



TJ WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2017

FREE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC UPDATE: Please return your consent form so your child can attend our free Immunization Clinic on Wednesday, September 20 in the MS Commons. Reminder, all students are eligible to receive the flu shot and 6th grade students need their TDAP immunization. **Completed vaccine consent forms need to be returned to school by Friday morning, September 15.** See TJ Walker Facebook page or stop by the MS office for a form.

WASHINGTON, DC UPDATE: 8th grade families, be sure to return your Washington, DC paperwork and a check for \$100 to the middle school main office. The \$100 is non-refundable and due by October 2. *Please be aware of the payment schedule: \$100 per person due October 2, 2017; \$125 per person due February 9, 2018; any remaining balance due March 30, 2018.*

NEW STAFF: We have four new staff members at TJ Walker this year. New staff includes Dena Barganz – 6th grade special education teacher; Jessica Day – family and consumer science teacher; Shahannon Hawkins – band teacher; and John McCaulley – technical education teacher. In future LINKS you will have an opportunity to meet our newest staff members and learn more about them. If you have a question you'd like to ask, e-mail Mr. Smullen.

6th GRADE BIG DIG RETURNS OCTOBER 2, 3 & 4: TJ Walker's Third Annual Big Dig returns this October as students become real life archaeologists. Students become archaeologists using hands-on activities to experience interactive learning by discovering artifacts linking our present and past. Students visit Sturgeon Bay's Ida Bay Big Creek properties. Learn about the initial Big Dig online: <http://fox11online.com/news/local/lakeshore/students-join-in-archaeological-dig>

WISCONSIN FORWARD EXAM RESULTS: During the 2016-17 school year Wisconsin students took the Wisconsin Forward Exam. Results were given out at 6th grade orientation, open house or mailed to parents in August. 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 6, 7 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics,
- Grade 8 in ELA, math, science, and social studies

8th GRADE 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 **September 23, 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.
- **Fall Fifty** - Please contact Becky Haines srbhaines@sbcglobal.net or Joe Bilodeau at joebilodeau@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping with the Fall Fifty in October.
- **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.
- **Middle School Fall Sports Concessions** – We are still looking for a chairperson. If you are interested, please contact Bill Bissen at bissen4107@charter.net.
- **Renard's Cheese fundraiser** – Students can stop by the middle school office to pick up an order form. Forms and money must be turned in to the office by September 25. 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.

STUDY TABLE STARTS: 6th, 7th and 8th grade students may be asked to stay after school to complete late or unfinished homework beginning Monday, September 18. Students are responsible for contacting their parents if this occurs.

LIBRARY NEWS: 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. 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:

- **Flower Bulb Sale:** Middle school choir members will once again be selling flower bulbs as a fundraiser for scholarships, trips, and other educational activities in the choir program. The sale will run from September 15-25, and orders will be shipped directly to you. To order, please see a choir student or go to the website flowerpowerfundraising.com to order online at our Sturgeon Bay Choir's site. Thank you for supporting our choirs.
- TJ Walker Middle School's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choirs will participate in the "Concert Across America" on Thursday, September 21. We'll join with hundreds of other choirs across the country to sing one song to promote peace in our world. Our performance will be videotaped and posted later this month on our school website. Check it out!
- **Choir Festival:** The boys from our TJ Walker 7th and 8th grade choir will be attending "Real Men Sing", a men's choir festival at UW Milwaukee on Friday, September 22. Over 1,000 high school and middle school singers will rehearse and sing together in concert. In addition, our students will attend a performance of the UWM Men's Choir.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 15 **Choir Fun Night**

Sept. 18 **MS Volleyball Home vs Algoma & Gibraltar (Triangular) at 4:30 p.m.**

Sept. 20 **Free Immunization Clinic**

Sept. 21 **MS Football Home vs. Oconto Falls at 4:30 p.m.**

Sept. 22 **MS Men's Choir Festival in Milwaukee – bus leaves 5:00 a.m.**

Sept. 22 **MS Dance (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)**

Sept. 25 **SB Soccer Club Grades 7 & 8 Home vs. Algoma at 5:00 p.m.**

Sept. 26 **MS Football home vs. Southern Door at 5:30 p.m.**

Sept. 28 **MS Cross Country Home at 4:30 p.m.**

Sept. 29 **Q1 Progress Reports Mailed**

Oct. 2 **MS Volleyball Home vs Sevastopol at 5:30 p.m.**

Oct. 5 **SB Soccer Club Grades 7 & 8 Homes vs. Kewaunee at 4:30 p.m.**

Oct. 6 **Teacher In-service (No School)**

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



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