

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

July 29, 2016

It is hard to believe that football practice starts next week, along with volleyball and cross country starting their seasons a few weeks from now. The start of the school year is right around the corner.

Here is an update on what has been going on at the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District;

- Summer school was held over a three week period in July with approximately 60 students attending.
- The maintenance staff has been preparing the buildings for another school year.
- The sidewalk leading to the Falcon Mall has been replaced. It may look a little rough around the sidewalk for a few months, but, the area around the sidewalk will be sodded in the early fall.
- The deteriorating asphalt on the west side of the elementary building has been replaced with concrete.
- The School District will be replacing the entire fire alarm system in the building over Christmas break.
- The School District's phone system has been determined as obsolete by Centurylink. The phones the district currently has will no longer be serviced. Over the course of the next several months the phone system will be replaced.
- All school board policies are now on the school district's web-site. Thank you to Gayle Luebke and Deb Ferris for their efforts there.
- The 2015-16 fiscal audit was performed by Johnson Block the first week of July. The audit went very well. Mary Prielipp did an outstanding job in preparation of the audit.
- With the exception of some Jr. High Volleyball Coaches, all school district personnel are in place for the start of the 2016-17 school year. The new School District employees are:

Ashley Palmer – Family and Consumer Education Teacher.

Pamela Bennett – High School Special Education Teacher.

Kristin Lee – Sixth Grade Teacher.

Lance Baldwin – Title I Reading Paraprofessional.

Mary Kiel – Special Education Paraprofessional.

Shirley Tainter – Special Education Paraprofessional.

Jackie Pettit – Special Education Paraprofessional.

If anyone is interested in coaching Jr. High Volleyball, contact Ken Clinton.

- The NOW School District also has some familiar names in new positions for the 2016-17 school year. They are:

Rachel Pasch – Guidance Secretary

Sarah Watters – Jr. & Sr. High School Secretary

Maranda Berry – Part-time Fiscal Office employee in addition to her Food Service position

Kari Leis – Full-time Special Education Van Driver and Paraprofessional

A Couple of Parent Reminders

Changes have been developed to most bus routes in order to even out all the bus route times. Letters will be sent out to all families in a few weeks. These letters will inform parents of your child's bus number, bus driver, and approximate pick-up and drop-off times.

Back-to-School Night is Tuesday, August 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The first day of school is Thursday, September 1.

On the School District's web-site, click on "Parental Notices and Forms", then click on "School Drop-off Map". Here you will receive instructions on how and where to drop off your child(ren) when driving them to school. Remember, do not to drive down the bus unloading lane when dropping of your child(ren). Also, do not park and leave your vehicle unattended in the student unloading area. This backs up traffic and creates an unsafe situation. Keeping vehicles moving in the circular pattern provides for a safe and efficient student unloading. If you need to walk into the school for anything please park in the parking lot.

The Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District will also have all state and federal required notices on our web-site by August 29. To review these notices you will need to go the NOW School District's web-site homepage, click on "Parental Notices and Forms", then click on "2016-17 Annual Notices".

The School District will once again be operating a food pantry for families in need. If you would like to be a recipient of the Falcon Food Pantry, contact Cindy Springborn or Rachel Pasch this fall at (608)337-4403. All names will be kept confidential.

The staff at the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District eagerly looks forward to working with children and parents in a positive way. It has the opportunity to be a wonderful year for the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District. I look forward to the start of a new school year. If anyone has questions about the start of the school year, please contact me here at the school (608)337-4403, or send an e-mail to kburhop@now.k12.wi.us.