



Parent Newsletter

Slinger High School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: By the time you receive this newsletter the stress of semester exams will be over, the first semester will be completed and the second semester will be underway. The first semester was filled with memorable events and programs, including but not limited to an outstanding musical performance of "Once Upon a Mattress", a successful Homecoming week, fall athletic teams competing at a high level and wonderful holiday music presentations. Also this fall we again were awarded the \$500 Mobil Education Grant via the Addison Station Mobil and Café. This grant helps support the Math and Science programs at our high school

Winter sports are now in full swing with over half of their season done as they set their sights on finishing strong. Staff and students have been planning for Snowball on January 28 which will be a fantastic event. Award's Night, Prom and Graduation are right around the corner which is hard to imagine. Our students and staff have done a wonderful job of keeping these special events in perspective and continuing to focus on the real task at hand: maintaining high academic expectations and providing quality learning experiences for all students.

As always, we look forward to continuing to work with you and your children during the spring semester and we appreciate your continued support of our school. We are truly blessed to work in a community with such fantastic families who share our school mission and priorities.

Take care and Go Owls!

Phil Ourada

High School Principal

WEATHER DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

Decisions about inclement weather impacting your school's hours of operation will be communicated through the following means:

- 1) Slinger School District website: www.slinger.k12.wi.us
- 2) TV: Channels 4, 6, 12, and 58
- 3) School District Phone message: 644-9615
- 4) Slinger School District mass email message (as needed for early release)
- 5) Phone calls to families without email (as needed for early release)



Weather conditions could result in the one of three actions being taken by the District:

- 1) **A Two Hour Delay:** to allow road crews time to clear the roads
- 2) **A School Closing:** because unsafe conditions will persist all day
- 3) **An Early Release:** due to impending unsafe conditions at normal dismissal time

With regards to wind chill weather decisions we will use the following as a guideline:

- 1) **Wind Chill Advisory:** School will remain open (We had 13 such days last year)
- 2) **Wind Chill Warning:** School will likely close

2017 GRADUATE INFORMATION



A note to senior parents and students: in January, a printout was posted in the main office window for the correct spelling of the students' name that will be printed on the diploma. Any diplomas that have to be ordered a second time because of an error in the name will have to be billed to the parent in advance of ordering. If parents want to double check the spelling of their students' name, feel free to call Mrs. Schmeling at 262-644-5261. The deadline to do this will be February 1.

BLOOD DRIVE

The senior class is sponsoring a student blood drive on Wednesday, March 20 in the high school auditorium. If your child is 16 or older, he or she may be eligible to give. More information will be available in February.

WISCONSIN CIVICS 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 answers 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 the teacher or view the following link from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: http://cal.dpi.wi.gov/civics_grad_req.

COUNSELING NEWS

Counselors are in the process of meeting with junior students and their parents, to help plan for senior year and beyond. All meetings are scheduled during your son/daughter's study hall. If you are unable to attend the schedule time please contact Ms. Bremer in the guidance office to reschedule.

ACT Test

As part of the state test, all juniors will be required to take the ACT exam at school on Tuesday, February 28, and the WorkKeys exam on Wednesday, March 1. Students can use this ACT test score for college admissions and placement at two and four year colleges. For students interested in retesting there will be two additional test dates this spring. They will be held on Saturday, April 8 with a registration deadline of Friday, March 3, and Saturday, June 10 with a registration deadline of Friday, May 5. Students will need to register on-line at www.actstudent.org.



Wisconsin Youth Options Program

The Youth Options program allows high school juniors and seniors, who meet specific requirements, to enroll in approved post-secondary courses at a UW institution, a Wisconsin Technical College, or one of the state's participating private nonprofit institutions of higher learning. Eligible students seeking enrollment in this program must complete the Youth Options application and submit it to their counselor by Wednesday, March 1 to enroll in courses for the fall semester of the 2017-18 school year (the deadline for the spring semester of 2018 is Friday, September 29). If you would like more information regarding this program, including eligibility requirements and restrictions, please contact your student's counselor.

AP Classes & Exams

Students enrolled in AP courses this school year will take their AP exams May 1-12. Information on testing will be distributed in March in all AP classes. All students wishing to test will need to sign up in guidance by Thursday, March 23. The fee for each exam is \$93. Parents and students with questions should contact the guidance office.

Students looking for challenging courses are encouraged to consider taking one or more AP courses. Slinger High School will offer eleven AP courses during the 2017-18 school year: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Calculus, Statistics, US History, World History, US Government and Politics, Psychology, English Language and English Literature. With qualifying AP exam scores, students can earn credit or advanced placement at most universities.

Scholarships

Seniors looking for scholarships are reminded to stop in the guidance office or visit the guidance webpage. Various scholarships are available through the year so check periodically to see what is new.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Before we know it, the spring season will be upon us. Open gyms are already taking place in preparation for the spring season. Here are the following start dates for spring sports:

Boys and Girls Track – Monday, March 6

Softball – Monday, March 13

Girls Soccer and Baseball – Monday, March 20

Boys Tennis and Boys Golf – Monday, March 27

Please ensure your athlete has all the necessary requirements to participate in athletics at Slinger High School. The most important aspect for participation is to have a current physical on file with Slinger High School. The athletic fee is also \$75 for unlimited sports participation. All paperwork can be completed with the rSchool online registration system. That can be found here: <https://slingerhs-oar.rschooltoday.com>. Directions/instructions can also be found on this page. If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact Melissa DeJesus at 262-644-5261 ext. 1516 or melissa.dejesus@slingerschools.org.

If you have not yet heard, this will be Slinger's last year participating in the Wisconsin Little Ten Conference. Next year Slinger, along with Hartford, West Bend East, and West Bend West, will be merging with 6 current schools from the North Shore Conference. Those schools include Cedarburg,

Grafton, Homestead, Nicolet, Port Washington, and Whitefish Bay. We will continue to use the conference name – North Shore Conference. A lot of planning and preparation has gone into making this transition as seamless as possible. We look forward to the new challenges ahead.

Lastly, I would like to take a minute and thank all of the students, athletes, coaches, staff members, community members, and parents for making my transition to Slinger High School so positive and welcoming! We have something very special here, and I am extremely proud to be part of it. Relationships are the building blocks for success in any venue, with that being said, please keep your ears open for upcoming parent/athlete meetings with me. I will be holding some meetings so that I can communicate the “nuts and bolts” of Slinger Athletics and you can also meet me in person outside of school events.

DRIVER EDUCATION DATES FOR 2017



Slinger High School will again offer both classroom and behind the wheel Driver Education this summer. Classroom will be offered weekdays June 9 - 29, and again July 10 – July 28. Behind the wheel instruction occurs on 12 weekdays, and will be offered various dates throughout the summer, and also on a very limited basis after school in September. For exact dates and more information go to the school district website www.slinger.k12.wi.us and select High School, and then “Driver Education.”

In order to be eligible for the **classroom** phase of Driver’s Ed., students must be 15 years old. In order to be eligible for the first **behind the wheel (BTW)** session, which begins in late June, students must turn age 15 on or before December 16, 2016. In order to qualify for the July BTW session, he/she must turn 15 on or before Dec. 30, 2016. For the early August driving session, students must be 15 on or before January 26, 2017; for mid-August session Feb. 11, 2017; and for the fall session the cutoff date is February 28, 2017. Students will be scheduled in birth date order, with the oldest students receiving top priority. Students can also take classroom here and then behind the wheel with a commercial driving school if need be.

There is no charge for classroom and behind the wheel is \$185. Registration materials will be available on-line and in the high school office starting Wednesday, March 1, with a due date of Thursday, April 6.

A reminder that due to state regulations students can NOT get their temporary permit until they are 15 and a half years old, enrolled in a Driver Education course, AND within 60 days of starting formal behind the wheel instruction. If you have any questions, contact Duane Apel at duane.apel@slingerschools.org.

2017 SNOWBALL DANCE

Student Council is planning the Snowball Dance with a theme of Rooftop Garden. The dance is on Saturday, January 28, from 8:30pm-11:30pm. Tickets go on sale at lunch January 24-27. All high school students can attend! It is a semi-formal dance like homecoming. Each ticket purchaser is eligible for a raffle drawing of a free limo ride to Snowball that holds 2-6 people. The raffle will be drawn after lunch on Thursday, January 26, so buy your tickets early. Single tickets are \$10, couple tickets are \$20. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend the fun dance!

The Snowball Court is:

Representing Girls’ Basketball
Representing Boys’ Basketball
Representing Boys’ Ski Team
Representing Girls’ Ski Team
Representing Snowboarding
Representing Science Olympiad
Representing Wrestling
Representing Academic Decathlon
Representing Forensics
Representing Hockey
Representing Student Council and the MC’s

Alea Marecek escorted by Deven Mason
Nickolas Rasimus escorting Shania Martinez
Brian Jasperson escorting Renee Wagner
Emma Ney escorted by Brady Tamborino
Cade Miller escorting Abigail Verhunze
Jacob Storrs escorting Jenny Boehlke
Adam Grudzinski escorting Lindsey Retzer
Alex Jordan escorting Alex DuPont
Claire Breitenbach escorted by Jacob Amidon
Todd Prange escorting Nicole Wendelberger
Mitch Duley escorting Hannah Strachan
Erin Keliher escorted by Nicholas Storrs



Theme: Rooftop Garden

USED CELL PHONES WANTED!

Anyone with old (functional or non-functioning) cell phones is encouraged to drop them off in the high school office. Our SkillsUSA organization collects used cell phones as one of their fundraisers.

CELL PHONE ISSUES



High school policy requires all students to put cell phones away during the school day, from 7:25am to 2:31pm. They are allowed to use their cellphones to listen to music **ONLY** during study halls and lunch. **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 many times, and students were all given slips with consequences on them. Consequences are confiscation of the phone until the end of the day and assignment of a Wednesday detention. After two Wednesday detentions, parents will be asked to come get the phone, the next two infractions are Saturday detentions. Finally, if it happens again, students will be required to leave their phone in the office for the day, for the remainder of the year. Cell phones continue to be a challenge to our staff and administration as we continue to believe that cell phone use is a disruption and a threat to our academic integrity. 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. We greatly appreciate your support.

THE BIZ BUZZ

Here is the buzz on what is happening in the business and marketing education department.

DECA: Slinger DECA proved once again to be a strong competitive force. Slinger DECA competed among 500 other DECA members from Southeast Wisconsin. Each and every member who competed did an amazing job! A total of 29 medals were won with six competitors making it to finals with six placing in the top 4.

➤ **Individual Competitors:**

Nick Zogoplos – 2nd Place in Quick Service Restaurant Management
Joshua Roddy and Alex Drifka – 3rd Place in Marketing Management Team Decision Making
Anna Pedrick – 4th Place in Apparel and Accessories
Maggie Aumann – 1st Place in Accounting Applications
Austin O'Marrah – 2nd Place in Automotive Services Marketing

➤ **Category Finalist:**

Nathan Shirley – Sports and Entertainment Marketing

The Rookery:

The Rookery would like to thank all those individuals for shopping and supporting the students it services. The Rookery continues to offer JanSport®, Under Armour® and Nike®, as well as unique Slinger items such as lanyards, hats and glasses, plus we continue to add new merchandise. If you haven't "liked" our Facebook page, be sure to do so to stay current on the latest items we have in the store. Finally, stay tuned for updates on the NEW store that will be under construction this spring/summer! Yes, you read that right...The Rookery will be located in a brand new spot within the high school and will be even larger and better than it currently is! We are all so excited for what is in store!



Past Events:

On December 22, a total of 12 SHS "accounting" alumni visited that either are pursuing an accounting degree in college or currently working in the accounting industry. They spoke to the Introduction to Accounting and Advanced Accounting courses. The current SHS students learned about careers in accounting, the CPA license/exam, college life, job application tools, computer technology skills and various other topics.

MS Office 2013 certification

Students that have successfully completed the Computer Applications I course, have the opportunity to take a certification test in MS PowerPoint 2013. We are very proud to say that 38 students this fall semester passed the certification.

Any student that successfully completes the Computer Applications II course, can sit for the certification tests in MS Excel, MS Word and MS PowerPoint.

Future events include:

- DECA State - March 6-9, The Rookery Spring "Luck of the Owl" and MDA shamrock fundraiser.

POST PROM – LEND US A HAND

Our Post Prom planning committee is working hard as we speak, to have a wonderful Post-Prom for our kids. Our co-chairs are Julie Beyer, Tammy Rufener, and Jody King----along with the HS's SADD group. These individuals are planning this year's event. Please offer to help them. Prom is on Saturday, May 6, and the annual post-prom is still being planned—it's sure to be exciting. Post Prom is funded completely with

parent and business donations and provides a safe alternative (drug & alcohol-free) for your child. Please consider helping with donations, even a small one, so that we can keep providing this event for our kids. Gift cards are a great donation, a gift basket is a good donation, small items that would work at college are a great idea---be creative. Parents of all high school students, and especially parents of juniors, who would be interested in assisting with this fun project should email Julie Beyer at Julie.beyer@slingerschools.org or p.harmann@slingerschools.org . We want this to be a SUCCESSFUL event!! Please help us!

SkillsUSA UPDATE

SkillsUSA is off to another great start and our membership is over 30 students again this year. The elected officers are Katie Meyer (President), Mikena Wantz (Vice Pres.) and Matthew Shea (Vice Pres.). SkillsUSA members compete in a variety of technical and leadership contests against other high schools. Students also learn good citizenship through community service, and conduct fundraising.

SkillsUSA members been busy this fall promoting our organization and volunteering in the community. We were again heavily involved with the holiday lights show, "Enchantment in the Park," in West Bend. Many of our members helped with set up in the fall, helped guide customers and collect donations in December, and assisted with take-down in January. We also traveled to Milwaukee in October to feed the less fortunate.

In December, we hosted the District 5 competition. Many students medaled! **1st Place:** Brady Hattori - Architectural Drafting; Hunter Milner – Carpentry; Tyler Kaminiski – Sheet Metal; Rachel Hau – Welding. **2nd Place:** Alyssa Koepke – Sub-Dye Printing; Madison Cichon – Photography; Emily Kolar – Job Skill Demonstration; Nash Rettler - Carpentry. **3rd Place:** Tanner Cavil – Sheet Metal.

On February 23 & 24, we will compete at UW-Stout in the regional competition, and State is in Madison on April 25-26. State champions compete at Nationals in Louisville, KY., June 19-24.

For more information check out our web page, located on the high school web site, found under the "activities" section.

BRAZIL SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

There are three (3) spots left for our Brazil Service Learning trip scheduled for Spring Break 2018. A \$200 deposit holds your spot. Total cost of the trip is \$2980 and includes: all flights, accommodations, all meals/snack, all activities and service work, insurance, guides, tour director, and on trip medical crew. Trip final payment due by December 15, 2017. Students will earn 25 hours of international community service. This trip takes us to Manaus, Brazil and along the Rio Negro and Rio Blanco branches of the Amazon River. Service Learning is open to any Slinger high school student who desires to see the world while doing good work for others. Any questions please email Mrs. Henkel at susan.henkel@slingerschools.org or call 262.644.5261 x1257

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

No School – Teacher Inservice
Friday, February 17

Daylight Savings Begins
Sunday, March 12

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, March 2
4:00pm – 8:00pm

No School – Presidents Day
Monday, February 20

Spring Break
Friday, April 14 – Friday, April 21