

Saunemin Elementary School

September 2010 News

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all of our students and families! We are all excited to be here and look forward to a great school year. We've jumped right in with both feet and are off to a wonderful start. Aside from the regular classroom activities, baseball is in full swing. There are a few home games left before the State tournament begins. Girls basketball with Odell will be gearing up soon.



Home/School Communication

Communication between home and school is a very important part of a child's educational process. We will do our best to keep parents informed of their student's progress. We encourage parents to keep good communication lines open with school. Feel free to call or come to school to talk with your child's teacher if you have concerns. You're welcome to visit your child's classroom or volunteer to help out in the classroom. If your child is experiencing personal or home difficulty that may impact his/her education, please relay that information to the teacher or administrator so that we have a good understanding of behavior or grade difficulties. When parents and teachers work together, everyone

benefits, but no one gains more than the student!

Dates to Remember...

Wed. Sept. 1	BB @ home
Wed. Sept. 1	Open House/PTO meeting 6:00
Thurs. Sept. 2	BB @ St. Mary
Fri. Sept. 3	BB @ Ridgeview
Sat. Sept. 4	BB @ home
Mon. Sept. 6	NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY
Tues. Sept. 7	BB @ Home
Tues. Sept. 7	Picture Day
Wed. Sept. 8	BB. @ Tri Point
Thurs. Sept. 9	BB @ Odell
Fri. Sept. 10	Mobile Dentist Here
Sat. Sept. 11	BB Tourney @ home
Mon. Sept. 13	BB @ home
Tues. Sept. 14	BB Regional
Tues. Sept. 14	Board meeting @ 7:00
Fri. Sept. 17	11:30 Dismissal
	School Improvement
Tues. Sept. 21	Pre-K parent program
Tues. Sept. 22	GBB @ Mazon
Tues. Sept. 21	Pre-K parent program @ 6:30 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 24	Jr. High Dance
Sat. Sept. 25	Baseball Sectional
Tues. Sept. 28	GBB @ Odell
Tues. Sept. 28	Beginning Band parent meeting
Thurs. Sept. 30	GBB @ Odell

Parent Open House/Orientation/PTO Meeting

Parent Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom and meet the teacher. At 7:00 p.m. there will be an orientation for 6th grade parents who want to find out about the Jr. High curriculum and expectations. This will be held in the Jr. High Math room. At 6:00 p.m., The PTO will hold their fall meeting. Please attend and be a part of this important organization.

The Mobile Dentists are Coming!

The mobile dentists will be here again this year. They will be here most of the day on Friday, September 10. If you would like your child(ren) to see the mobile dentists, please be sure to return the forms sent home in the registration packet. If you need more info or another form, please contact the school office. The service includes clean, check, and fluoride & sealant applications. The full fee is \$73, but if you qualify for financial assistance, the fees range from \$67 to free if you have Medicaid, All Kids, or no insurance. All students entering Kindergarten, second, and 6th grades must have a dental exam. This is a good way to get that completed if you have not already done so.

Check out our Website

Parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to visit our website at www.saunemin.org. You can find all sorts of important school information including menus, calendars, activities, contact information, and homework. Parents of third through eighth grade students can even check their student's grades! Passwords were sent home. If you need another copy, just call or stop by the school.

School Board Elections

The cycle for April School Board elections is beginning this month. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Saunemin School Board, you may pick up nominating petitions for circulation any time during normal business hours beginning September 21, 2010. Petitions must be filed between December 13 and 20, 2010. All necessary election material and info will be included in the petition packet you pick up from the office. The election date is April 5, 2011.

Saunemin Band News

Beginning Band: Students in the fourth grade and above will be eligible to go out for beginning band. **There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, September 28, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Parents and their

beginning band student may come any time during that time range. Mrs. Rapp will be there to answer any of your questions about band and instruments.

5th -8th Band Students: Band students needing cleaning and maintenance supplies may purchase them from Mrs. Rapp at school. Reed players (clarinets, saxophones) may purchase reeds by the box. They should last all year. Parents, please check with your child to see if there are any supplies needed for his/her band instrument. Instruments that are maintained will last a long time.

Jr. High Band Uniforms: Jr. High band students need to have **black/navy pants or skirts**, plus **dark colored shoes** for their uniform. The school will supply the white tuxedo shirt and black bow tie for each student. Please try to get these items as soon as possible.

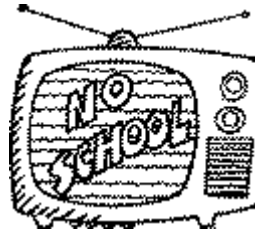
Music Calendar: Jr. High band and chorus students will receive a calendar of this year's music events. Students will receive an extra calendar to go home so it can be posted. Parents, please check with your child about receiving one of our music events calendars.

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 7th. You will receive proofs to order pictures from a few weeks after the pictures are taken.



No School



There will be no school on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. School resumes on Tuesday September 7th. There will also be **11:30 a.m. dismissal** on Friday, September 17 for School Improvement.

School Improvement Dismissals

There will be several 11:30 dismissals this year for our staff to work on State School Improvement. The dates for the 11:30 dismissals are: September 17, January 28, and May 6. There will be no lunch served on these days. Pre-K students who ride the bus home will stay until 11:30 on these days. There are no third-Monday 2:00 p.m. dismissals for these months. There will be 2:00 p.m. dismissals on October 18, November 15, February 28, and April 18.

After School Study Hall

Saunemin Elementary school will again be offering after school study hall. Students may stay after school to complete homework or get a little extra help every day except for early out days. All students in grades 5 through 8 may take advantage of this opportunity. Students should have parent permission. Transportation home is not provided.

Safety Reminder



Parents, please remind your children to cross Rt. 116 only at the school crossing where they can be safely crossed by an adult. Also, please review the pick-up and drop-off procedures. We want everyone to arrive safe and sound. Also, when dropping off or picking up students, please exercise caution and obey the directions of our traffic directors.

Student Handbook

If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to review the Student Handbook for this year. It contains valuable information about school calendar, policies and procedures. Please remember to send back a signed handbook form verifying that you have seen your child's handbook. If you did not get a form, contact the school office and we will be sure to get you one.

Attention Max Card Users!

It's time once again to sign up for the County Market Max Dollars for Education program. Simply sign up the next time you shop at County Market and designate Saunemin Elementary as the recipient school. Each time you use your Max Card, a portion of your purchase price goes to the school PTO. Sign up sheets are also available at the school. Thank you so

much for your support of the Saunemin Grade School and PTO.

Don't Forget...



- ◆ Save those Campbell's soup UPCs and send them to school each time you've saved up a bunch.
- ◆ Save those Box Tops for Education from General Mills products. We get cash for each one sent in. Last year you helped bring in over \$800! Thank You!
- ◆ If you have a Target Store credit card, make sure you designate Saunemin Elementary School as the school you want them to "Give Back" to. They donate 1% of all purchases made with their credit card to the school of your choice.
- ◆ Best Buy Rewards Program. If you buy merchandise at Best Buy, tell them you want your purchases registered for the Saunemin School District Rewards Program. We can earn points to use towards tech equipment for our school.

Character Education Word for September:

Citizenship