Slinger Middle School "Thinking Beyond Today"

June 2018

Mr. Baker Associate Principal

Message from the Principal

Mr. Goneau

Principal

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 on their promotion to ninth grade. I wish them the best of luck as they move to the high school and continue on their path to success. As they leave, we're getting ready to welcome the Class of 2025 to our great school. They are in for a fantastic three years!

Our faculty and support staff enjoyed an outstanding year working with your kids. We had many successes during the year because of our caring and dedicated professionals. The challenging and rewarding classroom experiences combined with our educational and co-curricular programs helped us meet the needs of all students. As we move into next year, we'll continue striving for ways to make those classes and programs even better.

Have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Open House in August.

Sincerely,

Dean Goneau Principal

Fall Registration

Registration materials for the 2018-2019 school year will be mailed out the last week of school. Also included will be a listing of the special courses your child has signed up for that will have additional fees. Parents should return the completed forms and fees by August 6th, in the envelope provided.

Your child's schedule, locker assignment, combination and all other important information will be mailed out the week of August 13th.

Each child will have a lock assigned for the school lockers and will be on the locker. The combinations can be found on her or his schedule. Only school locks may be used on lockers. If a lock is lost, the replacement fee is \$5.

Mrs. Havey will be in the office on a parttime basis during the summer. Please check the web site for office hours if you need to call or stop in with any questions. You may also email Mrs. Havey at joan.havey@slingerschools.org as she does check her email frequently.

Enjoy your Summer!

Open House

Middle school open houses will take place on the following dates and times:

 6^{th} grade – Monday, August 27^{th} - 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 7^{th} grade – Tuesday, August 28^{th} - 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 8^{th} grade – Tuesday, August. 28^{th} - 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Food and Nutrition

- Please watch for an email during the summer from the Slinger Food and Nutrition Department. It will include updated information regarding the lunch program for the 2018-2019 school year. Families that do not have email access will receive a paper copy in the mail.

- For families who qualified for free or reduced price lunch during the current school year, those benefits will expire October 15, 2018.

- <u>Direct Certification</u> is the process where the Slinger School District certifies children for free lunch who are members of households receiving assistance under the Food Share Program. If you receive <u>Food Share</u> you <u>do not</u> have to complete a paper application – your children will be <u>directly certified</u> for free lunch benefits. You will receive a letter confirming this by the first week of the new school year.

- The 2018-2019 <u>Free and Reduced Meals</u> <u>application</u> will be available on-line, in each school office, or from the food service department at the end of July. Please follow the instructions if you wish to apply for these benefits for the new school year.

- Please contact the Food and Nutrition Department if you have any questions at 262-644-9615.

Thank you for your support. It has been a pleasure serving your children and we look forward to another school year filled with healthy meal choices.

Athletics

Athletic physical/waiver cards for the sports program at SMS were made available to all middle school students through their PE classes this spring and are available online.

The Athletic Code, concussion, and emergency forms can be found on the SMS Homepage. Please click on athletics and you will see the link for online registration. All forms will be completed online.

Cross Country and Girls Basketball sign up will be Tuesday, September 4th, during lunch.

Girls' Basketball Practice will start on Thursday September 6th and Cross Country Practice will start on Monday, September 10th.

The following items **<u>must</u>** be filled out before you can practice:

- 1) signed athletic code
- 2) concussion form
- 3) emergency form

The physical/waiver card and the athletic participation fee (\$40) must be turned in to the office.

The middle school athletic conference sponsors 6th, 7th and 8th grade cross country, 6th, 7th and 8th grade wrestling, 7th and 8th grade boy's and girl's basketball, 7th and 8th grade boy's and girl's track and 7th and 8th grade girl's volleyball.

If you plan on participating in any sport next year, stop in and see Mr. Westerman during your grade level open house.

Announcements will be made during the school year to inform you of sign up opportunities for Slinger Middle School sports.

We are looking forward to a great 2018-2019 Athletic Season!

School Supply List

A school supply list for the 2018-2019 school year is listed on our website and also available in the middle school office. Copies have been sent to numerous businesses in the area to help make your school shopping easier.

Summer School

This year's summer school session begins on Wednesday, June 13th and concludes on Friday, July 13th. No classes are scheduled on July 4th-July 6th. Summer school hours are 7:45 to 12:00.

Box Tops for Education

Thank you to all of the families who have dropped off box tops. Please continue to save the box tops from General Mills products this summer to drop off next fall. The money raised from this will be used to welcome new students to the middle school and for student events throughout the school year.

Slinger Middle School News

In the school district's efforts to cut spending, we no longer print and mail newsletters or report cards. All newsletters and report cards are sent home via Skyward. If you would like to receive a paper copy, please contact Joan Havey in the main office at Slinger Middle School.

From the Slinger School District Office on Fee management:

As the school year comes to a close, it is important for you to check your child's account via Family Access. All fees must be paid before the new school year begins. Unpaid fees will remain on your account and will continue to accumulate from year to year.

To ensure you are paying the correct amount for next year's fees, please check Family Access to see if you have a credit balance on your account. If you do, it will be applied towards 2018-2019 fees. If you have any questions about Family Access please contact Annette Bock at 262-644-9615.

Author's Camp

The seventh-annual Future Authors' Camp is accepting registrations. We're excited to invite any passionate writers looking to establish and strengthen friendships, write what they love, collaborate with other talented writers, and publish their work. The Slinger Authors' Camp has been featured in a a Bubbler Talk segment by WUWM and a Community Story by 88.9 Radio Milwaukee. Our campers' works have been published in The Storyteller literary magazine and Wisconsin Outdoor News. Our campers have also received recognition from the Milwaukee Public Museum Poetry Contest, aand the prestigious Scholastic Art and Writing Contest, including 4 Gold Key awards, 5 Silver Key awards, and numerous Honorable Mention awards. Here is the link to the flyer, which contains

the link to register for camp.

Mrs. DeLaura will be facilitating a parallel youth camp this summer for students entering grades 3-6. <u>Here is the link to that flyer</u>.

Summer Band Camp

Summer Band Camp is required for all incoming band students and will be Monday through Friday, August 6^{th} - August 10^{th} from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast Club

The Slinger Middle School Breakfast Club provides snacks for the staff once a month. Club volunteers can sign up by a shared monthly link from the coordinator; they choose what they bring and when they want to volunteer.

An evening meal will be provided in November for parent/teacher conferences, and we are always looking for extra volunteers for that date.

If you are interested in helping out with this effort, please call or email Jane Hignite, Breakfast Club Coordinator, at 262-629-9348 or janehignite@gmail.com.

2018-2019 Calendar Highlights

Monday, August 27th: 6th Grade Open House Tuesday, August 28th: 7th & 8th Grade Open Houses Tuesday, September 4th : First day of school Friday, October 19th : No school/Inservice Day Thursday, November 8th: Parent Teacher Conference Thursday, November 15th: Parent Teacher Conference Wednesday- Friday, Nov. 21st—23rd: No School December 24th – January 1st: No School Monday, January 21st: No School February 15th: No Students/ Inservice Day February 18th : No School April 19th - April 26th : No School Monday, May 27th: No School Monday, June 10th: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony Tuesday, June 11th: Last day of classes

School Phone Numbers

Phone – 644-5226 Fax – 644-7353 Attendance – 644-9307