



# Parent Newsletter

## Slinger High School

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**Principals Message:** We had our last scheduled parent-teacher conferences of the 2024-25 school year on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all of the parents who attended. Please know that you can continue to stay connected with what's happening here at school and 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 2025-26 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.

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 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm when we can appropriately honor the students who have completed the graduation requirements of the School District of Slinger. An additional opportunity to honor our seniors will take place on May 15 at 7:00 pm when we hold our annual Awards Night Program.

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

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### SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

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

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### 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 65 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 during their scheduled class on either **Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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>.

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### ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

The annual Award's Program is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 15, beginning at 7:00 pm in our Performing Arts Center. Senior students who have received scholarships are recognized at this ceremony along with underclassmen who receive scholarships to summer camps and others. If your student is receiving a scholarship, they will receive an invitation via email in early May.

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## ATHLETIC NEWS

### **Scholarship Golf Outing**

Mark your calendar for the Slinger Athletic Golf Outing on Friday, June 13th at Scenic View Country Club. **Please note the start time of 9:00AM this year!** Details will be coming forward soon!

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## WIAA ADJUSTED GRADING POLICY

### **SPRING SPORT - Quarter 3 Grade Check – April 9th**

- Grades were due to the guidance office on Wednesday April 9th, so the grade check was performed that day.
- Any athletes receiving a failing grade or incomplete grade will be ineligible for **15 school days and nights** from competition (we cannot count weekends or spring break days)
- During that period of ineligibility, those said students remain part of the team, still practice, attend everything team related - they are just not permitted to compete
- On the **16th school day** the athlete can regain his/her eligibility as long as he/she is passing **ALL** grades reported on Skyward - per the **cumulative Semester 2 mark**
- Athletes may regain their eligibility status on Thursday, May 1st as long as they are passing all their classes per the cumulative mark
- If not passing by the 16th school day, then the ineligibility period is extended day-to-day until the athlete is passing all classes per the cumulative mark

### **FALL SPORT - Semester 2 Grade Check**

- Students who participate in a fall sport are also subject to a grade check using the "Semester 2" grade. The WIAA requires schools to use the following grid to determine the period of ineligibility for a student who receives a failing grade at the end of the second semester: <https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Eligibility/academicineligibility.pdf>

### **ATTENDANCE REMINDER - Co-Curricular Code**

- Students must be in attendance for all scheduled classes to be eligible to practice, perform, or participate in an activity. (Exception: a senior student may leave 3rd block if he/she qualifies for open campus). Students in Physical Education must participate in the class to be eligible for practice or games that day. Excused absences not including illness during the day, are at the discretion of the school administration. (ie: funerals, doctor or dental appointments, college visits) A student may miss up to two (2) blocks for an appointment. The doctor/dentist/college must verify the appointment. Any other exceptions are at the discretion of administration.

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## HONOURS INC. SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

Our local scholarship foundation held their annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts Center. Fifty-nine seniors received scholarships from this generous organization. The grand total awarded for both college & vocational scholarships was \$292,850.

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## SENIOR GRADUATION & CAP AND GOWN INFORMATION

Our 2025 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 8th at 1:30 pm in our Gymnasium. All are welcome, there will not be tickets or a limit to the number of guests per student. Doors will open at 12:30 pm.

Reminder to parents of seniors, if you have not ordered a cap and gown for your student yet, please visit [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) to do so as soon as possible. All gowns are red again this year. Please contact the main office if you have any questions.

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## STUDENT FEES OUTSTANDING

Please visit your students' fee management site to verify that all fees have been paid to date, even if you think you are paid in full. We have several fees outstanding and need to have these cleared up before yearend. **This is especially important for Seniors as fees do need to be paid up prior to graduation, if fees are not paid in full your student will NOT be allowed to walk during the graduation ceremony.** Please contact Mrs. Olson in the main office with questions. Or, you can email Kimberly Gehring in our district office: [kimberly.gehring@slingerschools.org](mailto:kimberly.gehring@slingerschools.org) in order to set up a payment plan. Thank you!

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## STUDENT PARKING APPLICATION FOR 2025-26



Application forms for student parking for next school year will be available in July. Students will be able to apply for their parking pass online once posted on the school website. Students should listen to the announcements for further information.

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## COUNSELING NEWS

**AP Exams** - AP Exams will take place May 5 - May 16. Here is a link to the 2025 exam date and time <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/exam-dates>

**ACT** - There will be two ACT test dates this summer. June 14 with a registration deadline of May 9, and July 12 with a registration deadline of June 6. Any Junior who would like to improve their ACT score for admissions or potential scholarships should consider one of these dates. Students can register by logging into their [myact.org](https://myact.org) account.

**Seniors** - 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](https://www.parchment.com)) to have it sent to the college that he/she plans to attend in the fall. If you have questions, contact your son/daughter's counselor.

**Direct Admit Wisconsin** - Slinger High School is a participating school in the college admission program called Direct Admit Wisconsin. All of the UW Colleges are part of the Direct Admit Wisconsin program, with the exception of UW Madison, UW Eau Claire, and UW La Crosse. Juniors that opt into this program will have their transcript reviewed by Direct Admit Wisconsin and will receive communication in July from each UW that is providing the student direct admission. No application is required. This is a voluntary program that students opt in to. The deadline to opt in is May 1st. See your child's counselor if you want to confirm your student's status. The class of 2027 will have an opportunity to opt into the program when registering for the upcoming school year in August through family access.

**The Wisconsin Guarantee** - Last year, Governor Evers signed into legislation The Wisconsin Guarantee that states students who are in the top 5% of their graduating class will be admitted to all UW colleges. The top 10% of students in their graduating class will be guaranteed admission to all UW Colleges with the exception of UW Madison.

If a student is interested in UW Madison, UW Eau Claire or UW LaCrosse an application for admission will be required. For students that opt into Direct Admit an application will not be required to all other UW colleges. **However, if a student is not opted into Direct Admit an application will be required to the college.** Here is a link for more information about the new programs. <https://www.wisconsin.edu/wisconsin-guarantee>

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## CAPP CLASS INFORMATION

In addition to the Advanced Placement class offerings, there are nine options for receiving dual college credits in the CAPP Program (College Writing, World Literature, Public Speaking, Sociology, Intro to Education, Spanish V, German V, Accounting III, and Chemistry). Students can earn 3 college credits for each course (College Writing, World Literature, Intro to Public Speaking, Intro to Education, Accounting III, and Sociology) or 5 credits plus 11 retroactive credits for Spanish V or German V, or 10 credits for Chemistry. The course fee is \$110 per credit or \$55 per credit if there is a financial need. Students will request a transcript after graduation to take to their universities or technical colleges. Juniors have already applied for next year in their current English class Sophomores applied with Mrs. Keliher. The deadline is July 31st.. **This is a free application without any commitments.** Registration for specific courses and course fees happen in the fall or spring. These college credits transfer to most colleges or universities (4-year and 2-year), including all of Wisconsin schools. For more information, check out <https://uwosh.edu/capp/students/apply/> Any questions, contact Amy Keliher at [amy.keliher@slingerschools.org](mailto:amy.keliher@slingerschools.org).

There are multiple ways students can earn English credits for college. If they do well on the AP language exam, they can earn 3 or more credits towards Writing 101. In addition, students can take College Writing CAPP (3 cr.) and World Literature CAPP (3 cr) their senior year and earn six college elective credits. AP Literature can also earn students 3 elective credits as well.

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## INTERNSHIP/YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP NEWS

Applications for summer and the 2025-26 school year have been made available to students through an online application. [APPLICATION](#)  
Applications are due at the end of April. If your son or daughter is interested in gaining career related experience and he or she has not applied, please encourage them to see their counselor or Russ Hermann as soon as possible. Interviews will take place the first two weeks of May. It is important for the applications to be turned in ASAP.

There are many local businesses in many different career fields that will consider taking a student learner. Currently there are over 100 students in the program. If your son or daughter isn't sure or has questions, or you would like more information regarding the internship and/or Youth Apprenticeship program, please contact the School to Work Coordinator, Russ Hermann at [russ.hermann@slingerschools.org](mailto:russ.hermann@slingerschools.org) or 262.644.5261 ext.1010.

There is a Manufacturing and Construction Career Fair being held in the PAC lobby on Thursday, May 1st from 8:30-11:30. This would be a great opportunity for a student interested in the trades seeking employment in summer, senior year or after high school. There will be close to 40 companies here looking for student learners! To register for this event, [SIGN UP HERE](#)

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## 2025 PROM AT THE CHANDELIER BALLROOM

Prom will once again be held at the Chandelier Ballroom in Hartford. The event will take place on Saturday, May 3rd from 7:30-10:00 pm with the Grand March at 8:30. Guest passes have been available in the office and are due by April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am. Tickets are \$20 and have been sold all week April 21st through 25th during lunch.

### 2025 Prom Court

Congratulations to the 2025 Junior Prom Court:

Emcee Alyvia Feilbach escorted by Emcee Sam Boden  
Nya Rogers escorted by Jack Muska  
Payton Broszawic escorted by Bryson Fogle  
Jillian Breuer escorted by Zeiad Ebeid  
Romilly Baker escorted by Ethan Wolter  
Queen Addison Gresbach escorted by King Jeffrey Ford

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## SLINGER SKILLSUSA UPDATES

The SkillsUSA team is excited to finish our year on a high note! We were excited to return to the UW-Stout regional competition in late February. Our team competed very well and we had three students place in their competitions. Simon Braeger in Electronics Tech, Kaden Allison in Tech Drafting, and Molly Proeber in Job Interview.

In addition to the regional competition we competed at the State Competition at the beginning of April. We are proud to say we had 6 State Medalists. Sebastian Rogaczewski, Matt Gnatzig, and Ion Foti placed 2nd in Welding Fabrication, Sandra Malinowski placed 2nd in Related Technical Math, Simon Braeger placed 1st in Electronics Technology, and Brandon Paulson placed 1st in CNC 3-Axis Milling! Brandon will be representing Slinger High School and the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia this June!

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. Next year we will be looking forward to competing, volunteering and growing our chapter. Anyone who takes a Tech. Ed. class and would like to challenge themselves can sign up for SkillsUSA.

This October be on the lookout for our Annual Mattress Fundraiser. This has been an excellent fundraiser for us and we hope for continued support from the Slinger community. If you have any questions about anything SkillsUSA related, or if you'd like more info for your son/daughter, please contact Matt Kolpack – [matthew.kolpack@slingerschools.org](mailto:matthew.kolpack@slingerschools.org) or [brent.hug@slingerschools.org](mailto:brent.hug@slingerschools.org)

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## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5-9

Student Council would like to recognize our wonderful teachers and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-9. They do so much for students, and StuCo wants to thank teachers with a week filled with activities, recognition, trivia games, and lunch each day. They need your help to make this successful.

Student Council members will be making door signs for each staff member. They will be making announcements and trivia contests. They are looking to give away raffle prizes each day to teachers and staff. If you would like to donate a prize or money for lunch, please bring it into the school office to give to Mrs. Amy Keliher, Adviser, anytime between now and May 5th. Prizes can be a gift card or cash/check written out to Slinger High School.

This is our eighth annual event, and the teachers LOVE it! They say it is their best week of the year. Student Council received tons of raffle prizes in the past so that 80% or more of the faculty received something. Contact [amy.keliher@slingerschools.org](mailto:amy.keliher@slingerschools.org) for more information.

Finally, Save the Date for Hootie Fest & Corn Roast on Friday, August 2, 2025, from 12-6:30pm on the athletic fields. Student Council and DECA are working hard behind the scenes to secure sponsorships and fill volunteer spots. If you or someone you know is interested in being a sponsor, contact Amy Keliher before June 1st.

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## SUMMER & 2025-26 TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

### Rotary STEP (Short Term Exchange Program) Summer 2025

Interested in traveling abroad and meeting new friends? Participate in the Rotary Short-Term Summer Exchange Program. Rotary partners you with a student or a summer camp then you travel to this destination for 2-3 weeks, then reciprocate that relationship by hosting your new Rotary friend at your home for 2-3 weeks in the summer. Exchanges happen from July - August. See Mrs. Henkel in Room 200 or email her at [ryechair6270@gmail.com](mailto:ryechair6270@gmail.com)

Attention Sophomores! If you have a 2.90 GPA or higher, you are eligible to apply to become a Rotary Youth Exchange Student for your Senior Year 2026-27! Contact Mrs. Henkel, Rotary Youth Exchange District Chair at [ryechair6270@gmail.com](mailto:ryechair6270@gmail.com)

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## ATTENTION CLASS OF 2026: SENIOR PICTURE INFORMATION

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 **September 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 **OCTOBER 20**.
- \* The photographer of choice must provide one **color** glossy head-and-shoulders digital photo, vertical layout and the student must be looking at the camera.
- \* Digital images must have a resolution of at least 300dpi. This jpg image should be emailed to [sara.hansen@slingerschools.org](mailto:sara.hansen@slingerschools.org). Please save the image with the student's last name and first name (i.e. Smith, Joe).
- \* Clothing in the portrait must be appropriate:
  - \* No uniforms or unusual attire.
  - \* No pets, vehicles, or props.
  - \* No hats.
  - \* Must follow school dress code (no bare shoulders, spaghetti straps, too revealing cleavage, 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.
- \* If a senior does not submit a photo on or before **OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>**, the yearbook staff will use his/her school photo ID picture.

Please email Sara Hansen (Yearbook Advisor) if you have any questions.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Prom @ Chandelier Ballroom**

**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – SHS Scholarship Awards Program**

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – No School/Memorial Day**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Final Exams**

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Graduation in the Gym @ 1:30 pm**

**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

### SEMESTER EXAMS GUIDELINES & COMMENTS

1. Semester exams will be given over a four-day period, beginning Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> at a 7:25 start time in the IMC. **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 Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.
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. 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.

Friday, June 6	Monday, June 9	Tuesday, June 10	Wednesday, June 11
7:25-8:05 Resource Period	7:25-8:05 Resource Period	7:25-8:05 Resource Period	7:25-9:00 Make-up exam period for any excused absence students (Last 5 minutes for announcements)
8:10-9:45 - <b>1A</b> Exam (First 5 minutes for announcements)	8:10-9:45 – <b>5A</b> Exam (First 5 minutes for announcements)	8:10-9:45 – <b>4B</b> Exam (First 5 minutes for announcements)	<b>No Lunch</b> <b>(School Day ends @ 10:30 am)</b>
9:55-11:25 - <b>2A</b> Exam	9:55-11:25 – <b>1B</b> Exam	9:55-11:25 – <b>5B</b> Exam	
11:25-12:05 – Lunch	11:25-12:05 – Lunch	11:25-12:05 – Lunch	
12:10-1:40 – <b>4A</b> Exam	12:10-1:40 – <b>2B</b> Exam	12:10-1:40 – <b>3A/3B</b> Exam	
1:45-2:31 Resource Period	1:45-2:31 Resource Period	1:45-2:31 Resource Period	