



TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – OCTOBER 2017

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: Conferences will be held Monday, October 9, in the MS Gym from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. There are no set appointments for conferences.

PROGRESS REPORTS: The 6th grade Wisconsin Forward Exam results are included with this mailing as well as progress reports for those parents requesting paper copies. Parents with email access are reminded to check PowerSchool for current grades.

GRADE 8 ALLIED ARTS:

- **TRIP TO MILWAUKEE:** On the 3rd of October, 57 Grade 8 Allied Arts students traveled to Milwaukee. The main event was seeing the Musical *Guys and Dolls* at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater. Students were also treated to a backstage tour of all of the essential areas such as the shops where sets, costumes, and props are actually created. The next stop was the Milwaukee Art Museum where everyone participated in an "Art and Writing" tour. The last event of the day was dining at Pizza Ranch, which everyone really appreciated after such a busy and exciting day.
- **FACEBOOK:** Our Allied Arts program has its own Facebook page: *Allied Arts at TJ Walker Middle School*. "Like" us to see photos and videos of *Shrek* as it begins to take shape in the weeks leading up to our December performances.

GRADE 6 ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG OCTOBER 2, 3 AND 4: The 4th Annual Big Dig returned in early October as students became real life archaeologists using hands on practicum experience to discover artifacts that link our present and past. The students' time was split between the Ida Bay property and the Big Creek property that is on the bay side of Utah Street. Watch a video clip about 2015's Big Dig at <http://fox11online.com/news/local/lakeshore/students-join-in-archaeological-dig>

CHOIR NEWS:

- The boys from TJ Walker's 7th and 8th Grade Choir attended the Real Men Sing men's choir festival at UW Milwaukee on September 22. They joined over 1,100 middle school and high school men in a morning of song. The boys were terrific representatives of our school.
- Our flower bulb fundraiser came to a close on Monday, October 2. If you ordered bulbs, they will be delivered in time for Fall planting. Thank you for your support of the choral music program.

LIBRARY NEWS: Innovation Hour is beginning this month. The first week in October is an informational sharing and sign up week. October's Innovation Hour theme is Video Production, Digital Storytelling and Stop Motion Animation. It will run from October 9 – November 3. November's Innovation Hour theme will be Engineering and Electronics. The TJ Walker Middle School Library is open from 7:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (closed for lunch) and 7:50 a.m. - 12:35 p.m. Fridays.

OCTOBER 11 GRADE 8 CLASS PICTURE & PICTURE RETAKES: We are taking an 8th grade class picture on October 11 at 8:00 a.m. Make it a "Red Out" by wearing your red Clipper gear. Make up pictures are available at 8:15 a.m. if students were absent on picture day or need a retake.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION TIME: During the second week of school, each homeroom elected its Student Council representative for the 2017-18 school year. Representatives attend all council functions, report results of council actions, and collect ideas for council activities such as dances and Homecoming Spirit Week. Student Council will hold elections on October 5 for Grade 8 officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer). Here are this year's representatives:

- **Grade 6** – Julia Gregory, Eva Leiberger, Stephanie Felhofer, Neveah House, Jaylene Lee, Craven Lautenbach, and Eileen Laughlin
- **Grade 7** – Trevina Chanda, Espen Walker, Lance Mahan, Madelyn Wind, and Andrea Wilke
- **Grade 8** – Hannah Sternard, Sierra Arneman, Kayley Bell, Elden Antonio, Scout Feldman, and Arry VanLieshout

DESTINATION IMAGINATION: DI is a program offered here at Sturgeon Bay schools, primarily for grades 3 -12. An informational kick-off meeting will be held Tuesday, October 10 from 5 - 6:00 p.m. at the Sunrise Elementary Library. More information is available in the middle school office.

STUDY TABLE BEGINS: Study tables for all grades are underway. Students may be asked to stay after school to complete late or unfinished homework. Students are responsible for contacting their parents if this occurs. Parents, be sure to reach out to your child's teachers and ask if they can attend study table to get homework help.

TJ WALKER ATHLETICS: *Student accident insurance plans are available in the Middle School office. All student Athletes must be insured in order to participate in athletics.*

- Congratulations to the Grade 8 volleyball team as they were undefeated in September.
- The October 12 middle school football game has been cancelled.

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE: *Please be aware of the payment schedule: \$100 per person was due October 2, 2017; \$125 per person due February 9, 2018; any remaining balance due March 30, 2018.*

GRADE 8 FUNDRAISING UPDATE: Washington, D.C. fundraising is well on its way! Parents please request to join the *TJ Walker – Washington DC 2018* Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

Fundraising Reminders:

- **Grocery Bagging:**
 - **Pick n' Save** dates are **October 7 & 21, November 18 & 19, and December 2 & 31**. Sign up in the office.
 - The next **Econo Foods** date is **October 6**. Please sign up on Facebook or contact Wendi Carter at 920-495-9339 or bricklotpub@yahoo.com.
- **Younkers coupon books** – Students may stop by the middle school office to pick up books to sell. Money from the sale of books and any unsold books need to be turned in to Mrs. Brauer in the middle school office by November 1. Saturday in-store dates are still available. Please check the Facebook page for dates and times.
- **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. ALL money from sales needs to be turned in to the middle school office.
- **Econo Foods Receipts** – Please keep saving them! There is a box for them in the middle school office.
- **Renard's Cheese fundraiser** – Pick up is October 18 in the MS gym from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Contact Tanya Fischer at 920-495-9034 or mjfish@charter.net if you have any questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 5	SB Soccer Club Grades 7 & 8 Home vs. Kewaunee – 4:30 p.m.
October 5	MS Football at Kewaunee – 5:00 p.m.
October 6	Teacher In-service (No School)
October 9	Parent Teacher Conference in MS gym 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
October 9	MS Volleyball at Algoma – 4:30 p.m.
October 10	MS Football at Peshtigo – 5:30 p.m. – <i>Final game of the season</i>
October 11	Picture Retakes
October 12	MS Volleyball at Kewaunee – 5:30 p.m.
October 16	MS Volleyball at Gibraltar – 5:30 p.m.
October 18	Grade 8 Renard's Cheese fundraiser pick up in MS gym 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
October 21	Grade 8 Volleyball Tournament at Sevastopol – 9:00 a.m.

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



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