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TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2016

SCHOOL PICTURES: Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 14. Please send along the picture envelope and money if you plan to order pictures. You should have received the envelope during registration. Extra forms are available in the office.

ENCLOSURES: Spring Wisconsin Forward Exam scores are enclosed for 7th, 8th and any 6th grade families whom did not pick up their results at 6th Grade Orientation. In addition, our free Immunization Clinic on September 22 is enclosed. 8th Grade Families, be sure to return your Washington DC paperwork and a check for \$100 to the middle school main office. Finally, we included information on how to set up parents PowerSchool Learning, formerly Haiku, account and log in.

MEET THE STAFF: 7th GRADE MATH TEACHER MR. SIGL!

Mr. Craig Sigl is our newest staff member and he joins us from the Sevastopol School District where he served as the K-12 Dean of Students. We are excited that he is teaching 7th grade Math. Mr. Sigl has been married 7 years and has two children: Edward (newborn arrived 1 week before school) and Jonathan (3 years old). Mr. Sigl taught 3rd grade for one year, 5th grade three years and served two years as Sevastopol's Dean of Students. Mr. Sigl graduated from UW-Oshkosh with Bachelors in Education and a Master's in Education Leadership..

- Do you have a dog? German Short Haired Pointer – 6 years old
- Favorite meal? I could eat anything but pizza is my favorite meal on the planet.
- Do you have a favorite animal? My favorite animal is Ninja Turtle. Ninja Turtles rule our home.
- Do you travel? My wife & I went to Japan, traveled the country and taught English.
- Fun fact: My wife & I lived in Vermont as she finished dental school. We visited the mountains only 30 minutes away to camp, hike or ski.
- If you could have dinner with any 3 people living or dead who would it be? 1. Paul Bunyon. How great would it be to sit down to a huge stack of flap jacks with a lumber jack? 2. Harry Potter. I would love to learn a few new spells I could use on 7th graders! 3. Sasquatch. I would be the only person to ever have had lunch with him.
- How do you like teaching at TJ Walker? I love math, I love making math fun for kids, and I am pumped to be a member of the TJ Walker staff in the Sturgeon Bay School District!

6th GRADE BIG DIG RETURNS SEPTEMBER 27-30

The Second Annual Big Dig returns this September as students become real life archaeologists. Students become archaeologists using hands on practicum to experience interactive learning by discovering artifacts linking our present and past. Two days at the Ida Bay property and two days on the Big Creek property that is on the bay side of Utah street. Read about last year's Big Dig online <http://fox11online.com/news/local/lakeshore/students-join-in-archaeological-dig>

WISCONSIN FORWARD EXAM RESULTS:

During the 2015-16 school year, Wisconsin rolled out a new assessment called the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year:

- Grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) & mathematics,
- Grades 4 & 8 in Science and,
- Grades 4, 8 & 10 in Social Studies.

8th GRADE FUNDRAISING UPDATE: 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.

Fundraising Reminders:

- **Grocery Bagging** – Our next date is *September 18th at Econo Foods*. If you or child can help please sign up in the middle school office. There are more grocery bagging opportunities available, please stop in to see what other dates you could help with.
- **Fall Fifty** - Please contact Rachel Mallien at 920-264-2246 or mallienrachel@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with the Fall Fifty in October.
- **Younkers coupon books** – Students may pick up books to sell or drop off money from the sale of books with Mrs. Brauer in the middle school office.
- **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.
- **Econo Foods Receipts** – Please keep saving them! There is a drop off for them in the middle school office.
- **Middle School Winter Sports Concessions** – We are still looking 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.

STUDY TABLE STARTS: 6th, 7th & 8th grade students may be asked to stay after school to complete late or unfinished homework beginning Tuesday, September 20. Students are responsible for contacting their parents if this occurs. Once the late work is completed, they may leave.

FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC: The Door County Public Health Department will be providing a **FREE** school based Immunization Clinic on Tuesday, September 27 to any student in grades 6-12 regardless of insurance status. In order for your child to receive vaccines you must: **Complete vaccine consent form and return consent form to school by Friday, Sept. 16.** You can review Vaccine Information Sheets at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html>. See enclosed flyer. Sue Powers from the Door County Health Department will be on hand at our Open House to answer any questions.

LIBRARY NEWS: The **TJ Walker Middle School Library is open from 7:50 AM -3:30 PM Monday through Thursday** (closed for lunch) **and 7:50 am -12:35 pm Fridays.** Students may check out up to five books or magazines at a time and keep them for three weeks. We also have 10 Kindles available for check-out. Students may access their Destiny library account online 24/7 to look up books, write book reviews, recommend books to friends, and put books on hold. They may also check-out eBooks online from Overdrive.

CHOIR NEWS:

- **Choir students will be selling flower bulbs again this year in support of scholarships** and field trips for our choirs. This is a trip year for our 7th and 8th Grade Choirs, so your support is especially appreciated in raising funds for our March visit to Chicago, where we will visit the Art Institute and attend a Broadway musical. Orders can be placed with a choir student, or online at www.flowerpowerfundraising.com. We guarantee delivery in time for fall planting, and bulbs are shipped directly to each customer. The sale will run from September 9-19.
- Parents and guardians **Choir Boosters meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 7 PM** in the Choir Room.
- Choir **Fun Night is Friday, September 16 from 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM.** As always, **parent volunteers are needed.** For more information, check the choir handbook which was sent home with students this week, or call Ms. Hill at 746-5742.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 14 School Pictures

Sept. 16 Choir Fun Night

Sept. 22 Free Immunization Clinic

Sept. 23 MS Dance (7:00 – 9:00 PM)

Sept, 30 6th Grade LA/Art Day at Crossroad

Oct. 7 Q1 Progress Reports Mailed

Oct. 7 Teacher In-service (No School)

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



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News from August

OPEN HOUSE: We had a great turn out to Open House as students and families met their teachers, picked up their class syllabuses and moved into their lockers. 6th Grade Orientation went very well as students and registration. 92% of our families attended registration. If you have any suggestions to improve our process, please contact Mark Smullen at 920-746-2803

6th GRADE ORIENTATION

6th Grade Orientation went very well as many 6th Grade families attended this event. Our TJ Walker staff truly enjoyed meeting our new students and their families. We welcome all new 6th graders and hope everyone found this time helpful as your child transitions into grade 6. Be sure to contact Mrs. Bader, a wonderful resource, who is absolutely exceptional when it comes to easing any transitional anxiety. Please contact her with any questions or concerns. Hope everyone enjoyed the cupcakes, granola and punch!