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T.J. Walker Middle School Parent / Guardian Newsletter

June 2009

**REPORT CARDS:** Fourth quarter report cards, the 2009-10 supply list, and any outstanding bills are enclosed with this newsletter. Bills may be paid at the middle school office during our summer office hours listed below or by sending a check to T. J. Walker Middle School at 1230 Michigan Street.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS TRIP:** Even though next years' trip is still 11 months away there is a lot of planning taking place now. A group of parents have met twice to begin organizing fundraising events. Please be aware that each student must earn eight points to be eligible to share in the group fundraising monies. A student and/or parent must work a two-hour shift at a fundraising event to earn one point. There are many opportunities this summer to begin earning those eight points. Please read the enclosed fundraising newsletter highlighting these summer dates. This fundraising newsletter and other DC Trip news will be posted on our school's webpage at [www.sturgeonbayschools.org](http://www.sturgeonbayschools.org) (navigate through the following links: Schools/T.J. Walker/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip). Even if your child is undecided at this time about going to Washington D.C. you may want them to participate in the fundraising activities this summer.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Mrs. Brauer, our office secretary, is available until June 22, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you have middle school business during the weeks she is not available, feel free to contact Mr. Watermolen at 746-2803.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2009-10:** Registration for the 2009-10 school year for all students preschool – 12 will be held Thursday, August 20, and Tuesday, August 25, from noon – 7:00 p.m., in the Sturgeon Bay High School Commons (location of our dances). At this one site, you may take care of all the following 'beginning of the year' tasks: *payment of registration, completion of emergency cards, lunch program enrollment and payment, and transportation enrollment.* At this time, you will also receive your middle school student's schedule and locker combination.

**SUPPLY LISTS:** A middle school supply list for 2009-10 is enclosed for students. The supply list will also be available at Target, Wal-Mart, and the high school and middle school offices.

**ATHLETIC PHYSICALS:** Parents are reminded that their son/daughter will need an athletic physical before s/he will be allowed to practice or compete in a sport. Student athletes are required to obtain an athletic physical every other year. The green physical form cards or ivory alternate year cards are available in the middle school and high school offices. Remember to make your medical appointments early. Physicals are also required for the club soccer.

**NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS:** Since September 2008, the Wisconsin student immunization law now requires:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine for students entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades.
- 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for students entering Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Students who had the chicken pox disease are exempt for the Varicella vaccine, but a date of disease is needed for their school immunization record.

Many of our students were updated at school this past spring. If you are not sure your child has met the requirements, please call the [Door County Public Health Department](http://www.doorcountypublichealth.com) at 746-2234 to verify and/or schedule an appointment.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS OF ATHLETES:** Please read the enclosed letter from Door County Memorial Hospital regarding baseline concussion testing for high school athletes to be held at SBHS on July 13, 20, and 27.

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**WISCONSIN COVENANT:** Heidi Bader, our school counselor, met with 8<sup>th</sup> graders and presented them the Governor's Wisconsin Covenant. The Wisconsin Covenant is a promise to every Wisconsin student who just completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade that if they are willing to work hard during high school, there will be a place for them at a Wisconsin university, college, or technical college and a financial aid package if their family needs it. Families need to complete the Wisconsin Covenant Membership Form and students need to sign the Pledge. If your son/daughter did not bring the Wisconsin Covenant information home, forms are available by going online to [www.wisconsin covenant.wi.gov/](http://www.wisconsin covenant.wi.gov/). This is a great opportunity to get your child thinking about life after high school.

**ALL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** We will not be running our annual magazine fundraiser next year due to the tough financial times. Thank you for your support in the past.

**STORE DONATIONS:** Econo Foods gives one percent of all the receipts people turned in, to go toward various school activities. We also recently received checks from Target and Pick "N Save as a result of their patrons selecting our school to receive a small percent of their charge card purchases. Thank you for selecting our school as the recipient of these donations. Every little bit helps!

**DOOR COUNTY FAIR SCHOOL EXHIBIT ENTRIES:** How would you like to show off your school projects and get money in return? Save those school projects from your various classes this school year! You can enter these items and more at the 2009 Door County Fair. There is a special category just for school projects for anyone in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. There is no entry fee, but pre-registration is required by July 2. Work must be done during the current school year. Forms are available at the Extension Office in the Government Center or on-line at <http://www.doorcounty.org/>. If you have questions, contact the Door County UW-Extension at 746-2260.

**FALL CHEERLEADING:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in cheering at home football games can sign up for fall cheerleading. Practices will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. starting Tuesday, September 8. Sign-up information will be available at the T. J. Walker table during school registration in August.

<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR:</b>	<b>August 20 &amp; 25</b>	<b>Registration Days for Sturgeon Bay Schools</b>
	<b>August 31</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student /Parent Orientation (6:30 p.m.)</b>
	<b>September 8</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>
	<b>October 1</b>	<b>½ Day Teacher In-Service (11:55 a.m. release)</b>
	<b>Oct. 29 &amp; 30</b>	<b>No School – WEAC Convention</b>
	<b>November 11</b>	<b>½ Day, End of Quarter 1 (11:55 a.m. release)</b>
	<b>Nov. 26 &amp; 27</b>	<b>No School – Thanksgiving Break</b>
	<b>December 7</b>	<b>½ Day Teacher In-Service (11:55 a.m. release)</b>
	<b>December 23</b>	<b>Last Day of School Before Winter Break</b>
	<b>Jan. 4, 2010</b>	<b>Classes Resume</b>
	<b>January 22</b>	<b>½ Day, End of Quarter 2 (11:55 a.m. release)</b>
	<b>February 10</b>	<b>½ Day Teacher In-Service (11:55 a.m. release)</b>
	<b>March 9</b>	<b>½ Day Teacher In-Service (11:55 a.m. release)</b>
	<b>March 12</b>	<b>No School – Teachers' Convention</b>
	<b>March 26</b>	<b>½ Day, End of Quarter 3 (11:55 a.m. release)</b>
	<b>Mar. 29 - Apr. 4</b>	<b>Spring Break – No Classes</b>
	<b>April 26</b>	<b>½ Day Teacher In-Service (11:55 a.m. release)</b>
	<b>May 31</b>	<b>No School – Memorial Day</b>
	<b>June 9</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation</b>
	<b>June 10</b>	<b>Last Day of School (11:55 a.m. release)</b>