



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 "The Wizard of Oz," a successful Homecoming week, fall athletic teams competing at a high level and wonderful holiday music presentations.

Winter sports are now in full swing with over half of their season done as they set their sights on finishing strong. 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**
- 2) **Wind Chill Warning: School will likely close**

2019 GRADUATE INFORMATION



A note to senior parents and students: In early January a printout was posted in order to verify 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. Olson at 262-644-5261. The deadline to do this will be January 31.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Influenza activity is increasing throughout the country, and it's only a matter of time before it's here. If you suspect your child may have the flu (or another illness), please keep them home. Contact their doctor for any recommendations, such as an anti-viral medication. Your child may return to school once fever free (without fever reducing medicine) for 24 hours. We require that if your child has vomited, also allow for 24 hours before returning to class. As a school, we are working hard to keep our environment clean to prevent the spread of illness. It is very important we have your help as well. Please see the link below with great information on how to prevent the flu in your family. Have a wonderful and most of all - a HEALTHY week!

~School District Nurse, Kelly Soik

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/updated/everyday-preventive-actions-8.5x11.pdf>

COUNSELING NEWS

Counselors will begin 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 scheduled 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 Wednesday, February 20, and the WorkKeys exam on Thursday, February 21. The state test is free of charge for students to take and can be used for college admissions and placement at two and four year colleges. For students interested in retesting there will be three additional test dates this spring/summer. They will be held on the following dates; April 13 with a registration deadline of Friday, March 8, Saturday, June 8 with a registration deadline of Friday, May 3, and Saturday July 13 with a registration deadline of Friday, June 14. Students will need to register on-line at www.actstudent.org The cost to retest is \$67 for ACT with writing or \$50.50 for ACT without writing.

Start College Now and Early College Credit Program

This is the former Youth Options Program. Both programs allow high school juniors and seniors to enroll in approved post-secondary courses if they meet prerequisites and space is available in the course. Eligible students seeking enrollment in this program must complete the application and submit it to their counselor by Friday, March 1 in order to be approved and enroll in the fall semester of the 2019-20 school year (the deadline for the spring 2020 semester will be October 1st). If you would like more information regarding this program, including eligibility requirements and restrictions, please contact your student's counselor.

Certified Nursing Assistant Course (CNA)

Students can take the CNA course at Slinger High School. Students will need to enroll in the Start College Now program through Moraine Park Technical College. If a student is interested they need to submit the Start College application by March 1st for first semester and by October 1st for second semester.

AP Classes & Exams

Students enrolled in AP courses this school year will take their AP exams May 6-17. Information on testing will be distributed at the end of February in all AP classes. All students wishing to test will need to sign up in the guidance office by Friday, March 22. The fee for each exam is \$94. Parents and students with questions should contact the guidance office.

Challenging Courses & College Credits

Students who are looking to challenge themselves and earn college credit are encouraged to take AP and/or CAPP courses. At Slinger High School we offer twelve AP courses: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Calculus, Statistics, Human Geography, 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. Through the CAPP program, students can earn college credits through UW Oshkosh in the following courses; College Writing, World Literature, Introduction to Public Speaking, Sociology, and Spanish V. In order to earn college credits students need to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 OR a minimum ACT of 24 combined with a GPA of 2.75. Students wishing to take CAPP classes are required to apply to UW Oshkosh, enroll in the course, and pay the tuition. Further information will be mailed home this spring to students taking these courses.

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. Students are encouraged to bring their award letters to the guidance office to be published in the graduation program.

Career Cruising

All students have an active account on career cruising and are encouraged to keep their resume updated. Students can utilize this tool to research career and education option

SLINGER'S GOT TALENT – FEB. 9

Student Council and FCA are sponsoring **Slinger's Got Talent** show on Saturday, February 9th, at 6pm for high school students to display their musical, dance, acrobatic, and comedy skills. All of the ticket sales and concessions for the talent show will go to Teresa's Closet, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the children of the School District of Slinger. Tickets are only \$4 at the door. Please consider attending this fun night for a great cause! Please help support Teresa's Closet.

ATHLETIC NEWS

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NEW – ATHLETIC Registration Process – Owl Card

Over the course of the last few seasons, we have had many athletes come to the first practice without one/some/all of the requirements needed to practice on the first day. The students would then rush to complete the online registration or even run out to get a physical. To eliminate that, we are asking all athletes to contact Mrs. Taylir at 262-644-5261 x1404 or vanessa.taylir@slingerschools.org to verify if all requirements have or have not been completed and subsequently obtain an Owl Card. Students and/or parents could also stop in the main office check to eligibility status.

An Owl Card will be issued to a student or a parent when all athletic registration has been completed. The card must be picked up in person. That card must be given to the coach on the first day of practice. The card will be our communication tool with the coach that the student athlete has completed all the requirements to participate in athletics at SHS. **No Owl Cards will be given out the first day of practice.** Please make sure you have verified with Mrs. Taylir in advance and made accommodations to have the information picked up from the main office.

As we look forward to the spring season, there are a few things that need to be completed before a student may participate in athletics. All of the following need to be on file in the high school athletic office in order to participate.

1. WIAA physical card or alternate year card filled out completely and signed
2. Online athletic registration completed
3. \$100 athletic fee paid
4. Pick up Owl Card in main office

You may also drop off forms and payment (attention: Vanessa Taylir) in the main office.

Co-Curricular Code Meetings

There will be a co-curricular code meeting for current freshmen and sophomores on Wednesday, February 20th at 6:00PM in the high school IMC. The meeting is required for any current freshmen or sophomores wanting to participate in a fall sport or competitive activity. If you have already attended a meeting in the past, the requirement has been filled. Students/parents need only attend once per student's tenure at SHS.

WIAA Spring Sport Start Dates

Monday, March 4th – Track & Field (Boys & Girls)
Monday, March 11th – Softball
Monday, March 18th – Girls Soccer
Monday, March 18th – Baseball
Monday, March 25th – Boys Tennis
Monday, March 25th – Boys Golf

Scholarship Golf Outing

Mark your calendar for the Slinger Athletic Golf Outing, Dinner and Auction on Friday June 14th at Scenic View Country Club. Registration is set for 10:00am – 11:00 am with a shotgun start at 11:30 am. Please come and join us for a great day!

Vaping & Electronic Cigarettes

Vaping and the use of electronic cigarettes is on the rise; however, the trend also has consequences as it relates to the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct at SHS and the Village of Slinger. The Village has recently adopted an ordinance that prohibits the sale of vapor products to persons under the age of 18. The ordinance also prohibits the purchase or possession of vapor devices/products for those persons under the age of 18. Violation of the ordinance may result in money forfeiture (1st offense - \$155.50).

The Code of Conduct enforces a violation for the use/possession/purchase of vapor devices/products (synonymous with smoking). The first violation is 20% of a participant's season; second offense 40%; a third offense results in a suspension for a calendar year.

Here is a link to a Parent Tip Sheet – How to Talk to Kids About Vaping from the Center from Disease Control:

https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf

Here is a link to a Vaping Fact Sheet from the Center from Disease Control:

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/factsheet/pdfs/e-cigarettes-usb-flash-p.pdf

DRIVER EDUCATION DATES FOR 2019



Slinger High School will again offer both classroom and behind the wheel Driver Education this summer. Classroom will be offered weekdays June 12 – July 2, and again July 8 – July 26. Behind the wheel instruction occurs on 12 weekdays, and will be offered various dates throughout the summer, and on a limited basis after school in September. For exact dates and detailed 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 19, 2018. In order to qualify for the July BTW session, he/she must turn 15 on or before Jan. 2, 2019. For the early August driving session, students must be 15 on or before January 22, 2019; for the mid-August session Feb. 9, 2019; and for the fall session the cutoff date is February 28, 2019. Students will be scheduled in birth date order, with the oldest students receiving top priority. Students can also take classroom through SHS 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 Friday, March 1, with a due date of Thursday, April 11.

A reminder that due to state regulations students can NOT get their temporary permit until they are 15 ½ years old, enrolled in a Driver Ed 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 and check out the Driver Ed link on the high school home page.

2018 EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE GRANT RECEIVED

Slinger High School is the recipient of a 2018 Education Alliance Grant sponsored by Exxon Mobil. SHS was nominated by one of our local Exxon Mobil stations: Addison Station. The \$500 grant will help support many of our educational programs. Thanks so much to Exxon Mobil and Addison Station.

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.

GERMAN CLUB

The German Club spent December doing very traditional German Christmas activities. They went to the Christkindlmarkt (German Christmas Market) outside the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee and had German food and treats. This was Milwaukee's first outdoor German Christmas Market. They also built Gingerbread houses in the annual "Pfefferkuchenhaus Wettbewerb" (Gingerbread House Competition). Teammates Sophia Erkkila, Abbey Schmoltdt, and Anna Kluever won first prize and Paige Pfeiffer, Lanae Knabe, Claire Pitrof, and Leah Moser came in second.

THE BIZ BUZZ

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

What our DECA members are up too:

Joining the DECA chapter here at the high school provides your son and daughter with a wonderful assortment of opportunities, from volunteering, to work experience to helping out the community. For the past few months our students have raised good for the Slinger Food Pantry during Trick or Can, learned about the distribution process at Legendary Whitetails and helped fundraise for a teacher and her son who needs a bone marrow transplant during DECA the Halls by selling hot chocolate.



In addition to all, many of our DECA students competed on January 5th among 600 DECA members in the southeastern portion of our area. Medalist included **Ali Vollmar, Maggie Klippel, Andrew Davis, Rebecca Richardson** and **Sydney Strachota, Ethan Schmidt, Vinny**

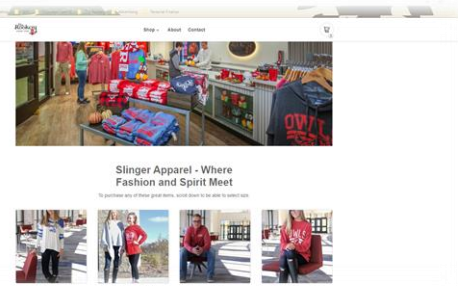
Damato, Heather Campbell, Katie Gresser, Alyse Drifka, Zachary Stupnik, Nolan Fehrman, Owen Zaskowski, Tyler Stanek. The following students placed in their respective category: **Josh Roddy and Alex Drifka** 4th place Marketing Management, **Ava Breuer** 3rd place in Principles of Hospitality and Tourism, **Alyna Reiter** 3rd place in Quick Serve Management, **Cael Grotennuis** 4th place in Sports Marketing, **Hannah Murray and Ethan Szamocki** 3rd place in Sports Team, **Anna Richardson** 1st place Apparel and Accessory Marketing, **Emily Becker and Makenna Erickson** 2nd Place Buying and Merchandising, **Austin Blair** 2nd place in Restaurant Management, **Taylor Rhodes and Jack Summers** 2nd place Sports Team and **Tanner Sarauer** 1st place Sports Marketing. Wow, Slinger is a power house, once again! Great job everyone! **Well done!**

The Rookery:

We hope you've had the chance to see the newly renovated Rookery. This space is amazing and students featured below presented our store at the International conference in Atlanta and earn the 1st place spot in the world.



Another great feature of our store is we are now also ONLINE. You can shop from the convenience of your home ANYTIME and have your order delivered the Slinger your son or daughter attends main office. Plus, this new online store has also



<https://squareup.com/store/the-rookery-3>

allowed us to partner up with students in the life skills program to help install workplace and communication skills. They are an integral part of the logistic in getting your order to those schools. We encourage your to order online or stop in to help be a part of the learning experience for our students.

Not only does this store continue to serve everyone who lives in Slinger with high quality Slinger merchandise, but it continues to provide an AMAZING experience to all the students who get the chance to work in it. If you would like your son or daughter to get work experience and learn some highly demanded skills needed within the workforce, encourage them to take Intro-to-Marketing and/or Join DECA. Those students not only staff our store, but have the opportunity to become student managers and complete an Internship their junior or senior year. These student managers not only get experience in inventory, training employees and promotional techniques, but they also earn **credit** and are **paid**



employees. Wow, how wonderful is that! The Rookery truly gets our kids career and college ready!

For more information or to stay up to date on hours, events and merchandise, be sure to "like" our [Facebook](#) page @therookeryslinger, or "follow" us on [Twitter](#) @rookery_slinger or [Instagram](#) slinger.rookery.

MS Office 2013 certification

Students that have successfully completed the Computer Applications I and II course, have the opportunity to take a certification test in MS PowerPoint, MS Excel or Word 2013. This is an actual certification issued by Microsoft and adds to the marketability of the student.

Future events include:

DECA State - March 4-7, and DECA MDA Masters fundraiser to raise money for MDA

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 Rebecca Jagielski, 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 11, 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 Rebecca Jagielski at rebecca.jagielski@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 40 students again this year. The elected officers are Alyssa Koepke (President), Katy Anderson (Vice Pres.) and Nash Rettler (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 have 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 to feed the less fortunate.

In December, we dominated the District 5 competition here at Slinger High School. With 18 schools competing and over 250 competitors, Slinger had 12 medalists, including 6 gold medal winners! **Gold medalists** were: Cole Duehring - CNC Milling; Sam Schodron - Computer Programming; Emily DeRuyter - Job Interview; Sam Strachan – Technical Drafting; Madison Cichon – Photography; Tyler Kaminski - Welding.

2nd Place finishers: Marshall Jacklin- Sheet Metal; Emma Melzer- Technical Drafting.

3rd Place finishers: Shawn Rongstand- Cabinet Making; CNC Milling - Michael Schuster; and Heinz Walther - Sheet Metal.

On February 28th, we will compete at UW-Stout in the regional competition, and State is in Madison on April 30th. State champions compete at Nationals in Louisville, KY., June 25-30. For more information check out our web page, located on the high school website, found under the "activities" section.

3rd Place finishers: AJ Houck- Woodworking Display; and the team of Tyler Ott, Ethan Green, & Will Weis –Team Engineering Challenge.

On February 22 & 23, we will compete at UW-Stout in the regional competition, and State is in Madison on April 24-25. State champions compete at Nationals in Louisville, KY., June 25-30. For more information check out our web page, located on the high school web site, found under the "activities" section.

WASHINGTON DC AMERICAN STUDIES TRIP 2019

3 spots still available! American Studies 3 teachers, Ms. Stolaski and Mr. Wolf, are offering a **Spring Break 2019** trip to Washington DC for students to tour their capital city and see their government at work. The trip is open to all students who will be in 9th -12th grade during the 2018/19 school year. sign up online at www.BeloUSA.com Click on Member Login, then enter: SLINGER and CULTURAL for user name and password. Price includes roundtrip flights to Washington DC, hotel, 2 meals per day, entrance fees, and most importantly, fun MEMORIES with your friends! Any questions contact Mrs. Henkel at susan.henkel@slingerschools.org or call 262.644.5261 x1200

BOX TOPS

The Slinger High School club, S.O.W.L., is collecting Box Tops again for local charities. This contest is even better than the last one! We are giving away gift cards for food, gas, and coffee! Not sure what teen needs more than than :) Every ten Box Tops gets your students' name into the drawing. The last collection was very successful, we collected more than 600 box tops. Help us hit our goal of over 1000 box tops for our next drawing, February 14th. Thank you for every Box Top your family has contributed and congrats to our last months winners: Tori Callies, Lindsey Rozek, Ethan Henneberry, and Tanner Rozek. The box is located by the Rookery. Any questions, ask a S.O.W. L. member!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

No School – Teacher Inservice
Friday, February 15

No School – Presidents Day
Monday, February 18

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, February 28
4:00pm – 8:00pm

Daylight Savings Begins
Sunday, March 11

Spring Break
Fri, April 19 – Fri, April 26