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TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – NOVEMBER 2016

REPORT CARDS: Included with this mailing is Quarter 1 report cards.

ACADEMIC & CAREER PLANNING: School Counselors Heidi Bader and Jenni O’Handley will be offering parent seminars monthly on a variety of topics. November’s topic is Academic and Career Planning. Parents of students in grades 8-11 are invited to attend. We will meet in the **Sturgeon Bay High School library at 7p.m. on Thursday, November 17.**

ALLIED ARTS: All TJ Walker families and friends are invited to the 27th anniversary 8th Grade Allied Arts performance on Friday, December 11, at 7 p.m. in the SBHS auditorium. This year’s show is the well-known Disney & Broadway favorite, *The Lion King* featuring such well-known hits as “Circle of Life” and “Hakuna Matata”. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults, and can be purchased at the door on the night of the show.

The class is also putting on a special free **Senior Citizens Performance on Tuesday, December 6, at 10:30 a.m.** with a free luncheon at 11:45 a.m. in the cafeteria. Please call the middle school office at 746-2806 to make a lunch reservation by Tuesday, November 29. Allied Arts parents are reminded of the **All Day Dress Rehearsal** on Saturday, December 3. Also check with your child as other Saturday rehearsals may be planned between now and then.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB YOUTH FOR UNITY: The Boys and Girls Club staff members are teaching a Youth for Unity program in selected Enrichment classes each Friday beginning November 11 through January 20. The program is a new initiative with TJ Walker Middle School collaborating with the Boys & Girls Club. Areas of emphasis include leadership, cultural awareness, recognizing bias and celebrating uniqueness within one’s self and others. The goal is for each grade level to create a youth service project that promotes these ideals and connects to our community.

SCHOOL STORE NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Thank you to Shannon Wautier, Heidi Bader, Amy Gulseth and Door County Community Foundation for bringing life to our school store. The school store is a huge hit with the kids as they use their Clipper Cards to get teacher signatures to purchase items. Items are available for cash purchase too. If you wish to make a financial or item donation, please contact us at 920-746-2803.

INNOVATION HOUR: In Term 2, 16 students are piloting a program that permits them to study any topic of their choice in one of four categories then report throughout the term. This program encourages students to be creative and explore their passions during Enrichment. Students have a choice in what they learn during a set time in school. This concept was pioneered at Google and in the book *Drive* by best-selling author, Daniel Pink. In Term 3 we intend to offer this Innovation Hour to more students.

SEAPERCH REMOTE OPERATED VEHICLE: We have connected with SeaPerch in making a remote operated vehicle that operates underwater. We are in search of 3-5 students to work on a vehicle. In addition, we seek parents to help assist students in problem solving, engineering concepts, and design. I’ll buy as many ROV’s as we have groups interested. Contact Mark Smullen if you are interested in participating at 920-746-2803.

8th GRADE VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS: Jim Olsen has selected TJ Walker Middle School Volleyball Team as the Team of the Week for winning their Conference Championship earlier in October. Congratulations to Coach Kim Adams and to all 8th Grade Girls Volleyball players on your accomplishment! 7th Grade finished up with an 8-2 record. 8th Grade ended with a 7-3 record (not counting the Conference Tournament).

WINTER WEATHER: If school is in session and you feel that you do not want your child to come to school for whatever safety-related reason, you absolutely have the ability to make that important decision. We simply ask that you communicate with Mrs. Brauer in the office so everyone is safely accounted for and our attendance records are accurate.

Our School Messenger system is set up with the various groups the school district would want to communicate with in the event of a school closing or delay. We plan to use the “Non-school hours emergency” phone contact information from the registration process. If for some reason you do not receive a message that Mr. Tjernagel or someone else would send out, please contact the TJ Walker office at 920-746-2806 so your information can be checked and corrected. School Messenger will also be used to communicate with our staff and the local news media.

In the event of a closure or delay, the very first communication tool Mr. Tjernagel typically uses is the school district Facebook page (Sturgeon Bay Schools). Once the Facebook message is posted and the School Messenger recorded phone call is in motion, Mr. Tjernagel plans to begin the communication with the Green Bay TV channels. Even if you do not have a Facebook account, you can see our Facebook page by going to the district website and clicking on the Facebook icon in the upper right-hand corner.

8th GRADE D.C. TRIP PAYMENT DUE: The next \$100 payment will be due February 1, with the final payment due April 15, 2017. If you do not want a large sum due on April 15, you are welcome to make additional payments before this date. Families who have raised a large amount of money through individual fundraisers will not need to make a payment on February 1. Please plan accordingly and take advantage of the many ways to raise money for the trip. The total cost of the trip will be \$800.

8th GRADE FUNDRAISING: Washington, D.C. fundraising is well on its way! Please visit the [8th Grade D.C. Trip Information](#) page on the Sturgeon Bay School District website for all upcoming events and opportunities.

- **Seroogy’s candy bars** – Please contact Jen Nellis at 920-495-0453 or jmathias2001@gmail.com if your child would like to sell candy bars. Money from sales can be turned in to the middle school office.
- **Econo Foods Receipts** – Please keep saving them! There is a drop off for them in the middle school office.
- **Econo Foods Grocery Bagging - Sunday November 13 & Sunday, December 11**
- **Pick N’ Save Grocery Bagging - Saturday, November 12 & Saturday, December 10**
- **Middle School Winter Sports Concessions** – We are still looking for a chairperson. If you are interested, please contact either Lori Mellen at 920-495-5238 or mellenheads@gmail.com or Dena Barganz at 920-256-1463 or Barganz@sbcglobal.net.

46th ANNUAL BAND FRUIT SALE: The band fruit sale is going on now! Orders taken for the Band Parents Fruit Sale will wrap up on November 15. If you want to order band fruit, please contact any band student or call 746-5766 by November 15. The band fruit sale is for the purpose of raising money to award students with scholarships to attend band camps or take private lessons and to pay for any trips that would meet the standards in music education. The fruit will be delivered to school on Wednesday, December 7 for pickup from noon- 6:00 p.m.

The next band concert will be the Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 20 featuring the 5th grade band, 6th grade band, 7th grade band, 8th grade band and the middle school jazz band. Hope to see you there.

BAND SEEKS 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.

CHOIR INFORMATION: Middle School Fall Choir Concert is Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sturgeon Bay High School Auditorium.

FOOTBALL FINISHES 4-3: The football team made tremendous growth this season. The team ended the season with a 16-8 loss in a rematch against Southern Door. The team played their heart out and ended up with a 4-3 record. Thank you to parents and players for their commitment this season. Special thanks to Ms. Bilodeau & Mrs. Carlson for hosting the end of the season party on November 6.

THANK YOU COACHES & VOLUNTEERS: Dear coaches and volunteers, we wish to thank you for developing our students' confidence, talents and self-discipline. You don't do it for the money, for the victories or for the personal accolades. We just want to take a moment to give you the recognition that you deserve.

Boys Football
Scott Steeb
Jim Adams
Nick Lee
Kyle Sheehy

Girls Volleyball
Chris Irwin
Brynn Orthober
Kim Adams

Boys Basketball
Brock Blahnik
Chad Ulberg

Cross Country
Jennifer Lasee

Volunteer
Lillie Marsala

HOLIDAY CLIPPER APPAREL: There is a one page Holiday Clipper Apparel Brochure offering one-time items for this Holiday Season. You can still order from our regular Clipper Brochure. To view a brochures online or to use the order form go to <http://www.sturbay.k12.wi.us/schools/high/future-business-leaders-of-america.cfm> . Orders are due by November 14 to ensure delivery for the holiday season! Items ordered will be ready for pick up on December 19.

TOYS FOR TOTS: Christmas is 45 days away and Student Council will be partnering with the Toys for Tots Program in collecting new, unwrapped toys this holiday season. The collection box will be located in the middle school office and the deadline is Friday, December 9. The toys will help less-fortunate children in our community have a better Christmas. Please consider helping in this cause!

YEARBOOK INFORMATION: Yearbooks are now available for ordering in the middle school office or online. Paper forms are available in the office or can be printed from the website under the "Families & Parents" menu and "Middle School Families". The website also has the link to order online. The office will accept cash or check; if you would like to pay with a debit or credit card or PayPal, please use the link on the website. All yearbook orders must be received by February 15.

Eighth grade parents, please consider parting with a hard copy photo of your son or daughter as a baby, or attach a digital copy to an email sent to jhanson@sturbay.k12.wi.us. These will be used in our baby pictures section of the yearbook. All baby photos are due by January 25. Photos will be returned to students by the end of the school year; please write your child's first and last name on the back of the photo.

7th GRADE TRIP: Grocery bagging opportunities at Pick 'n Save are January 14, 21, and 28. The funds are used to offset the costs of our spring trip to Milwaukee.

DECEMBER 23: Last day of school before Winter Break.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov.15	Fall Choir Concert 7:00 PM
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Break – No Classes
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Break – No Classes
Dec. 3	Allied Arts Dress Rehearsal
Dec. 6	Senior Citizen Performance & Luncheon 10:30 AM
Dec. 9	Public Allied Arts Performance 7:00 PM
Dec. 20	Winter Band Concert 7:00 PM
Dec. 23	Last Day of School before Winter Break



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