



May 2018

# SUMMIT SPEAKS

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

## May Events

From the Clinic:

### Special points of interest:

- Band Concert—May 14, 6:00 PM
- 8th Grade Send-Off—May 18, 6:00-9:00 PM
- Cook-Out—May 18
- Choir Concert—May 23, 7:00 PM
- 6th Grade Awards—May 29 8:00 AM
- 7th Grade Awards—May 29 9:30 AM
- 8th Grade Celebration—May 30 12:45 PM
- Last Day of School for Students—May 30

### DATES OF IMPORTANCE:

- Registration 8:00-8:00 PM - Aug. 8
- Pictures Taken during Registration—Aug. 8
- First Day of School—August 15
- Back-to-School Night - August 16 @ 6:30 PM
- In-House Flex Day—September 11
- Other Flex Days: 10-23, 11-14, 3-15-19

Perfect Attendance for :

March 96.4%

April 97%

- 1— Boys/Girls Soccer @Blackhawk Christian 5:00 PM
- 2— Track @Maple Creek 5:00 PM
- 2— Boys/Girls Soccer (H) Norwell 5:00 PM
- 3— Talent Show 7:00 PM (CAFÉ)
- 5— Free Sports Physicals @FWO 8:30 AM
- 5— 8th Grade Choir Trip
- 7— Track @E. Noble 5:00 PM
- 8— NWEA
- 8— Boys/Girls Soccer (H) Woodside 5:00 PM
- 9— NWEA
- 10— NWEA
- 11— NWEA
- 11—Track NHMLC Finals 5:00 PM @Carroll
- 14-18 Book Fair
- 14— Band Concert 6:00 PM
- 15— NWEA
- 15— Girls Soccer NHMLC @Woodside 5:00 PM
- 15— Boys Soccer NHMLC @Maple Creek 5:00 PM
- 16— NWEA
- 17— Boys/Girls Soccer NHMLC 5:00 PM TBD
- 18— Cook-Out
- 18— 8th Grade Send-Off 6-9:00 PM
- 23— Choir Concert 7:00 PM (CAFÉ)
- 29— 6th Grade Awards 8:00 AM
- 29— 7th Grade Awards 9:30 AM
- 30— 8th Grade Celebration 12:45 PM
- 30— Last Day of School for Students

### ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!

### AUGUST EVENTS

- 8— Registration 8AM –8PM
- 15—First Day of School
- 16—Back to School Night 6:30 PM

**\*\*If your student will not be attending Summit Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year please call the Summit Office at 431-2502 ASAP.**

All medication in the clinic needs to be picked up from the nurse by no later than May 31.

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who’ll decide where to go.”

Dr. Seuss

## Spring Book Fair

The SMS Media Center will hold a “Buy One/Get One Free” Scholastic Book Fair during the week of May 14-18. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair twice during that week in case they need to window shop once and then come a second time to shop.

Parents interested in volunteering at the book fair can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544aba829ab9-summit>

Questions about the book fair can be directed to Mr. Moore ([bmoore@sacs.k12.in.us](mailto:bmoore@sacs.k12.in.us)) or 260-431-2519)

## Digital Citizenship

Common Sense Media is a nonprofit dedicated to helping children develop good digital citizenship skills. This year SMS Teachers implemented some of the organization’s curriculum in an effort to help our students make safe and responsible choices with technology. At the [Common Sense Media website](#), parents can find tips and advice for ensuring their children have safe, productive, and positive technology experiences, and parents also can find reviews to make informed decisions about movies, TV programs, games, apps, and other media. Partnering together, SMS parents and faculty can help our students become responsible digital citizens.

## Dress Code Reminder!

Spring weather is here, and clothing/dress attire changes as a result. Be reminded of Summit’s dress code as our handbook states, students’ dress must not be distracting to normal school procedures. Please be aware of the following guidelines:

1. No tank tops allowed.
2. No low-riding pants/shorts.
3. No exposure of undergarments.

4. Shorts, skirts & dresses should be at least mid-thigh length.

5. Midriff must be covered at all times, including when arms are raised.

6. No yoga pants or tights without coverage.

Please strongly encourage your children to follow these guidelines.

## Awards Day and 8th Grade Celebration Parents are Welcome!

The awards programs for the 6th and 7th grades will occur on Tuesday, May 29th.

8:00 AM—6th Grade

9:30 AM—7th Grade

These programs will be held in the cafeteria.

The 8th Grade Celebration and awards program will occur on Wednesday, May 26 at 12:45 PM in the gymnasium.

On the day of awards for each partic-

ular grade level, the students are encouraged to wear “dress-up” attire. Teachers will be giving academic awards to the top 10% of their students.

The celebration day for the 8th graders will begin with a breakfast provided by the PTC. A class picture, available for purchase and which will be displayed at Summit, will be taken after the breakfast.

## 8th Grade Celebration Parking

When you arrive for the 8th grade awards and celebration program which starts at 12:45, please park in the south parking lot—not along the driveway curb or in the grass. Please enter Summit at the southeast doors near the pool (Door 9). In addition, if

students are being picked up by special transportation (limo, trolley, etc.), **those vehicles must park in the lot near the baseball diamonds.**

## Summit Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Tackett—Summit’s Teacher of the Year.

## 8th Grade Group Picture

The 8th Grade will have a group picture taken on the last day of school, May 30. Parents will have a chance to purchase this picture for \$18.00. Flyers will be available online and in the office beginning May 11.



To those of you who received honors, awards and distinctions, I say well done. And to the C students, I say you too may one day be president of the United States.

George W. Bush

## TEXTBOOKS

If your child/ren have any textbooks at home please have them return them to school and put them in their locker by Friday May 18th. The treasurer will be collecting them the week of 5/21. Parents will be billed full price for any books not returned.

## Registration Info for 2018-19

Please mark your calendar for August 8, 2018. Registration will be held from 8:00AM-8:00 PM. School pictures will be taken during registration. Please call the office at 431-2502 if your child will be returning to Summit but you will not be able to make registration.

## THANK YOU

The staff at Summit Middle School would like to thank the PTO for all their time and effort spent on many activities throughout the school year which benefit the staff and students.

## Honors Courses

At SACS middle schools, all academic courses are designed to prepare students for the next grade level and beyond. Honors courses provide the same curriculum but are offered at a depth appropriate to the student's ability and achievement. SACS middle schools offer Honors courses in Language Arts/Reading, Science, and Social Studies. Students who have previously qualified for self-contained ALPHA services OR who earn an NWEA score at or above the 96th percentile in Language Usage or Reading during the 2017-18 school year will automatically qualify for Honors placement in Language Arts/Reading, Science, and Social Studies next school year. Additionally, students who are successful in Honors courses will qualify for Honors placement next school year.

Students who do not meet the automatic qualifying criteria and have a **strong interest** in taking one or more Honors courses may apply for placement by scheduling an appointment with Summit Middle School's Main Office (#431-2502) to complete an essay. Students must schedule an appointment for the following dates: May 7 (2:30 PM or May 8 (7:10 AM)). Essays must be completed during the scheduled appointment, must demonstrate the student's best work, and must answer the question, "Why do I want to be enrolled in an Honors course next school year?" A Strategies for Student Success (SSS) team will evaluate all essays and—in conjunction with ISTEP scores, NWEA scores, grade-level Math placement, and historical grades—make a final decision on appropriate placement for the 2018-2019 academic school year.

## Pro-Football Mini-Camp for Boys in 6, 7, 8 Grade

The Jason Baker Pro Football Mini Camp will be held May 19 and 20 at Wayne HS. It is provided by Jason Baker, a former NFL player from Wayne HS, and is open to this year's 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade male athletes. The camp combines football instruction, competition, commu-

nity service and values that lead to success on and off the field. There is no cost for the camp. Learn more and register online at

<http://profootballminicamp.com/>

## From the PTO

### Attn: Parents of 8th Graders

Eighth grade students are invited to join us under the big top for the Circus Spectacular Eighth Grade Send Off on May 18th from 6-9 pm. There will be a DJ, a dodge ball tournament, games, food, and even a few animals! Tickets will be on sale for \$10 during lunch the week of May 14. Tickets cover the cost of admission, 2 slices of pizza, a drink, and dessert. Additional snacks will be available for .50 - 1.00 each.

A sign-up genius was sent by email to all 8th grade parents. Please make sure you read that email to sign up to help with this event.

### From the Counselors:

For advisory this month, all Falcon students will be discussing the school-wide theme of "Connectedness". Sixth graders will look back on their new ties to Summit, Seventh grade students will be discussing connections to the community, while eighth graders will talk more about their upcoming connections to be made at the high school level. This month ask yourselves, "How can I stay connected over the summer?"

Summit Middle School is excited to announce the implementation of the **Sources of Strength** program during the 2018-2019 academic school year! We are very excited to be able to initiate a comprehensive, evidence-based, peer-leader program at Summit Middle School. There will be plenty of information to share as we move forward in this worthwhile endeavor. For now, you will find additional information below.

### Sources of Strength Mission

Our mission is to provide the highest quality evidence-based prevention for suicide, violence, bullying and substance abuse by training, supporting, and empowering both peer leaders and caring adults to impact their world through the power of connection, hope, help and strength.

### Sources of Strength Web Address

<https://sourcesofstrength.org/>

### Sources of Strength: A Parable of Upstream Prevention

<https://sourcesofstrength.org/adult-advisors/videos/?id=67>

## Sports Physicals

### Parents of ALL Students Involved in Athletics

Fort Wayne Orthopedics and The Orthopedic Hospital sports services are pleased to once again offer to your students' pre-season athletic physicals.

The no cost physicals are staffed by the Fort Wayne Orthopedic and The Orthopedic Hospital physicians, and many of our professional staff (Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Athletic Trainers and Physical Therapists) along with dozens of additional staff members to make the process efficient and enjoyable.

Cardiologists will also be on site for diagnostic evaluation if needed. The pre-season athletic physicals are scheduled for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.