



TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – JANUARY 2017

REPORT CARDS: First semester report cards are enclosed with this newsletter.

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

- The next \$100 payment is due February 1. The final bill is due March 16. **Checks should be written to T.J. Walker MS.** The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$800. Group fundraising will reduce that amount by approximately \$200. Those families who have raised over \$300 in individual fundraisers (Younkers, Seroogy's, Pizza sales) do not have to make the \$100 payment on February 1.
- Opportunities for individual fundraising will be available by taking admission & selling concessions at the 7th/8th grade girls' basketball games on 1/26, 2/2, 2/6, and 2/13. Please contact Mark Smullen at 746-2803.
- Grocery bagging is now an individual fundraiser. The only date available at this time is on Sunday, 2/12. More dates should be coming. Students can sign up in the office.
- Econo Foods Receipts! Don't forget to save those receipts and turn them in to the office. You can ask family members to save them as well.
- There are no more individual fundraisers scheduled. If you would like to organize one, please contact Lori Mellen or Dena Barganz.
- Remember you can check your point totals and individual fundraising sales on the TJ Walker website by navigating to 8th Grade DC Trip Information under Activities & Clubs.
- DC Chaperones - The following parents and staff have agreed to chaperone the trip: Stacy Judas, Deb Jeanquart, Dena Barganz, Teri Hooker, Kim Adams, Amy Richards, Jen Lenius, Barry Mellen, Clint Henry, Mike LeRoy, Tim Kroll, and Matt Propsom.

SELECTING CLASSES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR: It is hard to believe it is time to begin having students select classes for next year. It is important to get these early registration numbers to help determine the number of sections of each elective course to offer. Mrs. Bader will begin handing out registration materials to students the second week in February during enrichment class. The deadline for returning the registration form is February 26.

6th GRADE C.W.E.S. OVERNIGHT TRIP

Remember 6th grade students and parents, if you have not turned in your paperwork and \$50 fee; please get this in to your teacher by the end of January. The field trip is February 9.

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.

BAND NEWS:

- Thank you to everyone who purchased fruit from our Band Fruit Sale in December. The students raised funds needed for their trips, band camps and private lessons. Thank you also to all the band parents who worked on the day of the sale.
- 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!

DISTRICT SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL: The Sturgeon Bay music department is hosting the WSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival on Saturday, February 18, 2017. We will be in need of many parents to help us that day. If you

are available and would like to help, please contact Mrs. Rosenthal (rosenthal@sturbay.k12.wi.us) or Ms. Hill (lhill@sturbay.k12.wi.us). Our band and choir students will be performing solos and ensembles for judges and receiving a rating for their performance. All contest sites are open to the public to enjoy. Come support our young musicians that day as they test their skills for a rating. The festival will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

POPS CONCERT: Our annual Band Pops Concert will be on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school gym. This is a fundraising concert with lots of great food items available to purchase and enjoy while the bands entertain you. Our theme this year is “Super Heroes”. Mark your calendar to come and hear our 6th grade band, 7th grade band, 8th grade band, Middle School Jazz Band, High School Jazz Band, High School Concert Band and High School Wind Ensemble perform theme songs of your favorite “Super Heroes”.

CHOIR NEWS: Eighth graders Grace Alberts and Isabella Dippel represented TJ Walker in the Wisconsin All-State Middle Level Choir on Saturday January 6. The girls joined over 100 outstanding singers from across the state to participate in a two-day choral music experience which culminated in a sold-out concert at the Grand Theatre in Wausau. The event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association.

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE: On Saturday, March 25, we will be holding our Fifth Annual Community Rummage Sale at T.J. Walker. All proceeds will go toward financial need scholarships for 8th grade students attending the Washington D.C. trip. Please consider donating some of your used items for the rummage sale. During these cold winter days you may have an opportunity to clean out some of the clutter by getting rid of some of your used clothing and items you no longer need. We ask that you box them up and wait to drop them off at school the week prior to the rummage sale. Further details on dropping off your items will come in March’s newsletter.

WINTER ATHLETICS:

- 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball: Come out and see them play at home on 1/26, 2/2, 2/6 and 2/13.
- Upcoming Middle School Wrestling Meets: at Edison on 2/4; at Kewaunee on 2/16; Home on 2/23; at Valders on 3/2 and at Two Rivers on 3/7.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE:

Thank you to all students and families who participated in our annual Food Drive. Students were given a slip for each item they brought. Over 10 boxes of food was brought in by our community and given to Feed My People. It took two trips for Mr. Smullen to deliver the items since there was so much.

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER:</u>	Jan. 27	MS Dance (7 – 9 p.m.)
	Feb. 1	D.C. Trip Second Payment
	Feb. 4	Ski Brule Trip
	Feb. 6	Open Enrollment Period Begins
	Feb. 9	6th Grade Overnight Science Field Trip (CWES)
	Feb. 15	Last Day of 3rd Exploratory for 6th Grade
	Feb. 18	Solo/Ensemble Festival @ Sturgeon Bay
	Feb. 23	Third Quarter Progress Reports Mailed
	Feb. 24	No School (Teacher In-service)
	Mar. 4	Destination Imagination Regional @ Sturgeon Bay
	Mar. 7	Door County Math Meet
	Mar. 18	Band Pops Concert



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