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Clipper Pride



TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – AUGUST 2017

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. September holds 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 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 Wednesday, August 16, 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 29 through 31. Students and parents are always welcome to stop in school prior to August 16 to see if access to their locker is available or call our office at 746-2803 to inquire.
- **Lockers.** Student locker information will be printed on student schedules. Class schedules can be picked up at Registration Thursday, August 10 or Tuesday, August 15 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.
- **6th Grade & New Student Orientation – Tuesday, 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 attend. 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 TJ Walker expectations that include our discipline policy, student handbook, programming and extra-curricular activities.
- **Open House-Wednesday, August 30, 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 5.** All students should report by 8:00 a.m. for a full day of classes.

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Door County Health Department will be at a table on the August registration days to talk to parents, look up student records on Wisconsin Immunization Registry and explain required and recommended vaccine schedules. At the first clinic in September we will be able to provide Tdap, Hepatitis A, Meningococcal ACWY, and seasonal influenza.

6th graders need Tdap immunization and the Door County Health Dept. will be available to meet 6th grade parents and provide an explanation sheet for parents. School clinic consent forms will not be available until September.

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

The following staff changes are in effect for the 2017-18 school year:

- Dena Barganz, 6th grade Special Education, has been hired to replace Sue Piper who is now at Sunrise Elementary.
- Jessica Day, Family and Consumer Science, is in her first year of teaching and replaces Amanda Bennett. Jessica teaches grades 6-8 FACE, Childcare and Enrichment.
- Shahnnon Hawkins, Middle School Band, replaces Laurie Rosenthal and teaches grades 5-8 Band and General Music.
- John McCaulley, Technical Education, student taught last year in Sturgeon Bay's Middle and High School classes. John replaces John Rosenthal and teaches grades 6-8 Woods, Robotics and Enrichment.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Mrs. Bader - Gr. 6-8 Phone: 920-746-3875

8TH GRADE PARENTS

8thGr. Allied Arts & Washington D.C. Trip: Fundraising efforts for this year's 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. is in full swing. 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 Thursday, September 7, at 6:15 p.m. in the middle school commons. The tentative itinerary, fundraising activities, commitment deadlines, and payment schedule will be discussed. Parents of Allied Arts students will also have a meeting at 5:30 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.

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, which you can pick up in the middle school office, 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.

Requirements - submit to MS office

1. Updated Physical or Alternate Year Card must be on file BEFORE you practice. Must be signed by a doctor.
2. Signed Co-Curricular Code Form
3. Parent Consent Form
4. Signed Concussion Form
5. Emergency Form for non TJ Walker student athletes
6. \$25 fee or submit completed free and reduced form to receive a fee waiver.

Contact Char Brauer at 920-746-2806 or Mark Smullen at [920-746-2803](tel:920-746-2803) if you have more questions

Volleyball Coaches: Gr. 8 Coach Brynn Orthober; Gr. 7 Coach Natalie Marchant

- Open Gym Thursday, August 10 at 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. in the middle school gym.
- August practices are tentatively scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting August 14 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. There will be no practices on Tuesdays and Fridays in August.
- In September and October, practice times are 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday's practices end between 4:15 - 4:30 p.m.
- The 7th grade volleyball season ends October 16. The 8th grade volleyball season ends October 21.

Cross Country Coach Leanne Pinkert 920-746-1556

- Middle School runners are ENCOURAGED to attend high school practice on August 15. Runners meet by SBHS sign at 3:30 p.m.
- First official MS Practice is on September 6 at 3:30 pm. All runners meet by SBHS sign at 3:30 p.m.

Football Coaches Todd Meikle and Scott Steebs

- Parent meeting August 7 in the SBHS Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.
- First practice will be on August 21
- There will be one team.
- The first game will be at 5:00 p.m. on August 31 in Green Bay at Webster Park.

Co-ed Club Soccer Jason Feldman, 920-495-7022

- 2017 Registration packets are due August 7. Please mail or drop off at the high school office between 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday.
- [Registration Packet](#)
- Information on the fall club soccer program can be obtained by going to sbsoccerclub.org or by contacting the director of coaching, Jason Feldman at 920-495-7022.
- Please print entire Registration Packet, complete, and mail with check/money order AND Physical Card ASAP to:

SBSC-REGISTRATION
P.O. BOX 532
STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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 before or 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 and 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 guideline is 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 at 920-629-6457 to find out more information regarding the Sturgeon Bay Booster Club.

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	Open House (4:30 – 6:30 p.m.)
Sept. 5	First Day of School
Sept. 7	Allied Arts Parent/Student Meeting (5:30 p.m.) MS Commons
Sept. 7	8 th Grade Parent/Student DC Meeting (6:15 p.m.) MS Commons
Sept. 13	School Pictures
Sept. 15	Choir Fun Night (6:00 – 10:00 p.m.)
Sept. 22	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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