



Parent Newsletter

Slinger High School

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Principals Message: We had our last scheduled parent-teacher conferences of the 2016-17 school year on March 2. Thanks to all of the parents who were in attendance. Please know that you can continue to stay connected and “in the loop” of your child’s grades by checking the Family Access function on our SHS Home Page.

Our students recently completed their high school course selections for the 2017-18 school year. Course selections are important in determining the courses offered, class sizes, number of sections, and staffing. These and other factors such as time conflicts between courses as well as limitations on the number of sections and courses offered all impact the success of a student getting their requested courses. At Slinger, our scheduling process is a very lengthy one. We do numerous practice runs of the schedule to minimize conflicts and provide students with a schedule that includes most of their requests. While no schedule will accommodate the requests of all students, ours has a much higher success rate than others. Our plan is to have a preliminary 2017-18 class schedule in the hands of students by the middle of May.

As of the writing of this newsletter, our senior students are completing the home stretch of their time at SHS. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to our Graduation Ceremony on June 4 at 1:30 pm when we can appropriately honor the students who have completed the graduation requirements of the School District of Slinger. Please join us for this special event. An additional opportunity to honor our students will take place on May 17 at 7:00 pm when we hold our annual Awards Night Program. We would love to see you at this event as well.

As always, thanks for your continued support of the Slinger School District. We look forward to a positive conclusion to an excellent school year.

Phil Ourada
High School Principal

SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

The 2nd semester exam schedule is included in this newsletter. Please review the schedule and the guidelines and discuss them with your child(ren).

INFORMATION FOR 2017 - 2018 SCHOOL YEAR



You will be receiving a mailing in mid-July that will include a fee worksheet for each student in the household, a picture flyer for each student in the household, PBO enclosure, A/B calendar and open house/freshmen orientation flyer along with a return envelope. If you choose to use E-funds to pay these fees, that should be available beginning July 17.

Also in the mailing will be a list of courses that will require a fee. These fees are not due at this time – DO NOT INCLUDE THEM with your worksheet fees. There will be a request for payment of course fees emailed in September.

Each student’s data information must be verified each year, ie: address, phone, emergency contact, etc. This needs to be done electronically, like it was done last year. You should receive an email in May with instructions on how to do this. **Be sure to verify even if there are no changes.**

WISCONSIN CIVICS EXAM GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

In accordance with Wisconsin State Act 55, all students, starting with the Class of 2017, must take a civic test comprised of 100 questions that are identical to the 100 questions that may be asked of an individual during the process of applying for U.S. citizenship by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. The student must correctly answer at least 60 of those questions in order to graduate from high school. Those students taking American Studies 3 with either Mrs. Stolaski or Mr. Wolf this spring will have an opportunity to take this civics exam on Thursday, May 18. For more information about the required civics exam a parent can contact Mrs. Stolaski or Mr. Wolf or you can view the following link from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: <https://dpi.wi.gov/social-studies/laws/civics/faq>

ATHLETIC NEWS

New Programs

The Slinger Athletic Department is excited to offer two new athletic opportunities for girls beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

Next fall Slinger High School will be offering a stand-alone girls golf team. After a series of interest meetings and an interest survey at the freshman orientation night, it was determined SHS would have sufficient members to have an all-girls team. For the first year, the team will not have the opportunity to participate in the WIAA Tournament Series (Regionals, Sectionals, State) but that provision will be lifted for the 2018-2019 fall season. More information will follow after a coaching staff is hired.

Also in the fall, SHS will be offering an opportunity for our girls to swim in a cooperative program with Hartford Union High School. Participants in this program will be required to pay an athletic fee of \$300 to HUHS (double the regular HUHS athletic fee – typical of “host” cooperative programs). An interest meeting will be held during the lunch hours of May 17.

Grading Policy Change

Beginning in the fall, SHS will be adopting the recently Board-approved “no F” grading policy for athletes and students participating in competitive activities. Grade checks for these students will be performed at the following times: end of 1st quarter; end of 1st semester; end of 3rd quarter; end of 2nd semester. If a student, at any of those grading periods, is failing one or more classes, he/she will be ineligible from competition for 15 school days and school nights. The student will regain competition eligibility on the 16th day as long as he/she is passing all classes per the cumulative grade.

New Athletic Fee

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, athletic fees will increase from \$75 to \$100. The one-time fee of \$100 will cover all sports for the entire year. The new \$100 fee will also include a year-long membership to the SHS fitness center.

Scholarship Golf Outing

Mark your calendar for the Slinger Athletic Golf Outing, Dinner, and Auction on Friday, June 9 at Scenic View Country Club. Information can be found on the SHS website. Registration is set for 10:00am-11:00am with a shotgun start at 11:30am. Please come and join us for a great day.

APPROPRIATE STUDENT DRESS REMINDER

With the arrival of spring, now would be a good time for a reminder about the school dress code. Bare midribs, tops with spaghetti straps, tops that reveal too much skin and other suggestive clothing are inappropriate for school. Our school works hard to maintain a positive academic setting and such attire tends to be a distraction and, at times, is disruptive to the educational process. While the items mentioned above are but a portion of our dress code, we encourage you to review the code in the student handbook with your student. Further, please make sure your student is not wearing any of the above clothing when they leave your house. First time violators will be told to change or given a T-shirt to wear. Further violations will lead to parent notification and utilization of our progressive discipline policy. Your cooperation and support on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

HONOURS INC. SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

Our local scholarship foundation will hold their annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 12. Thirty-nine seniors will receive scholarships from this generous organization. The grand total for both college & vocational scholarships is \$160,000.

ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

The annual Award's Program is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 17, beginning at 7:00pm in our auditorium. Senior students who have received scholarships are recognized at this ceremony along with underclassmen who receive scholarships to summer camps and others.

STUDENT PARKING APPLICATION FOR 2017– 2018



Application forms for student parking for next school year will begin in early May. Students should listen to the announcements. Due to the upcoming construction, there will be changes forthcoming and when we know about those changes, we will pass them along via a mass email to keep you posted. Our student lots are color coded and students will be assigned to a specific lot – not to a specific stall. Therefore, students can park in any stall within their assigned color lot.

SUMMER DRIVER EDUCATION REGISTRATION

As announced in the January newsletter, April 6 is the deadline to turn in registration forms. Students who still want to register will be accepted only if space is available. The cost for behind the wheel instruction is \$185 and classroom is free. The first classroom sessions start June 9 and ends June 29. There is another classroom session available from July 10 – July 28. Behind the wheel is offered at various times throughout the summer and in September. Students are scheduled in order of birth dates, with the oldest students getting first choice of dates. The students' schedules will be posted in the cafeteria by April 28. Encourage your son or daughter to check the schedule and write down their date, time and location as soon as possible. If your scheduled time/date does not work for you, have your son or daughter see Duane Apel at the high school as soon as possible to see if we can work anything out. If not, your money will be fully refunded to you, as long as it is before June 1. After June 1 there will be \$25 deducted from the refund. Note: This is a summer program only, and is not offered during the school year.



COUNSELING NEWS

All freshman and sophomores will be taking the ACT Aspire Test this spring. The sophomores will be testing on April 25 and April 28, and the freshman will test April 26. The test will measure achievement in English, math, reading, science and writing, and is linked to the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards. As the date gets closer more information will be sent home.

AP Exams will take place May 1 – 12.

The registration deadline for the June 10 ACT test is May 5. Any junior planning to attend a four-year college who would like to retake the test should consider the June ACT. The next ACT opportunity is not until September. Students can register on-line at www.actstudent.org.

Any senior who has received a scholarship should provide a copy of the verification letter (indicating the scholarship name and amount) to Mrs. Bremer in the guidance office. We want to recognize all students who received scholarships but can do so only if we have the information. Parents please remind and encourage your senior to bring this information to the guidance office. This information is included in the awards night and graduation ceremony program.

All colleges require students to submit a final high school transcript after graduation. It is the students' responsibility to submit a request through Parchment (www.parchment.com) to have it sent to the college that he/she plans to attend in the fall.

Summer school registration will be mailed in the next two weeks to all eligible students. Eligibility is based on a minimum cumulative grade of 50% in the course. Students who need busing should complete registration as soon as possible to secure transportation. If you have questions contact your son/daughter's counselor.

CAPP CLASS INFORMATION

In addition to the Advanced Placement class offerings for students, there are also five options for receiving dual college credit in the CAPP program. Students can take World Literature, College Writing, Sociology, or Personal Communications and earn three college credits for \$270 per class, and students must earn an A, B, or C in the course. Students enrolled in Spanish V for \$450 for five credits. If they get a B or better, they may be awarded additional credits depending on what college they attend. These college credits transfer to UW schools and hundreds outside of Wisconsin. Go to www.uwosh.edu/capp for more information or talk to a guidance counselor.

Students must be a junior or senior and meet eligibility standards to take the class for CAPP credit. A student must meet one of the three requirements:

1. Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.
2. Class rank of 25% or higher.
3. ACT score of 24 AND be in the top 50% of class or 2.75 GPA or higher.

CAPP Pre-Registration - If junior or senior students are considering taking a dual college credit course for World Lit., College Writing, Personal Communication, Sociology, or Spanish V next year, they **MUST** pre-register between now and July 31! There is no fee to pre-register, and it does not commit you to take the course as dual college credit, but must be done in order to take any CAPP classes this upcoming school year! Pre-register information can be found on the high school web page or at <https://www.uwosh.edu/capp/internal-documents/how-to-complete-admission-completion>

ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM – Next year's topic is "Africa"

Congratulations to our Academic Decathlon (Ac Dec) team for another successful season this past year taking 6th place in Division 2 at the State Competition and having the 12th highest score in the State overall. Unfortunately, we say "happy trails" to our veteran seniors Alexander Jordan and Brody Jossart. However, every year we are encouraging young great minds to carry on our tradition of academic excellence and compete on next year's Academic Decathlon team.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A 4.0 G.P.A.! The Academic Decathlon team is always looking for students who love to learn and want to become more intellectual and potentially get better at taking tests (like the ACT). Your class rank and GPA does not matter. There is a place for all who wish to try out, and you will be competing against students of similar GPA level. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow academically.

Next year's topic of study is **AFRICA** – The Academic Decathlon program consists of competing in a series of 10 different areas; both content and skill driven. Content areas include Art, Economics, Literature, a Novel (next year's book is "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe), Math, Music, Science, and Social Sciences. Skill areas are Speech, Interview, and Essay writing. We will begin the sign-up process at the end of the school year, but if you want information on this activity, please contact Michael Hamm at Slinger High School (michael.hamm@slingerschools.org).

2017 PROM AT THE CHANDELIER BALLROOM



Slinger High School's annual Junior Prom will be held May 6 from 8:30pm-11:30pm at the Chandelier Ballroom in Hartford. This is the 7th year we have held our prom off-campus, and we hope the experience is an exciting one for all SHS students. However, as of April 24 if a Slinger student is found truant or suspended for any portion of the day, or fails to serve a detention, he/she will be put on social probation through May 6 and the student will not be allowed to attend any Prom activities.

POST PROM --- 2017

Tammy Rufener, Julie Beyer, and Jody King have graciously agreed to chair SHS Post Prom Committee. This year they are planning Slinger's annual Post Prom party right here at the High School. The evening begins at 11:00pm and lasts until 2:00am. We are hoping our fun-filled evening will provide SHS students with a great extended evening of supervised entertainment. There will be games, raffle prizes, tons of food and drink. This year's entertainment will feature casino night activities, a caricaturist, henna tattoo artist, and open gym activities. Remember-students **do not** need to attend Prom in order to participate in the Post Prom party. However, each student must present a 2016-2017 student ID in order to be admitted. Admission is free. Guests of Slinger High School students must attend Prom in order to attend the Post Prom party. If anyone is interested in helping with supervision of the event, please contact Julie Beyer at julie.beyer@slingerschools.org. You can also phone Mrs. Harmann at 644-5261, ext. 1513 or email her (p.harmann@slingerschools.org). Remember ALL SHS students can attend Post-Prom, even if they do not attend Prom—it is a fun-filled night with prizes and activities. Please encourage your children to attend this chaperoned evening.

The probationary driver's license law, which prohibits students from driving after midnight, does not apply to this event because it is a school-sponsored activity.

SLINGER SKILLSUSA UPDATES

After everyone prepared and planned for competing at the annual UW Stout regionals in February, it was extremely disappointing to find out that it was being canceled due to severe winter weather. So now our attention turns to the State competition.

SkillsUSA State competition is April 25-26 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. Parents are welcome to observe most of the contests. Other upcoming events include our annual fundraiser for cancer called, "Sock it to Cancer" in May; and we will again have a SkillsUSA Relay for Life team at the Slinger-Hartford Relay for Life July 14. For more info on our entire chapter go to: <http://www.slinger.k12.wi.us/faculty/apeldua/skillsusa.cfm>

The Slinger SkillsUSA Chapter prides itself on promoting technical skills, leadership, and citizenship. We accomplish that by competing against other high schools in a variety of technical fields and leadership contests, and through promoting good citizenship by performing community service projects.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. This year's officers are President Katie Meyer, and Vice Presidents Mikena Wantz and Matt Shea.

LOCAL HISTORY & CULTURE RESEARCH: "Water, Transportation, and Working Lives"

Come to the Slinger High School cafeteria at 6:30pm on Wednesday, May 24 to see or contribute to stories about Water, Transportation, and Working Lives in the Slinger area. Social Studies and Science students will share displays of several area workers and organizations within these themes (past and present), alumni work from these fields, and evidence of our water and road culture and history. This past year, Slinger sociology students visited with workers and organizations including the Big and Little Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, the Thursday Night Fishing Club, Cedar Lake Sailing Program, Pike Lake staff, Potable Aqua, the Cedar Lake Conservation

Foundation, local sanitation and street departments, Washington County Land and Water Conservation Department, the Global Water Center, E.H. Wolf and Sons, the Slinger Fire Department, and more. Students learned from local snow plow drivers, truck drivers, civil engineers, water engineers, aquatic and terrestrial invasive species workers, RV and boat sales people, railroad workers, local lake history authors, farmers, lake residents, water therapists, and more. AP Biology students completed Testing the Waters training, and Biology 10 students met with workers with water connections to the Allenton Marsh, the new Bucks arena, local Blanding turtles, the Scenic View golf course, and more. With the help of the History Center of Washington County, the Hartford History room, and local residents, history students documented stories about ice cutting/ice houses, mills, lake resorts, Konrath busing, the Cedar Lake Yacht Club, local railroad and road history, the Slinger floods, the impact of the building of Hwy 41, Hwy 60, and more. Political Science students will share a display summarizing the recent discussions about the route of Hwy 60. Future Author's Camp students will share a tablet showing their 2016 writing project: "Humans by the River."

The anticipated format will be a short formal introduction at 6:30pm in the cafeteria with student and Education Television Production/NEW produced video clips and a few slides from this year's research. This will be followed by an open house where visitors can walk around to visit with students to read and discuss their projects or share more information. The open house will close around 8:15pm. Community members can share additional stories/community experiences concerning the impact of local lakes, rivers, streams, sanitation, roads, railroads, water industry, and more. We are particularly looking for some perspectives on local water history (mills, resorts, floods, cisterns, etc), the impact of Hwy 41 construction in the 1950s, and the passenger train in Slinger area. Discussion concerning contemporary water and transportation topics is welcome as this gives students and staff new ideas to research in the future. The event is partially funded by a mini-grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council, a group which supports and creates programs that use history, culture, and discussion to strengthen community life for everyone in Wisconsin. The WHC receives funding from the National Endowment of the Humanities.

BOX TOPS

SOWL (Supporting Others With Leadership) is continuously sponsoring a **Box Tops** campaign to support **Teresa's Closet**, a home-grown charity that helps our Slinger students with needed school materials and fees, funding for lunches, medications, and helps families with financial needs pay electricity bills. Box Tops is a program that all of the families in Slinger should be familiar with from the elementary and middle schools. Send in your pink Box Tops off the product in a baggie or envelope to the high school with your student. There is a collection box near the lunch envelope collection box by the office windows. **Please help our district students. Send them in!**

CONTEST: We are announcing a new contest for the end of the year: We have 2 pairs of Movie Tickets and Two \$25 KwikTrip cards for the students and staff to win for bringing in Box Tops. Each group of 10 Box Tops will earn you another entry into the contest! 4 winners! That's a lot! Contest Ends... Friday, May 19th.

CELL PHONE ISSUES

High school policy requires all students to put cell phones away during the school day, from 7:25am to 2:31pm. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR TEXT YOUR STUDENT** on his or her cell phone with anticipation of a response during this restricted time. The students have been reminded of this requirement; consequences include the confiscation of the phone and a Wednesday detention. In spite of the communication about the policy and the consequences, many students continue to have their phone confiscated. This is a real challenge for the administrators who continue to believe that when reasonable expectations for behavior are communicated to all students those students who choose to ignore an expectation need consequences so their choices will improve in the future.



Schools with weak cell phone policies have had serious student management issues and academic integrity issues. Examples range from cheating on tests to pictures and videos taken in locker areas with cell phones. Slinger High School will continue to enforce strict guidelines with regard to cell phone use during unauthorized times. Please remind your child(ren) of the policy and support the issuance of consequences

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2018: SENIOR PICTURE INFORMATION

Please note that the 2018 graduates will be informed that if they want to use school uniforms for senior pictures, they are to get them from their coach or advisor before June 3. They will not be able to get uniforms after that date – NO EXCEPTIONS!

In order for the Slinger High School yearbook staff to print the color senior picture in the yearbook, seniors must meet the requirements listed below.

- ❖ Senior portraits should be taken no later than August 1 in order for professional photographers to complete and submit to the yearbook on time.
- ❖ The deadline for any photographer to turn them in is September 25.
- ❖ The photographer of choice must provide one **color** glossy head-and-shoulders photo, with no texture, vertical layout, and a head size of 1-1/4”.
- ❖ Digital images are **preferred** with a resolution of at least 300dpi. This jpg image should be emailed to amy.keliher@slingerschools.org. Please save image with student’s last name and first name (ie. Smith_Joe).
- ❖ Clothing in the portrait must be appropriate: No uniforms or unusual attire. Pets, vehicles, or props are not allowed. No hats. Must follow school dress code (no bare shoulders, spaghetti straps, too revealing, etc). This is to ensure a classy, respected yearbook. Students may take other shots for their own use, but the yearbook photo should be classy and not provocative.
- ❖ A “soft-focus” picture may appear slightly blurry in the yearbook. This is not recommended.
- ❖ **NEW:** If a senior does not submit a photo on or before September 25, the yearbook staff will use his/her school photo ID picture. There have been too many late photo submissions, and this has delayed yearbook production.
- ❖ If you do not want to pay to have senior pictures taken, please let Mrs. Keliher know and she will be happy to take a picture free of charge outside of school.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Wednesday, April 26</u> Spring Band Concert – 7:30pm	<u>Wednesday, May 10</u> Spring Choral Concert – 7:30pm	<u>Monday, May 29</u> Memorial Day - No school	<u>Monday, June 5 - Thursday, June 8</u> <u>Exam days</u>
<u>Monday, May 8</u> 8 th & 9 th Grade Spring Band Concert – 7:30pm	<u>Friday, May 19 & Saturday, May 20</u> Spring Play – 7:00pm	<u>Sunday, June 4</u> Graduation - 1:30pm Gym/Auditorium	<u>Thursday, June 8</u> Last Student Day

2017 – 2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

Please note some of the following dates for next school year. This information will also be posted on our District Web Calendar – www.slinger.k12.wi.us

<u>Monday, September 4</u> Labor Day – No School	<u>Friday, October 20</u> In-service Day – No School	<u>Monday, December 25 -</u> <u>Monday, January 1</u> Winter Break	<u>Sunday, June 3</u> Graduation
<u>Tuesday, September 5</u> 1 st Day of School	<u>Wednesday, November 22 –</u> <u>Friday, November 24</u> Thanksgiving Break	<u>Friday, March 30 – Friday, April 5</u> Spring Break	<u>Friday, June 8</u> Last Student Day

2nd SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE 2016 - 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

SEMESTER EXAMS GUIDELINES & COMMENTS

1. Semester exams will be given over a four-day period, beginning June 5. See the exam schedule for scheduled times.
2. Students are to be at their exams on time. Students who are tardy for an exam will not be allowed into the classroom. Tardy & unexcused students may lose the opportunity to take the final exam. Students who are legitimately excused from an exam(s) may make up the exam(s) on Wednesday, June 7 at a 12:10pm start time or Thursday, June 8, at a 9:05am start time in the library. **Entry after the start times is not allowed**
3. All students must take all exams during the assigned time on the exam schedule.
4. **Students MAY NOT switch testing periods without written permission from an administrator.** Switches will only be permitted under extenuating circumstances that are confirmed by parents. All exams must be completed by 10:30am on Thursday, June 8.
5. Students are not required to report to school at times they do not have exams. All students in the building but not taking an exam are to be in their assigned study hall. The Writing Center, room 159, will also be open. Students must remain out of other school district buildings and off middle school property.
6. Students are not to be in the halls or at their lockers during exam periods. Students may go to lockers during the break periods. Students arriving early for an exam must go to the cafeteria until the next break.
7. Teachers are not to dismiss students early.
8. There will be only one lunch each day. Students may leave school during lunch. Students should not loiter in the parking lot. Students are held solely responsible for returning on time for their next exam.
9. The resource period is an open study time. Students must be in the cafeteria or library. Students, with a pass may also seek teacher assistance. Hallways should remain clear.

Monday, June 5	Tuesday, June 6	Wednesday, June 7	Thursday, June 8
7:25-8:05 Resource Period	7:25-8:05 Resource Period	7:25-8:05 Resource Period	7:25-9:00 5th Hour Exam (Last 5 minutes for announcements)
8:10-9:45 6th Hour/6th & 7th A Day Exam (First 5 minutes for announcements)	8:10-9:45 2nd Hour/1st & 2nd B Day Exam (First 5 minutes for announcements)	8:10-9:45 7th Hour /6th & 7th B Day Exam (First 5 minutes for announcements)	9:05-10:30 Make-up exam period for any excused absence students
9:55-11:25 1st Hour/1st & 2nd A Day Exam	9:55-11:25 9th Hour/8th & 9th B Day Exam	9:55-11:25 3rd Hour/3rd & 4th A Day Exam	No Lunch (School Day ends @ 10:30 A.M.)
11:25-12:05 – Lunch	11:25-12:05 – Lunch	11:25-12:05 – Lunch	
12:10-1:40 8th Hour/8th & 9th A Day Exam	12:10-1:40 4th Hour/3rd & 4th B Day Exam	12:10-1:40 Make up exam period for excused absences from June 5 or 6 OR Resource Period	
1:45-2:31 Resource Period	1:45-2:31 Resource Period	1:45-2:31 Resource Period	