



TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – MAY 2017

Enclosures: *Enclosed with this newsletter is your child's Term 4 Progress report card along with any outstanding bill. Parents are encouraged to use Power School to monitor their child's grades in May.*

8th GRADE AWARDS CEREMONY: The 8th grade Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the HS Auditorium. Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend the ceremony which is an informal event, not a graduation ceremony. As a staff, we feel strongly that reducing the formality of this event brings more emphasis to the high school graduation where it belongs. After the ceremony 8th graders will be excused.

8th GRADE D.C. TRIP PARENTS: 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.

ALL SCHOOL TRACK MEET: TJ Walker's famous ALL SCHOOL TRACK MEET begins at noon on May 26. All students are participating in this awesome event. Parents are encouraged to volunteer. Please contact Mark Smullen at 746-2803 or e-mail msmullen@sturbay.k12.wi.us Mrs. Wheat is offering Special Olympics events for our ID students.

BAND NEWS: The band students continue to be very busy with many events happening right up to the end of the school year. On Wednesday, April 26, the 8th grade band participated in a "band clinic" with Mr. Tom Mueller. This is a requirement of the WSMA (Wisconsin School Music Association). The 8th graders performed two songs (one was chosen from a required list) for Mr. Mueller who critiqued them and then worked with them. Everyone worked hard and played their best for our clinician – very proud of you! On Friday, April 28, Mrs. Rosenthal and Mrs. Hintz "fit" the 4th graders for their band instrument. Our new recruits will start summer band on Tuesday, June 13. How exciting!

On Tuesday, May 2 our 6th grade band members had the opportunity to try their hand at "Solo/Ensemble Festival". Congratulations to all the brave band students who gave it a try. It was fun and scary to perform for a judge (Mrs. Hintz)! Good job 6th graders!

Our Spring Middle School Band Concert will be on Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Gym. We will be featuring our 5th grade band, 6th grade band, 7th grade and our 8th grade band for their final performance of the school year. Hope to see you there!

To celebrate the four years the 8th grade band students have been in band together, we will be heading to Wisconsin Dells on Friday, June 2. Please make sure the permission slip and money is turned in by the deadline!

Thank you band students and parents for a great year! I have had so much fun working with all the students teaching them how to play their instrument(s) of choice. I've also been blessed with such a wonderful parent support group to lean on to help us host solo/ensemble, put together the pops concert, run the fruit sale and all the other events throughout the school year. Thank you to all the band students for their hard work and dedication. Your concerts were outstanding. Thanks for all the wonderful memories! Mrs. Rosenthal

CHOIR NEWS: May is a busy month for our choir students!

- May 2: The 6th Grade Solo and Ensemble Festival was held in the choir room after school. Great job 6th graders!
- May 6: Congratulations to the following students who performed at the state solo and ensemble festival at UWGB:
 - Abram Abeyta: piano solo, 1st rating
 - Grace Alberts: musical theater solo, 1st rating; soprano solo, 1st rating
 - Isabella Dippel: piano solo, 1st rating; musical theater solo, 1st rating; soprano solo, 1st rating

- Cabria Zuehlke: alto solo, 1st rating
- May 11: 8th Grade Choir WSMA Choral Music Clinic with Algoma High School Choir, SBHS auditorium, 8:15-9:00 a.m.
- May 12: WSMA Choral Music Clinic for 6th and 7th Grade Choirs with Professor Karen Bruno, Lawrence University, SBHS auditorium (during class time)
- May 12: 6th Grade Choir exchange concert in Algoma and water park trip to Ray Kroc Center, Green Bay, 1-6 p.m.
- May 17: Bay Area Music Association Honors Choir for selected students at Algoma PAC
- May 31: Spring Choral Concert featuring 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Choirs, Glee Club, and two guest choirs; 7:00 p.m. SBHS auditorium

NATIONAL BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY MAY 10, 2017: The first-ever National Bike to School Day took place on May 9, 2012, in coordination with the League of American Bicyclists’ [National Bike Month](#). Almost 1,000 local events in 49 states and the District of Columbia joined together to encourage children to safely bicycle or walk to school.

The event builds on the popularity of Walk to School Day, which is celebrated across the country – and the world – each October. Many communities and schools have been holding spring walk and bicycle to school events for years. National Bike to School Day provides an opportunity for schools across the country to join together to celebrate and to build off of the energy of National Bike Month.

NOETIC MATH CONTEST RESULTS: On Tuesday, April 18, eighteen 6th graders were invited to take the Noetic Math contest. The purpose of the contest is to inspire student interest in math and convey the message, ‘It is COOL to be good at math!’ to students. Students were given 45 minutes to solve 20 higher level thinking math problems. Many problems are designed to challenge students and to enrich their problem solving experiences. While all whom participated did well, the our team’s top scorers are as follows: Christy Braun and Drew Barganz each scored 90% , 70% Espen Walker, 65% Scarlet Serafico, Landen Hintz, Taylor Tlachac, and Kaden Nelson Hein each scored 55% . The top 10% of participants in each grade level across the nation receive 'National Honor Roll' medals. Special congratulations to Christy Braun and Drew Barganz, who will each receive a team winner medal for scoring the highest on our Sturgeon Bay team, and an additional National Honor Roll medal.

POETRY CONTEST: A poetry contest for TJ Walker Middle School students was held in April. Congratulations to our winners!

- First place: “A Victim’s Cry” by Quianna Blais, 8th grade
- Second place: “Font Types” by Sophia McAllister, 7th grade
- Third place: “The Water Glistens of Blues, Greens, and Silver” by Cate Anderson, 6th grade
- Honorable Mentions: “He Forgives” by Curtis Barganz, 8th grade; “Untitled” by Isabella Dippel, 8th grade; “Imagine” by Scout Feldman, 7th grade; and “Spring” by Emily Ulberg, 7th grade

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, May 10.....	National Bike to School Day
Friday, May 12.....	MS Dance 7:00 p.m. HS Cafeteria (grades 5 – 7)
Sunday, May 14.....	8 th Graders Depart for Washington, D.C. 2:30 p.m.
Friday, May 19.....	8 th Graders Return from Washington, D.C. 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 25.....	Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 26.....	All School Track Meet
Wednesday, May 31.....	Spring Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 2.....	8 th Grade Band Trip to Wisconsin Dells
Tuesday, June 6.....	Mini Course Day & Cookout – All Day
Thursday, June 8.....	8 th Grade Graduation 10:00 a.m. SBHS Auditorium
Tuesday, June 13.....	Summer Band begins



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