weather.

Governor Walker has declared April 17-21, 2017 as Wisconsin's Tornado & Severe Weather Awareness Week. Wisconsin Emergency Management, the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association (WBA) have once again teamed up to sponsor the statewide tornado drills scheduled for Thursday, April 20.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

April Spring Glee Club Season 7:30 A.M. Wednesday – weekly rehearsal

April 11 Choir Hansen's Fundraiser – pick up after school in music lab

April 20 Statewide Mock Tornado Watch 1P.M. & Statewide Mock Tornado Warning 1:45 P.M.

April 28 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Introduction to Band Instruments

May 2 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Solo & Ensemble 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.

May 10 National Bike to School Day

May 25 Band Concert

May 31 Spring Choir Concert

June 2 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Trip to Wisconsin Dells



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