



Parent Newsletter

Slinger High School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: It is hard to believe, but the 1st quarter of the school year is complete. Our fall sports season has concluded, and one of the major social events of the school year, Homecoming, was held the week of October 3rd. Homecoming is a special time at Slinger High School. The annual tradition includes Spirit Week dress-up days, float and gym decorating, the pep rally with the wonderful Memory Skit, athletic contests, the parade and the dance. The students made homecoming and the first quarter of school a big success.

Our high school musical, *Once Upon A Mattress*, was performed November 4th - 6th and it was exciting to see all of our talented students take the stage to perform. Numerous students were involved in the production of this year's show and it was exciting to see all of their hard work come together in those three shows. Thank you to everyone who came and saw the show!

As always, thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your children.
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 December/January, a printout will be posted in the main office window for the correct spelling of the students' name that will be printed on your diploma. Any diplomas that have to be ordered a second time because of an error in the name will have to be billed to you in advance of ordering. Students should listen to announcements for the date of the posting. Changes need to be given to Mrs. Schmeling in the office no later than January 16th, 2017.

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 answer at least 60 of those questions in order to graduate from high school. Those students taking American Studies 3 or AP United States Politics and Government with either Mrs. Stolaski or Mr. Wolf this fall will have an opportunity to take this civics exam on Thursday, December 22nd. For more information about the required civics exam a parent can contact the high school office or a parent can view the following link from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: <http://dpi.wi.gov/social-studies/civics>

VACATIONS – EXTENDED ABSENCES

Regular school attendance is important for student success but we understand there are times when it is necessary for you to remove your child from school due to personal, educational and medical reasons. Because of our accountability to the State Department of Public Instruction, we must maintain accurate attendance records and submit them annually to the state agency.

We want to work cooperatively with families to ensure accurate attendance. We can achieve this through the following: please call in absences the day of the absence (our attendance line, 644-6204, is available 24 hours/day), students with an extended absence must notify the attendance secretary and submit the proper absence form, students who miss school due to a medical, dental or court appointment should bring documentation of their appointment and this absence will not count toward the 10 day excused absence limit.

If you have any questions about the procedures, please contact the attendance secretary Mrs. Cagle (644-5261) or email her at deanna.cagle@slingerschools.org.

SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER

The 28th annual Senior Citizen Dinner will take place on Wednesday, December 14th, in the high school cafeteria from 5:30pm-7:15pm. The Slinger High School Student Council sponsors this event. They provide a nourishing, wonderful meal and homemade desserts for the seniors of our district. The council also raffles off 15 poinsettias to the lucky people with winning tickets. Following the dinner, the senior citizens are invited to the Holiday Band Concert in the auditorium at 7:30pm. Please RSVP by calling the high school office at 262-644-5261 by Friday, December 2nd.

FREE SANTA SITTERS



Student Council will watch your small children on Saturday, December 10th, from 11:00am – 3:00pm so you can shop! Please send an email to amy.keliher@slingerschools.org or call 262-644-5261 ext.1107 to reserve a spot for your child/children. Ages 4 + preferred, and they must be potty trained. A lunch of grilled cheese or hot dog, snacks, and juice will be provided for FREE.

BOOK FAIR

Slinger High School is having a Book Fair on December 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Come browse and buy books in the library while sipping a cup of hot chocolate. Buy those last minute holiday gifts while supporting the SHS library. Win prizes! Open to the public from 2:30pm – 4:30pm.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Attention Seniors

Seniors are not required to meet with their counselor; however they are available to help with post-secondary planning and resources. Seniors are encouraged to complete their college applications prior to Thanksgiving break. Student's applications are not considered complete until all documents are received in the admissions office. This includes the application, fee, high school transcript, and ACT/SAT score. Students can order their transcript on-line by going to the guidance webpage and clicking on transcripts (the cost is \$3.33) or by stopping in the guidance office and filling out a transcript release (the cost is \$5.00) Parents are encouraged to call or e-mail if they have any questions.

Scholarships

Scholarship information is available in the guidance office or on the guidance webpage. There are a variety of local and national scholarships along with individual scholarships from colleges and universities. Seniors should check periodically for new scholarships that are available. An excellent scholarship search site on the web is www.fastweb.com. Other helpful websites for financial aid are www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu and www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Junior Meetings

The counselors will start conducting individual planning meetings in January with all junior students. We recommend that parents attend this meeting with their son or daughter. This will be a time to discuss each individual's plans for after high school, college entrance testing, and other topics related to making plans for senior year and beyond. These meetings will be scheduled during the student's study hall and will last approximately 40 minutes. A letter will be mailed home stating the scheduled time, options to reschedule and other information.

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

The Slinger School District is committed to assisting our graduates reach the highest level of academic and career preparation within various career pathways to enter successfully into the global workforce. Through our Career and Technical Education programs, we give high school students the chance to start preparing for college and careers through the Youth Apprenticeship program.

How Do Youth Apprenticeships Work?

The Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program is a rigorous one- or two-year elective statewide program that combines academic and technical instruction with mentored, paid, on-the-job learning that makes a real world connection for students. High school juniors and seniors are eligible to participate.

Youth Apprenticeship Programs - Programs are available in the following categories:

- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Finance
- Graphic Design/Printing
- Health Care
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Science Technology, Engineering and Math
- Transportation Distribution and Logistics

Benefits of Youth Apprenticeship For Students:

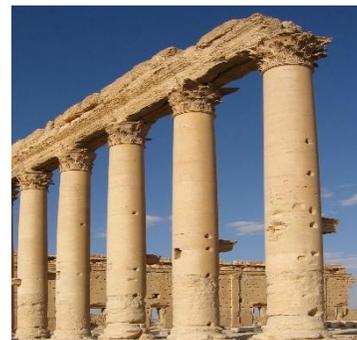
- Follow a career pathway from high school to post-secondary institutions or the workforce
- Earn a paycheck while learning from skilled professionals
- Experience first-hand connections between high school education and real life work
- Increase career awareness and improve future employability
- Receive a state-issued skills certificate which is recognized by employers
- Develop the necessary skills needed for successful entry-level employment

For more information on the Youth Apprenticeship program please reach out to Russ Hermann: russ.hermann@slingerschools.org; 262.644.5261

2016 HOMECOMING COURT

REPRESENTING:

Volleyball	Clare Meyers escorted by Bryce Rufener
Musical	Victoria Volkman escorted by Cliff Wood
Musical	Joelle Hackney escorted by Reilly Duchelle
Football	Jordan Trunk escorting Cassie Schmidt
Football	Ryan Erdmann escorting Hope Montey
Boys Cross Country	John German escorting Maddie Hoytink
Boys Cross Country	David Fassbender escorting Anna Pedrick
Girls Cross Country	Denver Bayley escorted by Cameron Opalacz
Girls Cross Country	Ali Wolf escorted by Josh Wetherall
Tennis	Kaitlyn Loff escorted by Graham Thomas
Cheerleading	Brittani Behm escorted by Alec Nelsen
Soccer	Declan Gundrum escorting Lyric Howell
Football	Emcees – Jacob Olson escorting Jenna Schoenke
Football	King – Jack Hafemann escorting Queen – Rachel Manganaro



Theme - When In Rome

GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

“A wonderful experience” is what Slinger students and their families recently experienced on the first leg of the Slinger-Hessen exchange which took place during October. Nine German students were hosted by families for just over two weeks. When students were not auditing classes, they enjoyed a mini-tour through Slinger with stops at Sweet Creations, the fire station and a ride through town on a fire truck. Trips to the Washington County Sheriff’s Dept., Shalom Wildlife Park, YMCA, as well as Discovery World and the Safe House in Milwaukee, and the House on the Rock in Spring Green were also on the itinerary. Slinger families showed their adopted children about life in Wisconsin. Many thanks to the hosting families of Victoria Volkman, Megan Graunke, Alex Muhl, Jacob Weis, Kayla Burg, Melanie Pitrof, Alexa Bullis and Nicole Carlson. Slinger students and their German teacher, Frau Guth-Degner, will return the visit to Germany in June of 2017. The next exchange is scheduled for 2018-2019.

HONOURS, INC



Slinger High School is fortunate to have an outstanding scholarship foundation called Honours, Inc. This community-based foundation provides scholarship money to assist graduates of Slinger High School bound for colleges as well as vocational/technical schools. Last year, \$150,000 was awarded to 41 Slinger graduates who received these competitive scholarships. Seniors this year will be informed of the Honours, Inc. scholarship opportunity before the winter break and also the first week of January. Completed applications will be due back in the guidance office with the due date listed and references due a week earlier.

SEMESTER EXAMS



A special schedule is followed for semester exams and you will find the exam schedule for semester one below. Semester exams are important and can count for as much as 20% of the final grade in a class. The exam periods are 90 minutes and students are not released early from their exam, even if the exam ends early.

Please note we run an open campus during semester exams. That means that students do not need to be in the building if they don't have an exam. Students who fail to show up for a scheduled exam without a valid parent excuse may receive a zero for the exam. Please read the exam guidelines listed below the schedule. The exam schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 17

- 7:25-8:05 – Resource Period
- 8:10-9:45 – 2nd Hr or 1&2 **B** Day Exam
- 9:55-11:25 – 6th Hr or 6&7 **B** Day Exam
- 11:25-12:05 – Lunch
- 12:10-1:40 – 8th Hr or 8&9 **B** Day Exam
- 1:45-2:31 – Resource Period

Wednesday, January 18

- 7:25-8:05 – Resource Period
- 8:10-9:45 – 1st Hr or 1&2 **A** Day Exam
- 9:55-11:25 – 4th Hr or 3&4 **A** Day Exam
- 11:25-12:05 – Lunch
- 12:10-1:40 – 7th Hr or 6&7 **A** Day Exam
- 1:45-2:31 – Resource Period

Thursday, January 19

- 7:25-8:05 – Resource Period
- 8:10-9:45 – 5th Hr Exam
- 9:55-11:25 – 3rd Hr or 3&4 **B** Day Exam
- 11:25-12:05 – Lunch
- 12:10-1:40 – 9th Hr or 8&9 **A** Day Exam
- 1:45-2:31 – Resource Period

SEMESTER EXAMS GUIDELINES & COMMENTS

1. 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) must make up the exams on Friday, January 20th, at 9:00am.
2. All students must take all exams during the assigned time on the exam schedule.
3. **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.
4. 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. The Writing Center, room 159, will also be open. Students must remain out of other school district buildings and off middle school property.
5. 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.
6. Teachers are not to dismiss students early.
7. 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.
8. The resource period is an open study time. Students must be in the cafeteria study hall or library. Students with a pass may also seek teacher assistance. Hallways should remain clear.

8th Grade Parent Night JANUARY 25

8th grade parent night will take place on **Wednesday, January 25th** from **6:00-8:00 pm**. Please enter the front entrance of the high school. All of our teachers, coaches and advisors will be here. We will have a scavenger hunt for the students so they will get a feel for the building and the teachers. There will be students demonstrating skills, projects on display, and club/ organization displays. You will have the opportunity to speak with the coaches and advisors from all of our co-curriculars. The Rookery, our school store operated by the DECA students, will also be open with lots of winter merchandise to pick from! The high school administration and the counselors will have a presentation at the end of the night to explain all of the important details of registering for classes and everything else you need to know to make the transition from 8th to 9th grade seamless.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Next year at this time, the Owls will be competing in a new conference. Slinger and 3 current Wisconsin Little Ten programs (Hartford, West Bend East, & West Bend West) will be joining 6 teams (Cedarburg, Grafton, Homestead, Nicolet, Port Washington, & Whitefish Bay) from the current North Shore Conference to create a new conference. We are looking forward to the new challenge and level of competition.

This fall, 3 of our athletic programs finished in the top half of the conference standings. Boys Cross Country finished in 4th place and the girls team finished in 3rd place. David Fassbender, Augie Beyer, and Makaila Groves represented the Owls at the State XC Meet in Wisconsin Rapids. David broke the top 50 with a 42nd place finish. The soccer team had a very successful year finishing in 3rd place in the conference standings while being crowned Regional Champions after a hard-fought upset over Homestead.

Congratulations to the fall 2016 all-conference award winners below!

Boys XC

David Fassbender - 1st team
Augie Beyer - 1st team
Cameron Opalacz - HM
John German - HM

Girls XC

Makaila Groves - 1st team
Paige Fassbender - 1st team
Ali Wolf - 1st team

Volleyball

Abby Neidinger - 2nd team

Football

Tyler Evans – 1st team
Reilly Duchelle – 2nd team
Zach Krohn – 2nd team
Josh Wetherall – 2nd team
Charlie Covert – HM
Jason Klink – HM
Jak Kendinger – HM
Jay Gindt – HM
Jacob Olson – HM

Soccer

Collin Hoch - 1st team
Jordan DeLaurier - 2nd team
Thomas Noltner - 2nd team
Jacob Bunzel - HM
Will Weis - HM

Tennis

Victoria Volkmann - HM
Kaitlyn Loff - HM
Joanna Fox - HM

THE BIZ BUZZ

The SHS business department and DECA has been busy participating and planning some very important events:

- **The Rookery:** The Rookery is still taking donations of 5 items for the Slinger Food Pantry until Thanksgiving break. Anyone who donates will get a scratch off card good for 15-25% off their entire purchase. Coupons are good till Christmas break. Also, starting November 28th through Christmas, we will be offering FREE holiday gift wrap on all purchases over \$20.
- **Intro to Marketing:** Students get real world work experience at The Rookery! This practical experience has provided a wealth of learning. Students learn how to use a register, provide proper customer service and know the importance of basic employability skills. One student was quoted saying, "I've never had a job before and now, by knowing how to talk to people and ring up sales, I feel I will be able to get my first real job so much easier. It's a great experience."
- **October:** "Trick-or-Can" DECA and the Sports & Entertainment Marketing students held their 4th annual community wide event to benefit the Slinger Food Pantry. The primary objective for "Trick or Can" was to collect food and other necessary items for the local pantry. Students who took part in this event created a written proposal, assembled as well as distributed over 1,500 flyers/bags in the community and collected donations. In total our students collected over 2,584 items --an amazing accomplishment! Thanks to WTKM and West Bend Daily News for helping us spread the word about this awesome event!
- **October 19th:** Careers field trip to UW-Panther Arena and the Milwaukee Wave. Students enrolled in Sports & Entertainment Marketing learned more about the 'business side' of sports, food service businesses and sponsorships.
- **December 12-16:** "DECA THE HALLS" This week long promotional event helps bring holiday spirit to the high school while also promoting business-related careers and DECA. This year's theme is: "A Christmas Story"
- **January 7 (Saturday):** DECA district competition @ Kettle Moraine HS.
- **Is your son or daughter in DECA?** Slinger DECA is looking for volunteers to help judge at their first competition the morning of January 7th, 2017. The District Competition is taking place at Kettle Moraine HS in Whales. No experience is needed. Judging is super fun and extremely rewarding. This is your chance to see what your son and daughter get to do in DECA! For further information, contact Mrs. Smessaert at: kim.smessaert@slingerschools.org



Any questions, concerns or ideas regarding the events listed above, please contact a business/marketing education teacher.

SOCIAL STUDIES HAPPENINGS

VETERAN'S DAY is November 11th. To help our students connect with history and public service in their lives, the Social Studies department has organized several fall activities. American Studies I and A.P.-U.S. History students made a return appearance to the Kenosha Civil War Museum, a museum devoted to sharing the effects of the U.S. Civil war on people from the upper Midwest. Several ties to conflict are made as the students work on interactive/skill-building activities revolving around military life and the impact of war on everyone's life.

In keeping with the importance of Civic virtue, the Social Studies Department takes the lead in recognizing Veteran's Day. Students will have the option to both recognize a family member or a friend who is a veteran by purchasing a star for \$1. The "Star" collection occurred the week of November 7th through November 11th. The "Star" is a symbolic recognition of any individual veteran; include name, dates of service, a picture (optional), and any other aesthetic design. The money that is raised during this activity will be donated to support the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight program (a non-profit organization to honor America's veterans by sending them to Washington D.C. to see their memorials). If you are interested in donating, or have questions, please contact Mrs. Stolaski or Mr. Wolf at Slinger High School.

Slinger Area History/Culture Project - The Slinger High School Social Studies Department is working with several departments across the district and a committee of local citizens to help students gather information about the history and culture in the Slinger Area. The technology education department, art department, music department, business department, science department, and foreign language departments all have roles. This year's theme highlights **Water transportation and Working Lives** (different facets such as environmental, biological, recreational, etc) of our district both inside and outside the school district (past and present). In addition, students are continuing to research prior year themes of agriculture, food ways, music and recreation. Please consider helping add your story and input if a student asks. Students hope to share what they've learned at a Community Night in May. If you have a story to share about any of the topics above or an idea you think would be good for students to research, please contact any social studies teacher at Slinger High School. Stay tuned for future updates.

BRAZIL SERVICE LEARNING TRIP, SPRING BREAK 2018!

SHS will again be offering a global community service learning trip over Spring Break 2018. Our trip will take us to Manaus Brazil, and the Amazon River to work on both an environmental (pink dolphin & banana tree planting) and a community service (Sautre indigenous community) project. A presentation regarding the trip will be held in the high school cafeteria on Monday, November 21st at 6pm. If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs. Henkel at susan.henkel@slingerschools.org or call at 262.644.5261 ext. 1257.

SkillsUSA UPDATES

NATIONALS: SkillsUSA had four students compete at Nationals in Louisville, KY, last June. Katie Meyer finished 6th in the nation in Screenprinting Technology; Noah Schilling placed 9th in Photography; and the team of Mikena Wantz and Kevin Remmick competed in Promotional Bulletin Board and finished in the top 50%.

Special thanks to our 2016 sponsors & donors for their generous assistance in helping pay our expenses for traveling to Nationals: Valley Litho Supply, Slinger PBO, Weld-Fab, KCMS, Germantown Iron & Steel, Quadgraphics, and the Anonymous Slinger Faculty Donor.

This year's officers are: Katie Meyer-President; and Vice Presidents-Mikena Wantz and Matt Shea.

SERVICE PROJECTS: SkillsUSA again participated in the Relay for Life held in Hartford, in June. We raised approximately \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society. We traveled to Milwaukee in October to feed the less fortunate, and are helping at the rotary's Enchantment in the Park holiday light display at Regner Park for the 4th year in a row.

COMPETITIONS: Districts are at Slinger High School, Wednesday, December 7th, from 4:30pm-7pm. Parents are welcome to drop in anytime to check out the 13 contests taking place. Regionals at UW Stout will be February 23rd – 24th, and State is in Madison April 25th – 26th. Any state champions compete at Nationals in Louisville, KY., June 19th -24th.

FUNDRAISERS: Our largest fundraiser, and the one in which we need lots of parent and student help is directing cars into parking lots at the county fair on July 27th, 2017. We also run the concession stand at a basketball game at SHS, and do a faculty car wash.

For more information, go to: <http://www.slinger.k12.wi.us/faculty/apeldua/skillsusa.cfm> or email Duane Apel at duane.apel@slingerschools.org

YEARBOOK NEWS

Parents of senior students are encouraged to purchase a Grad Ad that recognizes their son/daughter in the yearbook. Prices start as low as \$40 and includes a picture(s) and a message. Simply go to www.jostensadsservice.com, type in school information, choose school, click on Yearbook Recognition Ad, choose size, choose layout, upload a picture(s), and write your message. Ads are due by December 15th.

Students and parents can upload pictures to www.replayit.com to upload photos to the yearbook's digital library. There is an app for iPhones or Androids to easily add photos.

SLINGER FOOD & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT INFO

A Message from the Slinger Food and Nutrition Department. Please make sure that you are checking your family's lunch balance to ensure that your children have sufficient funds in their account for lunch purchases. If there is no money in the account, no ala carte purchases will be allowed. If you have any concerns or questions in regards to lunch purchases, please feel free to call us at 262-644-6204 option #2. Also a friendly reminder that if your economic situation changes, you can complete a free/reduced application any time during the school year. This process is **completely** confidential.

HELP - POST PROM NEEDS YOU!!



The annual Post Prom is in need of volunteers. Post Prom is entirely funded through donations; Julie Beyer, Jody King and Tammy Rufener have once again agreed to be co-chairs; these ladies put on quite a party! But they need your help--and lots of it. Our kids enjoy a drug-free, safe evening with lots of activities and prizes. Our High School organization –SADD- is also joining in to help provide assistance and input. Please contact Mr. Bruckert (SADD) or Mrs. Rufener if you are interested in helping the parent-led evening of fun and games. Prom is May 6, 2017. It's never too early to contact them. jared.bruckert@slingerschools.org OR maruff@charter.net

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed. Nov. 23 – Fri. Nov. 25
No School – Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 12
8th & 9th Gr. Band Concert – 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 14
Band Concert – 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 21
Choral Concert – 7:30pm

Mon. December 26 – Mon. January 2
No School - Winter Break

Saturday, January 14
Jazz Fest – 8:00am-10:00pm

Tues. Jan. 17 – Thurs. Jan. 19
Semester Exams

Friday, January 20
No School – Semester Break

Saturday, January 28
Snowball – 8pm-11:30