

Parent Newsletter Slinger High School

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Principal's Message

Hello Families of Slinger High School,

August is already here, and the 2016-2017 school year is nearly upon us. I hope the summertime has been a restful and relaxing time for you and your families. The 2015-2016 school year was successful for our students, organizations, and teams. We plan for 2016-2017 to be even better. We are anxious to get back to the school routine working with your children. We also want to extend an extra special welcome to the incoming freshmen class (details about Freshmen Orientation below) and our new transfer students. We hope you find your Slinger High School experience to be as meaningful and fulfilling as past graduates.

The first day of school is Thursday, September 1, yet many students were already engaged with school co-curricular activities in early August. This "beginning of school" newsletter is meant to provide you with additional information regarding the start of the school year as well as inform you of school policies and behavior expectations. Also included in the newsletter are important dates to remember for you and your child. Please make note of the **Freshmen Orientation and all school Open House on Tuesday, August 30**, where you are invited to participate in a mini-schedule, meet your child's teachers and hear about course expectations.

The success SHS students have achieved over the years has been unprecedented in academics, athletics and in co-curricular activities. There are numerous opportunities available to every student to become involved. In turn, student involvement really enhances all of the great qualities of our high school. All of us at SHS are eager and excited to begin what promises to be a great year. I know staff members are looking forward to engaging and educating your children to help enhance their future successes. Further, we will do everything we can to provide your child with a great educational experience.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and find time to relax with your family. Take care and I will be seeing you soon.

Go Owls!

Phil Ourada
High School Principal

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION & ALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – AUGUST 30

Moving from the middle school to the high school is a big transition for all incoming freshmen, and we want to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible. To that end, we have scheduled a **Freshmen Orientation Night for Tuesday, August 30, at 6:00pm in the high school gym. This orientation is intended for both parents and students.** Doors will open at 5:00pm so parents and students can look around the building and find their locker before our general session. Following the general session for freshmen we run a mini-schedule at 6:30pm where students and parents are invited to meet each of their teachers, receive a list of course expectations, and see their classrooms. All teachers of all grade levels will be available during the mini-schedule. Hopefully, all freshmen and their parents will attend this orientation.

We encourage parents and students of all grade levels to participate in the mini-schedule Open House so they can meet their teachers for this school year and hear about course expectations. Please be sure to bring along a copy of the student's class schedule. The open house begins at 6:20 with your hour 1-A day class beginning at 6:30. Each class will last 5 minutes. Copies of the exact time schedule will be available that night.

COURSE FEES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR



As previously stated in our June parent newsletter, a list of courses that will require a fee was sent in our July mailing. More information and a request for payment of these course fees will be emailed to parents in September. **DO NOT INCLUDE ANY COURSE FEES WITH YOUR WORKSHEET FEES.**

NEW DISTRICT PHONE SYSTEM – DO NOT REDIAL

With the exception of the middle school, the district has been using a new phone system. This system gives a generic caller-ID number. We ask that when you receive a call from someone in the district you **do not just REDIAL**. That will not take you to the person who tried calling you. Please listen to the message to call the correct person back.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Your student's class schedule can be accessed through Family Access. Study Halls are not assigned as of yet, so if there is anything period missing, that means they will have a study hall that period. Also, on the first day of school, there will be a 5 minute homeroom, and all students will receive a new copy of their schedule. FYI – all schedules are subject to change. If you have any questions please call 644-5261 and ask for guidance.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES



PLEASE NOTE: The first day of the 2016-2017 school year is on **Thursday, September 1. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD REPORT, INCLUDING ALL SENIORS AND JUNIORS THAT MAY HAVE A LATE START SCHEDULED.** A full day of classes is scheduled. The regular school day begins at 7:25am and ends at 2:31pm. It's important that on this first day, students should report directly to their homeroom. The homeroom number is listed on your student's class schedule. Homeroom lists will also be posted throughout the school. In homeroom they will receive their final schedule.

ID/DEBIT CARDS

Temporary ID/debit lunch cards will be distributed to students during homeroom the first day of school. A reminder that money must be deposited in your family account a minimum of 48 hours prior to the start of school. This is necessary for the debit card to be activated for use on the first day of school. Since cash is not used in our lunch lines, it is imperative that a timely deposit activates the account. A separate mailing was sent to all district families this summer with all the information.

PICTURES

All students will have pictures taken for their permanent ID and yearbook during study periods the first two days of school. The order envelope for each of your children regarding picture purchase options was included in the July mailing. This must be turned in at the time that their picture is taken. Please note that seniors should also have their picture taken for their ID card.

CELL PHONE USE



Cell phone use and texting are **prohibited during school hours**; from 7:25am to 2:31pm. Cell phones **MUST BE OFF** and placed out of sight. They are allowed to use their cellphones to listen to music **ONLY** during study halls and lunch. If a student is seen with a cell phone during the hours stated above, or if the cell phone rings/vibrates during school hours, it will be assumed that the student is using the phone and violating the rule. Students who are found to be using a cell phone during restricted times will have their phone confiscated for two days and two nights. Cell phones will be returned for weekend use.

Administrators understand that our culture has changed, and that parents depend on cell phone connections to keep in touch with their busy children. Yet cell phone use is disruptive in school and compromises academic honesty. However, to assist families in keeping communication possible for pressing situations, students may use their phone in the office with permission from an administrator.

Parents, your support in this area is greatly appreciated. **Please do not call or text your child's cell phone during school hours expecting a return message.**

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

As we have done previously, report cards and parent newsletters will be emailed to the email address that has been provided by you. The newsletter is published every 9 weeks and will also be available on our website. The parent handbook is also included with this beginning of school newsletter and will also be available on our website

Currently, the Family Access feature on our website www.slinger.k12.wi.us allows you to access information regarding the status of your family's lunch account, your student's schedule, attendance, current grades and also to verify student information. If you have not already done so, please call our debit lunch office on the attendance line 644-6204 and provide the information necessary to utilize the Family Access feature on our website.

STUDENT AND VISITOR PARKING

The school board-approved parking plan continues this fall. Students had the opportunity this past May to purchase parking permits for assigned parking lots for \$70. Please remember that it is not the school's responsibility to provide parking for all students, and that there is no "free parking" in any lots of the high school and Slinger Elementary School properties. Students without parking passes cannot park in any lots on the school grounds. Students who violate this policy will be ticketed for the first offense, and the car will be towed, at the owner's expense, for any subsequent offenses.



Student Parking Passes can be picked up in the high school office by the student or their parent on August 24 from 10am-1pm

Parents, when visiting the high school, you will be able to park in any of the visitor spots that are in front of the high school facing the street and designated as VISITOR. Please do not park in any numbered stalls as they are assigned to staff.

ATTENDANCE VOICE MAIL



The high school utilizes a voice mail system with a special phone number for reporting absences (644-6204). **For reporting absences call 644-6204, and select choice number one.** Follow the voice prompts to report the absence. This system will allow you to report an absence at any time of the day. Please use this number to report any absence. This number should also be used to check your debit card status. We request that you call and excuse your student prior to the absence, when possible, or the morning of the absence, to insure your student will be automatically admitted to class upon returning. School personnel will follow-up on calls in question. Students whose absence has not been reported by a parent call must present a parent signed excuse within 48 hours of their return.

ATTENDANCE AND TARDY PROBLEMS AFFECT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Students need to be in school and need to be in class on time to reach their academic potential. Parents please remember that State Law and School Board policy limits the number of full or partial days that you can excuse your child from school without doctor's permission. The administration firmly supports the policy with consequences and counseling. Additionally, remember that Slinger High School has a closed campus policy; students cannot leave the campus without **prior** permission from a parent or guardian. Students will receive truancy consequences for violating this procedure. And lastly, the administration will not accept a parent excuse for their child to leave campus during their lunch period.

COMPUTER USE

The use of computers, including the Internet, is considered a regular part of the school day at Slinger High School. A Computer Use Agreement form must be signed by every student and their parent/guardian. All incoming freshman and any students new to the high school must have a form signed **before they can use a computer**. The computer use form will be handed out at the freshman orientation/open house and must be signed by the student and the parent.



HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

At Slinger High School we want to respect different fashion trends, but we also want to make sure we uphold a classy school environment. Clothing that is too revealing or offensive is unacceptable in the high school settings. Inappropriate attire can also be disruptive to the normal school day process and atmosphere.

The "official" guidelines to help give students and parents a clear understanding of the dress code are below. **The following are prohibited:**

- Spaghetti straps.
- Exposed midriff.
- Skirts and "skorts" more than 5" above the center of the knee.
- Tops that are low cut and too revealing.
- Exposed boxers, underwear, or undergarments
- Hats of any kind
- Shirts that promote drugs, tobacco, or alcohol

Additionally, please refer to the Parent Handbook that is also attached to your email and the Student Handbook/Planner for other attire regulations regarding safety, hygiene, language or messages on clothing, and additional appropriateness standards. Your cooperation on this matter would be appreciated as we strive to maintain an appropriate learning and workplace environment here at school.

LOCKERS



Your student's hall locker number and personal combination can be found on his or her class schedule.

Please be advised that **student locker combinations should be kept confidential**. A reminder that lockers are the property of the Slinger School District, and as such, school authorities may periodically inspect them at any time, for any reason, without notice or student consent, and without a search warrant.

BUS TRANSPORTATION



Riteway Transportation will continue to provide bus transportation for the District's students. They plan on mailing route information to each district family. If you do not receive your route information or have any questions regarding your individual bus situation, please call Riteway Bus at 644-5016.

SENIOR PICTURES

Senior pictures are due at the high school by September 25 in order to make the deadline for the yearbook. See the photographer of your choice. The senior picture will be in color. Therefore, the processing time needed makes the September 25 deadline a must!

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent Conferences in the high school are held once each semester from 4:00pm-8:00pm. High School conferences are on a first come basis and not by appointment. Conferences are scheduled for November 8 and March 2.

STUDENT HANDBOOK/PLANNER

Every student will receive a student handbook/planner on the first day of school. Parents and students should take time to review and discuss the policies and procedures found in this handbook. The handbook/planner is also designed to assist students in organizing and planning their activities. Please encourage your student to use this planner to keep track of important dates for tests and assignment deadlines.

SCHOOL CLOSING OR DELAYED START



Accurately predicting weather and road conditions is always difficult, and you all need school delay or closing information quickly. Here are several ways you can learn about any school delays or cancellations due to bad weather conditions:

- Call the Slinger School District phone line 644-9615 and check for a recorded message indicating a school delayed start or closing.
- Check the Slinger School District website opening page www.slinger.k12.wi.us for an announcement of any weather delays or cancellations.
- Watch the local television stations such as WTMJ-4, WDJT-58, FOX-6, and WISN-12 or check their websites for the listings of school closings and delayed starts.

Also, as an additional note from the District Superintendent, with regards to wind chill weather decisions, we will use the following as a guideline:

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

CHECK CASHING

Throughout the school year parents are reminded that checks for fees, fines, or other items should be written for the exact amount. Please be aware that the high school will accept such checks, but will not provide a check-cashing service to students.



STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Slinger School District is again providing accident insurance for all students enrolled in the school. It is necessary to emphasize that this coverage is only intended to pay for medical expenses which are not payable by your own family insurance coverage. Accidents must be reported to the school within 20 days. Medical treatment for a covered accident must begin within 60 days of that accident. Only expenses incurred within 52 weeks are considered.

DATES TO REMEMBER

 <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, August 30 Open House/Freshmen Orientation 6:00pm – 8:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Homecoming Friday, October 7 Parade at 4:30pm Game at 7:00pm</p>	<p>Saturday, October 8 Dance 8:30pm to Midnight Grand March at 10:15pm</p>  <p>Friday, October 21 Inservice Day - No School</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 8 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00pm – 8:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday, November 23 – Friday, November 25 Thanksgiving Break</p>
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*REQUIRED COURSE FEES – these will be requested in early September – watch for an email

Dept	Course	Course Fee	Material Fee	Reason for Material Fee
Art	Drawing & Painting I & II	\$5 ea.	\$10 ea	Supplies used in class
Art	Sculpture & Design I & II	\$5 ea.	\$10 ea	Supplies used in class
Art	Drawing Studio I	\$5	\$10	Supplies used in class
Art	Painting Studio I & II	\$5 ea.	\$10 ea	Supplies used in class
Art	Commercial Design 2D & 3D	\$5	\$10	Supplies used in class
Art	Illustration & Animation	\$5	\$10	Supplies used in class
Art	Drawing Portfolio Dev.	\$5	\$10	Supplies used in class
Art	Painting Portfolio Dev.	\$5	\$10	Supplies used in class
Business Ed.	Accounting I		\$10	Simulation booklet
FACE	Enjoying Light Meals	\$20		Food supplies for labs
FACE	Foreign & Domestic Cuisine	\$20		Food supplies for labs
Music	All Band and/or Chorus Classes	\$10		Required Class Fee (only needed to be paid once for all music dept. course)
Tech Ed	Intro to Engineering I		\$10	Consumables used for projects
Tech Ed	Intro to Engineering II		\$10	Consumables used for projects
Tech Ed	Graphics I & II	\$10 ea.		
Tech Ed	Intro to Automated Manufacturing	\$10	\$10	Tooling supplies and project material
Tech Ed	Metal Fab	\$5	\$10	Welding supplies and project material
Tech Ed	Metals Technology	\$5	\$10	Welding supplies and project material
Tech Ed	Photography		\$10	Print paper, ink, DVD, etc.
Tech Ed	Woods Technology		\$40	Projects
Tech Ed	Cabinetmaking		Varies	Individual project materials
Tech Ed	Welding I & II	\$10 ea.	\$10 ea.	Welding supplies and project material
Tech Ed	3D Modeling II		\$10	Materials
Tech Ed	Design for Manufacturing		Varies	Depends on Project Design
Tech Ed	Automated Manufacturing		\$10	MPTC articulated project
Tech Ed	Architecture I		\$5	Printing/Model making material
Tech Ed	Architecture II		\$10	Printing/Model making material
Tech Ed	Building Construction		\$20	Supplies
Tech Ed	Basic Electricity		\$10	Consumables used for projects
Tech Ed	Digital Electronics		\$10	Consumables used for projects
Tech Ed	Advanced Photo & Video		\$15	Consumables for projects
Tech Ed	Adobe Illustrator	\$5	\$10	Portfolio, paper, ink
Tech Ed	Adobe Photoshop	\$5	\$10	Portfolio, paper, ink
Tech Ed	Adobe InDesign	\$5	\$10	Portfolio, paper, ink
Tech Ed	Graphic Design & Specialty Printing	\$10		
World Lang	German I		\$33	Workbooks (price may change)
World Lang	Spanish I & II		\$20 ea.	Workbook (price may change)

*These fees are subject to change.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SLINGER

ANNUAL NOTICE OF POLICIES, PROCEDURES

Certain School District of Slinger policies and federal regulations require that parents/guardians be informed about them annually. Listed below are notices that are published to keep parents/guardians informed and to meet these notification requirements. Contact the office of the school your student attends or check the district's web site at www.slinger.k12.wi.us to obtain the entire policy or further information on any of these matters.

Student Nondiscrimination/ Religious Accommodations

The Slinger School District is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, color, disability, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, handicap or any other factor provided for by state and federal laws and regulations. Formal complaints regarding discrimination should be sent in writing to: The District Administrator, School District of Slinger, 207 Polk St., Slinger, WI 53086

The district will provide reasonable accommodations to sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to exams and other academic requirements.

Student/parent privacy rights

The School District of Slinger respects the privacy rights of parents and their children and complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as well as the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. Questions regarding the implementation of privacy rights may be directed to the child's building principal.

Standardized Testing

We follow the State Of Wisconsin's testing plan. Your child's performance on state assessments will be shared with parents as soon as practical after the assessment results have been received. It is a parents right to opt their child out of these tests but we would ask that you have a conversation with the building principal before taking such a step.

Student Records

FERPA provides parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are the rights to:

- Inspect and review the student's records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access;
- Request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate;
- Consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent;
- File a complaint concerning alleged school district failures to comply with the requirements of FERPA to Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Dept. of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. WE, Washington DC 20202-509L.

The District forwards records to other schools that have requested them if a student seeks to enroll/attend or is already enrolled as long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer. All patient health care records must remain confidential unless disclosure is permitted by policy or applicable law. The district's patient health care records may be released upon request without informed consent as allowed by applicable law.

Directory Information

The School District of Slinger will continue to follow the guidelines of the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Sensitive student records will not be released to third parties without first contacting parents or guardians. FERPA allows schools to disclose information not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy. This information is called "directory information" under FERPA, and includes the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight of athletic team members, dates of attendance, grade level, degrees received, honors and awards received, e-mail address, photograph, and most recent and previous educational agency or institution attended. A parent/guardian must inform the school in writing (within 14 days of this notification) of the directory items they refuse to permit the school district to designate as directory information. The school does not provide this directory information to advertisers.

In accordance with federal law, the district shall provide military recruiters and post-secondary schools with student directory information. An adult student or parent/guardian may request that this information not be released to military recruiters or post-secondary schools by contacting the school.

Parent rights and the curriculum

The School District of Slinger recognizes the right of parents to inspect instructional materials and to deny their child's participation in certain curricular activities according to state and federal laws and regulations. Reasonable accommodations for examinations and other academic requirements may be made because of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs. Parent/guardians are to be notified in advance of any surveys that would divulge personal information identified in policy 333. Parent/guardians may request the building principal exclude their child from such a survey.

Parents/guardians may make requests to building principals regarding the above. If parents are not satisfied with the principal's decision, they may appeal to the Assistant Superintendent. Future appeals, will go to the superintendent, the School Board and, if necessary, the state superintendent.

Security cameras

The Slinger School District uses security cameras on school property and school buses for the purpose of maintaining a safe and orderly educational environment, for identifying disciplinary issues, for minimizing theft and vandalism, and for enforcing school policies and rules. Only individuals authorized by the building principal(s) or the district administrator may view recordings of the security tapes. The district reserves the right to provide copies of recordings to law enforcement agencies as deemed appropriate.

Education For Employment

The Slinger School District has a plan in place to address education for employment. This includes career awareness at the elementary level, career exploration at the middle level, and career planning at the high school level. These academic and career planning services are available for all students.

Qualified Teaching Staff

The Slinger School District will hire properly qualified and licensed teaching staff. If the need arises where we would have a staff member who does not meet the highly qualified standard we will notify the parents of this situation if that person will be teaching a course for more than three weeks. You may request the qualifications of your child's teachers by contacting the district office.

Academic Standards and Educational Options

The School District of Slinger NOTICE OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS THAT ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

State law requires the District to provide the parents and guardians of all enrolled students with notice of the academic standards in mathematics, science, reading and writing, geography, and history that have been adopted by the School Board and that will be in effect during each school year. Accordingly, the District academic standards that will be in effect in these specific content areas for this school year are listed below.

The District's 2016-17 Student Academic Standards

The District has adopted the philosophy to utilize a mixture of standards using the leading research consortiums as our guides.

The standards that the district utilizes include:

- Wisconsin State Academic Standards
- National Council Of Teachers Of Mathematics- Principles and Standards for School Mathematics
- ACT College and Career Readiness Standards
- The Next Generation Science Standards
- McRel International Standards

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the District Office.

This notice is issued pursuant to [section 120.12\(13\)](#) of the state statutes.

The annual notices of the districts Academic Standards and Educational Options can also be found on the school districts website.