



TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – NOVEMBER 2017

REPORT CARDS: *Included with this mailing is your child's Quarter 1 report card and PowerSchool Learning account information.*

GRADE 8 ALLIED ARTS: All TJ Walker families and friends are invited to the 28th anniversary Grade 8 Allied Arts performance at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 8, in the SBHS auditorium. This year's show is *Shrek!* 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 5, 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. Other performances will include two shows on December 6 at 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for elementary students and one on December 8 at 9:00 a.m. for middle school students.

Allied Arts parents are reminded of the **All Day Dress Rehearsal** on Saturday, December 2. Also check with your child as other Saturday rehearsals may be planned between now and then.

ATHLETICS:

- **Grade 8 Volleyball Conference Champions:** TJ Walker volleyball repeated as conference volleyball champions. Coach Brynn Orthober led the Clippers to their second consecutive conference championship. The grade 8 team went 9-1 in pool play at Sevastopol to bring home the championship trophy. Way to go team!
- **Thank You:** Dear coaches and volunteers, we wish to thank you for developing our students' confidence, talents and self-discipline. We just want to give you the recognition that you deserve.

Boys Basketball
Brock Blahnik
Chad Ulberg

Cross Country
Leanne Pinkert

Football
Todd Meikle & Scott Steebes
Nick Lee & Kyle Sheehy
Brian Barganz

Volleyball
Brynn Orthober
Natalie Marchant
Jackie Jeanquart

BAND NEWS:

- **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 17. If you want to order band fruit, please contact any band student or call 746-5766 by November 17. 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 the middle school gym on Wednesday, December 6 for pickup from noon- 7:00 p.m.
- **Winter Concert:** The next band concert will be the Winter Concert on Monday, December 18 featuring bands from grades 5 through 8 and the middle school jazz band. Hope to see you there.

CHOIR NEWS: Thank you to all the families who participated in our fundraiser. Candles should be delivered next week.

Grade 6 Choir students had their own solo and ensemble festival during classes on November 2 and 3. They presented their musical selections for a "judge" who gave them feedback on their singing and suggestions on how to be even better singers.

All middle school choir students will participate in the Sturgeon Bay Christmas parade on Saturday November 18, spreading holiday cheer throughout our community. We will meet at school at 9:00 a.m. Dress warm!! Parent volunteers are still needed.

GRADE 6 LIFE SKILLS EXPLORATORY: Parents who had a sixth grader in Life Skills during Exploratory 1 should be on the lookout for their child's personal inventory poster to come home. Students worked hard to relate their interests and abilities to potential future careers and academics. They should be bringing home a color copy of their poster. Please use this as a conversation starter about what the future might hold for them!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE:

- **Grade 6:** Students read the novel entitled Journey by Patricia Maclachlan. Students will compose a personal narrative, similar to Journey, which demonstrates a time when they've 'changed', or have grown in their life.
- **Grade 7:** Students read a realistic fiction novel in small groups that concluded on November 1. Students demonstrated their understanding of the text by performing in a talk show. The students interviewed the characters and author in the five minute show. Upon completion of the book group unit, the students will compose a short story using the writing process based on a personal experience. The short story will be published on November 25.

- **Grade 8:** Students read the novel The Outsiders by SE Hinton. Students actively engaged in book discussions identifying and discussing signposts or clues that helped identify the theme of the novel. The culminating project is to create a theme triangle presentation which conveys the theme of the book, a movie that contains the same theme, and another source of choice which also shares the main message.

LIBRARY NEWS:

- **Innovation Hour:** November’s theme is Engineering and Electronics. Students who are interested in building things or figuring out how things work were encouraged to sign up in the library. Project materials may include LEGO Mechanisms, Snap Circuits, littleBits, or plain old cardboard.
- **Old Middle School Yearbooks:** Students love to look through old TJ Walker yearbooks while spending time in the library, but unfortunately we don’t have very many! If you have any old TJ Walker middle school yearbooks that you would be willing to donate to the library, please drop them off in the school office.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLASS: In Outdoor Adventure, students have been working on completing their Hunter's Education certification. Students will be done approximately by the second week of November.

GRADE 8 WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP UPDATES:

- **Trip Payments:** The next payment of \$125 will be due February 9, with any remaining balance due April 6, 2018. If you do not want a large sum due on April 6, 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 9. Please plan accordingly and take advantage of the many ways to raise money for the trip. The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$825.
- **Fundraising:** Washington, D.C. fundraising is well on its way!
 - **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.
 - **Pick N’ Save Grocery Bagging** dates are **November 18 & 19, and December 2 & 31**. Sign-up in the office.

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.

YEARBOOK UPDATE: Yearbook order forms are available in the office if parents want a hard copy to fill out. They can also be ordered online under the Families & Parents menu. Pre-orders are the only way to reserve a book for your child! Overflow copies are very limited when the books come in and are not guaranteed.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Break – No classes
December 2	Allied Arts dress rehearsal
December 5	Allied Arts senior citizen performance and luncheon 10:30 a.m.
December 6	Band fruit pick-up noon-7:00 p.m. in the MS gym
December 8	Allied Arts public performance 7:00 p.m.
December 18	Winter Band concert 7:00 p.m.
December 22	Last day of school before Winter Break

**** Check our website at www.sturbay.k12.wi.us for an updated school calendar.****



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