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TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – AUGUST 2016

WELCOME TO TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL!

On behalf of our exceptional staff, I welcome new and returning students, parents and guardians to TJ Walker Middle School. The beginning of the year always holds such excitement and promise, and for us it is an annual rite of passage where we open our doors and share with you our hopes and dreams for the coming year.

I cannot tell you how thrilled and honored I am to greet you in my new role. My objective is to serve, inspire, and empower the Sturgeon Bay community in our pursuit of excellence, and this will continue to be my mindset for years to come. I speak for all TJ Walker staff when I say, what a blessing and a privilege it is to serve you, the Sturgeon Bay community, where anything is possible especially if you're a Clipper!

Principal Mark Smullen

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The monthly newsletter will inform parents, students and families of our happenings. In an effort to move to paperless, this newsletter will be e-mailed to families. Families who have not set up an e-mail account in PowerSchool will receive a paper copy in the mail.

- **Office Hours.** Regular office hours (Monday through Thursday) begin Monday, Aug. 15, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and the Middle School Office will be closed on Labor Day. Students may try to access their lockers any time during our normal business hours with the exception of our teacher in-service days on August 23 thru 25. Students and parents are always welcome to stop in school prior to August 15 to see if access to their locker is available or call our office and inquire.
- **Lockers.** Student locker information will be printed on student schedules. Class schedules can be picked up at Registration August 4 or 9 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **6th Grade & New Student Orientation – Monday, August 29, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.** Parents/Guardians of 6th grade students and new students to TJ Walker are invited to an orientation session on Monday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Families will have an opportunity to meet their child's teachers. Students will go through a shortened day and tour their classes. Parents will review expectations, Middle School programs and extra-curricular activities.

- **Open House-Wednesday, August 31, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Parents are encouraged to spend the evening visiting classrooms and talking with their child’s teachers.
- **First Day of School - Tuesday, September 6.** All students should report by 8:00 a.m. for a full day of classes

STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

7:45 - 8:15 a.m., only bus students should be dropped off at the Michigan Street entrance

3:15 – 3:45 p.m., only bus students should be picked up at the Michigan Street entrance

Parents dropping off and picking up students should use the route in the back of the lot. Enter on 12th Avenue, go through the back of the building and exit 14th Avenue.

FACULTY & STAFF

Staff changes for 2016-17. The following staff changes are in effect for the 2016-17 school year:

- Craig Sigl, 7th grade Math, has been hired to replace Reid Jordan who has moved out of state.
- Mark Smullen, Principal, has replaced Principal Randy Watermolen who retired.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Mrs. Bader - Gr. 7 & 8 Phone: 920-746-3875

Mr. Grahl - Gr.6 Phone: 920-746-1827

8TH GRADE PARENTS

8thGr. Allied Arts & Washington D.C. Trip: Fundraising efforts for this year’s 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. are in full swing. Please make a point to sign-up to work the Century Ride on Saturday and Sunday, September 10-11, at our registration table (chairperson – Teri Hooker, 920-883-8741, e-mail teri.hooker@charter.net). Check out the middle school website for the latest information on fundraising activities and make sure we have your email address to send reminders. An informational meeting for students and parents regarding the DC trip will be held on Wednesday, August 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school gymnasium. The tentative itinerary, fundraising activities, commitment deadlines, and payment schedule will be discussed. Parents of allied arts students will also have a meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the middle school commons to go over the allied arts program. This meeting will conclude in time for the DC trip meeting.

6TH – 8TH GRADE VOLUNTEERS

Parent Volunteers Needed: Parent volunteers are needed for the first few days of school to assist sixth grade students with locker problems, school pictures, and to help in the office. Parents can sign-up at registration or by calling the middle school office at 920-746-2806.

ATHLETICS

TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAYER AND FAN EXPECTATIONS: IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS ENJOY MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS, THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WILL BE ENFORCED AT ALL STURGEON BAY ATHLETIC EVENTS:

1. STUDENTS WITH MISSING ASSIGNMENTS MUST ATTEND A STUDENT TABLE AFTER SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE MISSING ASSIGNMENTS IN ANY ACADEMIC CLASS.
2. STUDENTS MUST BE PASSING ALL THEIR CLASSES IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY AT SCHOOL. EACH MONDAY A LIST OF INELIGIBLE STUDENTS WILL BE GENERATED AND ONCE A STUDENT REGAINS HIS/HER PASSING STATUS, HE/SHE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.
3. CHEERS & PROFANITY THAT IS DEROGATORY IN NATURE TOWARDS ANY PLAYER, TEAM OR OFFICIAL ARE PROHIBITED.
4. ANY INDIVIDUAL WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED GUIDELINES ARE NOT FOLLOWED.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

STURGEON BAY CLIPPERS BOOSTER CLUB RAISES MONEY FOR UNIFORMS/WARM UPS, EQUIPMENT, SUMMER LEAGUES, SUMMER CAMPS AND MUCH MORE. ALL THESE FUNDS HELP IN MANY WAYS SUCH AS KEEPING OUR PARTICIPATING FEES LOW SO EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO PLAY CAN PLAY. THE KEY IS THAT WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER, WORK TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!

CONTACT SCOTT ALGER, 920-629-6457, TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE STURGEON BAY BOOSTER CLUB.

CHOIR

All students who are participating in a TJWMS choir during the 2016-17 school year are invited to our 4th Annual HS/MS Choir Family Picnic. This event is for students and their families, and will be held on Tuesday, August 30 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Sunset Park. Bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs, drinks, and paper goods will be provided

FALL SPORTS

The following sports opportunities are available for middle school students this fall. Please do not be discouraged if you missed the first practice or meeting; contact the coach if you are interested! Parents are reminded that students must have a physical every other year to participate in these sports. Make sure you bring a green physical card to the doctor's office when you go for the physical. Students who had a physical last year must complete an ivory-colored alternate year card. These cards are available in the middle and high school offices.

- **7th & 8th Grade Football:** First practice is Monday, August 15, 3:30 – 5:15 p.m. Equipment will be handed out prior to practice starting at 2:30 p.m. in the middle school boys' locker room. Contact: Scott Steeb, 920-411-1174.

- **7th & 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball:** First Practice is Tuesday, Sept. 6, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. with a parent meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 5 p.m. Physical cards must be on file before you will be allowed to practice on Sept. 6. Contact: Chris Irwin (7th) 920-256-9087.
- **6th-8th Cross Country:** The first practice is Tuesday, September 6, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Contact: Jen Lasee, 920-493-6135.
- **Co-ed Club Soccer:** Information on the fall club soccer program can be obtained by going to sbsoccerclub.org or by contacting the director of coaching, Jason Feldman, 920-495-7022.

Google Accounts. The Sturgeon Bay School District has adopted Google Apps for use in classrooms. To ensure equal access for all students and to comply with online safety laws protecting children 13 and under, the District will provide Google accounts to students in Grade 3 through 12. This account will be in the District's Google domain, is required for students to log into a Chromebook, and should be used for school purposes only. E-mail accounts are required by many web-based educational tools and also allow students and teachers to communicate and collaborate in a safe and structured manner with their class. Google email access begins in Grade 5. District staff and the Board of Education have carefully considered student's online safety in setting up the procedures and rules for student accounts.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 29	6 th Grade Student /Parent Orientation (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)
Aug. 30	Choir Picnic (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.)
Aug. 31	Allied Arts Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
Aug. 31	8 th Grade Parent/Student DC Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
Aug. 31	Open House (4:30 – 6:30 p.m.)
Sept. 6	First Day of School
Sept. 14	School Pictures
Sept. 16	Choir Fun Night (6:00 – 9:00 p.m.)
Sept. 23	MS Dance (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

**** Check our website at www.sturbay.k12.wi.us for updated school calendar.****



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