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TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – DECEMBER 2016

PROGRESS REPORTS: Second quarter progress reports will be mailed on December 15.

PARENT SEMINAR SERIES: Please join us for the next event in our parent seminar series on December 15 from 7-8 p.m. in the high school library. This month we will be discussing anxiety and depression in our teenagers. Ann Anthorp-Krept from Bay Counseling will join us to teach the warning signs of depression and anxiety as well as coping strategies and community resources for support. In order to properly plan for the event, we would ask that you RSVP no later than December 8. You can contact Jenni O’Handley by e-mail johandley@sturbay.k12.wi.us or phone 746-3867. For a complete list of parent seminar dates and topics see the high school counseling resources page on our school’s website.

8TH GRADE WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP PARENTS:

- **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO GROCERY BAGGING:** As of January 1, 2017 grocery bagging events will **NO LONGER BE A GROUP** fundraiser. As of that date, any child who works a grocery bagging event will earn money toward their **INDIVIDUAL** fundraising account. At this time there are no other group fundraising events scheduled (for example, working concession stands at winter sports) besides the two grocery bagging dates in December. Therefore, if your child has not earned their eight (8) group fundraising points by the end of December they will NOT get an equal portion of the group funds. To find out how many points your child has please visit the Sturgeon Bay school district website. Just go to **TJ Walker** and select **Activities & Clubs**, then select **8th Grade D.C. Trip Information**. Since money raised will be split equally among those students working on the day of the event we are limiting students to only one (1) two-hour shift per day. There are still eight (8) spots per shift open, which allows 24 students to work throughout the day. Sign up will be on a first come basis. Shifts will need to be worked by 8th grade students only. We will still need at least one (1), with a maximum of two (2), adult chaperones per shift. These adults would earn \$10 towards their student’s account.
- The next \$100 payment is due February 1, 2017. The final payment is due April 15, 2017. Please plan accordingly and take advantage of the different ways to raise money for the trip. We have met our quota of students attending so the cost of the trip will be approximately \$800. Group fundraising usually reduces that amount by approximately \$200.
- Econo Foods Receipt! Don’t forget to save those receipts and turn them in to the office. You can ask family members to save them as well. Especially during the heavy holiday grocery shopping!

HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING FOR 8TH GRADE PARENTS: On Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the HS Commons, Heidi Bader, school counselor, will discuss course scheduling information for the parents of incoming freshman (2017-2018). The meeting is targeted for parents who have never had a son/daughter go through SBHS. Those who have had a son/daughter attend SBHS are still welcome to attend but it's not mandatory. The scheduling process has not changed from past years. Students will hear this information during the school day and do not need to attend. If you are unable to attend and would like to receive this information, please contact Heidi Bader at 746-3875 or hbader@sturbay.k12.wi.us.

ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: On Friday, December 23, the middle school will be having an All School Assembly in the Sturgeon Bay High School Auditorium. Our Band and Choir will be performing. The assembly begins at 10:00 a.m. and parents are welcome to attend. We will be having a food drive the week prior (Dec. 19-23) to help our students get in the spirit of giving. All students bringing in items will be entered into a drawing to win fabulous prizes given during this assembly. Please consider donating non-perishable food items to support families in our community.

BELL RINGING: Ms. Wautier’s class has been bell ringing at Pick – N – Save for the Salvation Army from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. each Tuesday beginning on November 29. Stop by and spread some holiday cheer.

YEARBOOK ORDERS: All yearbook orders are due by **Wednesday, February 15**. If you would like to add personalization with a name and/or icons to your yearbook, those orders are due by **Friday, January 20**. The basic book costs \$20; personalization and icons will be at an additional cost. Yearbooks can be ordered online through the link on the school website on the Families & Parents menu under Middle School Yearbook Information. Order forms are also available in the middle school office. Thank you for supporting your middle school yearbook!

8TH GRADE BABY PICTURES: A reminder to 8th grade parents; if you are submitting a baby picture of your son or daughter, those photos are due by Wednesday, January 25. You can email a digital photo to jhanson@sturbay.k12.wi.us or drop off a hard copy photo in the middle school office with your child's name written on the back. Photos will be returned by the end of the year. Thank you!

ESSAY WINNERS: Mike McCarty from VFW Post 3088 announced this year's Patriot's Pen essay winners from T. J. Walker. Students in ELA classes entered the annual county-wide competition. The topic of this year's competition was "The America I Believe In." Congratulations to Loren Whitmore and Drew Barganz, who placed in the competition. Congratulations also to all the students who participated this year.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SIGN-UP: 7th & 8th grade girls' basketball will be starting up after the holidays. Interested girls should sign up in the office and make sure all their paperwork and physicals are on file before practice starts.

WRESTLING SIGN-UP: Students are to sign up in the middle school office if interested in wrestling for TJ Walker this season. The first practice is December 5 and the Parent's/Athletic Code Meeting is December 15 after practice. Make sure all paperwork and physicals are on file before practice.

6TH GRADE CWES TRIP: Attention Parents and Students! This is a reminder that the overnight field trip to Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES) is February 9 & 10. There will be a parent meeting on Monday, January 16 from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons for parents who have questions about the trip. A second round of information will be sent out next week to those who signed up.

SKI BRULE TRIP: Attention Skiers/Snowboarders! The T.J. Walker ski trip to Ski Brule is set for Saturday, February 4. Forms will be given to students in their science class early next week. The trip is on a first come, first serve basis. When the trip is full, we will start a waiting list. Contact Mr. Propsom for more details at 920-746-5725.

7TH GRADE CLASS TRIP: On April 6 our 7th grade class is attending a Brewers Game vs. Colorado Rockies at 12:40 p.m. as well as a movie at the IMAX theater! Cost is \$20 which includes a ride in a coach bus and tickets to the game and movie. Econo Foods grocery bagging opportunities are coming up in January so students can earn money to pay for this trip.

TOYS FOR TOTS: You can donate to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation in addition to giving holiday gifts to those special individuals in your life, and help provide Christmas joy to millions of children living in poverty in our country. Drop off is located by the Middle School Office. Thanks for your support!

HOURLY OF CODE: In December, T.J. Walker students are invited to participate in the worldwide Hour of Code movement by using the website code.org to learn computer programming skills during their resource and enrichment time. Students in Resource, Enrichment and in the Library are encouraged to participate on OZOBOTS, Sphero robots and LEGO mindstorm kits. By the year 2020, there are projected to be 1.4 million jobs in computer programming but only 400,000 computer science graduates. If your child is interested in knowing more about computer science, check out the website code.org. There are free courses students can do independently to practice block programming as well as other resource links.

ACADEMIC CAREER PLANNING: By the 2017-18 school year, all students in the state of Wisconsin are required to have an Academic Career Plan (ACP) in place. TJ Walker is well underway to make sure that by the time our students graduate 8th grade they have a great foundation to build on during their four years of high school. Seventh and eighth grade students have all done exploration using the software Career Cruising. Sixth grade will get started during their life skills exploratory. Parent involvement in this process is extremely important. Please take the time to ask your son/daughter about their portfolios.

BAND FRUIT SALE: The Sturgeon Bay Band Fruit will be delivered on Wednesday, December 7 and will be ready for your pickup. The fruit will be in the middle school gym and available for pickup from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. on December 7. Band students will be available to carry the fruit to your car. The students are raising funds needed for their trips, band camps and private lessons. Thank you for supporting the Sturgeon Bay Bands!

WINTER MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT: On Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gym, the bands will be getting everyone ready for the holiday season with many holiday songs as well as traditional marches and a wide variety of music to enjoy. Performing in the winter concert will be the 5th grade band (this is their first performance since starting in June), 6th grade band, 7th grade band, 8th grade band and the middle school jazz band. Band students need to wear their band uniform and be at school between 6:30-6:40 p.m.

ECONO FOODS RECEIPTS: Band students are collecting Econo Foods receipts as a fundraiser for scholarships to attend band camps or participate in private music lessons on their instruments. If you have any Econo Foods receipts, please send them to school (marked for the band). We appreciate your help!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 7	Band fruit delivery
Dec. 8	Reserve seat for parent seminar. Call 746-3867
Dec. 15	Parent Seminar 7-8 p.m. High School Library
Dec. 15	Wrestling Parent Meeting
Dec. 15	Progress Reports mailed home
Dec. 20	Winter Band Concert (7 p.m.)
Dec. 23	Last Day Before Break, All School Assembly (10 a.m.)
Jan. 3	School Resumes
Jan. 16	6th Grade CWES Parent Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
Jan. 20	End of Quarter 2 (1/2 day of school, 11:56 a.m. dismissal)
Jan. 25	8th Grade Parent Meeting (7 p.m.)
Feb. 1	D.C. Trip Second Payment
Feb. 4	Ski Trip to Ski Brule
Feb. 9-10	6th Grade CWES Trip
Feb. 18	Solo & Ensemble Band & Choir Festival @ Sturgeon Bay
Feb. 24	Teacher In-service Day (No classes)
Apr. 6	7th Grade Trip to Milwaukee



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Happy Holidays from the T. J. Walker Staff!