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Shickley Public School - Preparing Students for Success

Mark your calendars
for the following
important dates:

August 3rd

Informational packets due
back to school.

August 10th

Football practice begins.

August 11th

Teachers report at 8:00.

August 12th

Last day for the swimming
pool.

August 13th

School starts. 1:00
dismissal.
Back to school potluck at
6:30 P.M.

August 14th

School dismissed at 1:00.

August 17th

Preschool starts.
Volleyball practice begins.

August 21st

Football Scrimmage.

August 28th

Homecoming.
Volleyball Scrimmage.
Football game in Shickley
vs. Harvard.

Notes from Mr. Jorgenson

Back to School! It seems like I was just writing about summer beginning, but now it is time to be thinking about returning to school. In the July edition of the newsletter, we sent out supply lists for different grade levels. If you did not receive that, it is available online at www.shickleypublicschool.com. You can download last month's newsletter from there. Here are a few things I would like to mention as we prepare for a new school year:

1. We have a couple of new teachers this year. Jodi Dickson will be our new 4th grade teacher. She has been teaching at Sandy Creek for the past 17 years. Taryn Wolfe will be our new preschool teacher. Taryn has been teaching at Grand Island Public Schools for the past 4 years. Please help me in making these new teachers feel welcome here in Shickley.
2. We have two other new teachers, but yet they are not. Two of our teachers "tied the knot" over the summer. Miss Karli Henning (Science) will now be known as Mrs. Karli Bussboom, and Miss Amanda Hansel (Title I) is now Mrs. Amanda Aude.
3. Coaching Changes. We have a few coaching changes this year. Kari Jo Alfs will be our new head volleyball coach. She will be assisted by Gina Kamler and Brooke Neville. This will be an entirely new staff so we are excited to see where they can take our volleyball program. Rebecca Jorgenson and Kristin Witte will be taking over the Play Production program. In girls basketball, Amanda Aude will be joining the staff as an assistant.
4. School begins on August 13th. I have decided that both the 13th and the 14th will be 1:00 dismissals.
5. We will be having a "Back to School Potluck" on Thursday, August 13th in the gym. At the conclusion of the potluck, parents and students are welcome to tour the building and meet their teachers.
6. Homecoming will be on August 28th. It is early this year, but it will be a great time as we are also going to have our volleyball scrimmage that night. Be ready to come out and support our students and get a view of our athletic teams for the fall sports season.

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Shickley's Recycling Trailer News



To help with unloading the trailer please bring your plastics in a bag. Then put the bag of plastics in the trailer. Please bag only #1 (clear plastic) and #2's (colored plastic.) Make sure to check for the number on the container. Not all plastics are recyclable.

There are now two rolling trash cans by the trailer. One of those is for tins and the other is for magazines.

Remember to call school at 402-627-3375 if you need help unloading your recyclables.

FBLA

The FBLA National Leadership Conference was held June 29-July 2 in Chicago, Illinois. Attending the conference were John Alfs, Madison Yantzie, Kari Jo Alfs, and Mrs. Karma Yantzie. While at the conference, John competed in the Client Service event. Although he did not make finals, he gained a lot of great experience.

During the week, the group enjoyed several general sessions, visiting vendors, and attending seminars. They were able to take in many sites while in Chicago, including a segway tour of the Navy Pier, a Chicago skyline lunch cruise, and a Blue Man Group show. The students enjoyed networking and exchanging state pins with students from all over the United States.

Pictured to the right are Mrs. Yantzie and John Alfs at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago.



Athletic Director News

With the start of fall athletic season right around the corner, there are a few reminders to parents and patrons. As per the NSAA, each student who expects to participate in athletic contests shall present to the superintendent or principal once each year, before actual participation in any inter-school sport, a physician's certificate on a form recommended by the NSAA that he/she is physically fit for athletic participation. The Pre-Physical Evaluation Consent form and the NSAA Student and Parent Consent form will need to be provided to the school before students can participate in pre-season activities. These forms are available on the NSAA website, or you may contact Mrs. Yantzie at the school.

The official dates for the start of fall practices are August 10th for football and August 17th for volleyball. Coaches will provide athletes with pre-season information. The complete athletic schedules can be found on the CRC website at crcne.org.

What should I do if I think my child has had a concussion?

If an athlete is suspected of having a concussion, he or she must be immediately removed from play, be it a game or practice. Continuing to participate in physical activity after a concussion can lead to worsening concussion symptoms, increased risk for further injury, and even death. Parents and coaches are not expected to be able to "diagnose" a concussion, as that is the job of a medical professional. However, you must be aware of the signs and symptoms of a concussion, and if you are suspicious, then your child must stop playing:

When in doubt, sit them out!

All athletes who sustain a concussion need to be evaluated by a healthcare professional who is familiar with sports concussions. You should call your child's physician and explain what has happened and follow your physician's instructions. If your child is vomiting, has a severe headache, is having difficulty staying awake or answering simple questions, he or she should be taken to the emergency department immediately. Check out the complete NFHS A *Parent's Guide to Concussions in Sports* on the NSAA website.

One of the many highlights from last year's sport seasons came during the boy's state basketball tournament when BDS was awarded the Class D-1 Sportsmanship Award. This award is based on the behavior of players, coaches, and their fans. I commend all the players, coaches, and fans for their contribution to this award. As we embark on the 2015-16 sports seasons, I encourage everyone to continue to demonstrate good sportsmanship and remember your role at athletic events. As a former coach and player, I know the impact that the fans can have on games, especially when done in a positive manner. Let's continue to model this positive behavior at all our activities.

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Longhorn Speakers Look Ahead

The Longhorn Speech Team is already looking forward to the 2016 season! This summer, Coach Jennifer Ippensen, veteran speaker Chris Lichti, and incoming freshman Caleb Hendrickson attended the 2015 Mid-Nebraska Summer Speech Retreat, which was hosted by Kearney High, Northwest High, and Grand Island Central Catholic and was held at Northwest in Grand Island on July 9th and 10th. Approximately 100 speech competitors from across the state were in attendance, including the two from Shickley.

The theme for the camp was "Pursuit of Excellence." Each day of the camp featured a keynote speaker discussing what it means to pursue excellence rather than chase success or collect medals. Both presenters, Matt Eledge of Millard North and Matt Davis of Lincoln East, emphasized that speech is about communication and that it requires hard work. Over two days, the camp offered 30 sessions focused on various aspects of competitive speech. Shickley's attendees went to numerous sessions, including those that addressed analyzing prompts, developing arguments, locating and organizing sources, building relevance, utilizing literary devices, writing introductions, and creating characters.



In the picture to the left, Matt Eledge presents his keynote address about the pursuit of excellence on day one of speech camp. He stressed that to truly pursue excellence, you have to "invest 100%," which means lots of practice! Eledge also discussed that speech is "about the art of communicating" and that students who learn to communicate effectively are then equipped to utilize their skills in real-life situations.

Back to School Potluck

Parents and students are invited to attend our "Back to School Potluck" on August 13th at 6:30 P.M. in the Main Gym. We will eat and there will be a short presentation followed by the touring of the school and the student's classroom. PK-6 grade parents bring a covered dish, 7-12 grade parents bring a salad, staff members bring a dessert, and the school board will provide drinks. See you then!

CRC Athletic Schedules

With the start of the school year just around the corner, it also means the start to a busy fall athletic calendar. The BDS athletic schedules are now available online at the Crossroads Conference website which is crcne.org. You can sign up for notifications via email and/or text messages for individual sports. You can subscribe to schedules and have them synced to your Google Calendar or iCalendar. Contact Mrs. Yantzie at school with any questions regarding this.

Reflections on our School

When I was helping with the Shickley girls' basketball team several years ago, I was very proud of the way the girls worked hard. They won most of their games. They never quit. Even the team that lost all their games never gave up. The thing that makes me the most proud though did not happen on the basketball court. It happened at the McDonalds in York.

I think it was the first time we stopped after a game to get something to eat. We had both the girls' and boys' teams so there were quite a few kids. I thought things had gone pretty well while we were there. When we were leaving this lady walked up to me and asked if I was with these kids. My first thought was, "oh darn, somebody did or said something they shouldn't have." I quickly buttoned the top button on my jacket so the lady couldn't see the Longhorn on my shirt. She continued on to say, "When you all pulled up here and came pouring through the doors, I said to my husband, let's get out of here. I'm glad we didn't get out of here and I saw this for myself. These are the best behaved kids I've ever seen. How do you do it?" I casually unbuttoned my jacket, so she could see my Longhorn. I don't remember what I told her, but I should have told her, "It's easy, because we have the best students you can have." You know, that is still true today. There is one thing to remember with this though. Even when you are the best, you can still get better, because nobody is perfect.

We are very fortunate not to have major discipline problems in our school. I believe this is because our students know more about each other than anyone. Our parents and teachers know more than you think, and they know each other and our students best. They are the ones who can do the best job of fixing things that need fixing and improving things that are already good.

It's time for another school year already. Remember, you are the best. Take a look at yourself and your friends. Be honest. Be a true friend. Let's get even better.

Have a great year!
Lester Schlegel
School Board Member



Letter from Mr. Ippensen, Principal

When we developed our school's mission statement, we also created an image or description of the characteristics, skills, and abilities of a successful student. Over the course of the next 12 months, I will be sharing with you an explanation of our portrait of a successful student. As we continually strive to achieve our mission of preparing students for success, sometimes our goals become most achievable when we have a clear understanding of what we are striving to accomplish. So, in the coming year, I will work to paint this portrait for you, step-by-step, to help you see how we are preparing our students for success, beginning this month with the first of our descriptors.

Portrait of a Successful Student

A successful student is a lifelong learner who:

- * is creative and innovative;
- * is flexible and adaptive;
- * is productive and accountable;
- * is independent and self-directed;
- * is prepared, engaged, and willing to try;
- * is self-confident and conscientious;
- * can think critically and solve problems;
- * can communicate and collaborate;
- * can show leadership and responsibility;
- * can read and comprehend; and
- * can focus and concentrate.

A successful student is a lifelong learner.

This is a phrase which has become so overused it is almost cliché. The words are often said, with little or no explanation for the meaning behind them. To us, at Shickley Public School, to be a lifelong learner is to have the tools and skills needed to be able to continue learning independently, whether the student is 8, 18, or even 48 years old. Because none of us ever has all of the answers, we need to help our students learn how to find the answers; in this way, learning never stops for a lifelong learner. Consider how often a young child asks "why?" That curiosity must be fed in order to develop the skills of a lifelong learner. The best way we can help nurture those skills is to help develop the tools needed to find the answers, whether through observation, research, or experimentation. We refer to this process as the Three C's: Consume, Consider, and Create. In order to find answers and continue learning, we must consume information (through observation, research, or experimentation, to name a few), consider the information at hand and compare it to what we know and what we want to know, and then create an educated opinion. All people, regardless of their age, are able to complete this process, whether they are in school or not, which is the point of our efforts – to prepare students for success throughout their lives: in school, in college, in career, and in life.

As always, if you have any questions or comments regarding the work we are doing at Shickley Public School, or if you would like to share in the process of preparing our students for success, please don't hesitate to stop in and talk, or give us a call.

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