

Greetings Spartan Families,

We are quickly approaching the end of the year! One month from last Monday is June 15 - the last day of school! Please note the following information below.

### **New Assistant Principal!**

I am pleased to share that Ms. Sarah Lanzo, our administrative intern, will begin her position as assistant principal at Saunders on July 1, 2023. Ms. Lanzo is originally from Cleveland, Ohio and has 8 years of experiences as an educator. She began her career at Mother Brunner School in Dayton, Ohio. She came to Saunders in 2019 where she has served as a science teacher, teacher on administrative assignment, and administrative intern.

Ms. Lanzo earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Walsh University and her certification in Middle Childhood Education from the University of Cincinnati. She earned her Master of Educational Leadership from James Madison University. Ms. Lanzo has three daughters, ages 8, 6, and 5. She is a proud resident of Prince William County.

Ms. Lanzo is an energetic leader who understands that positive relationships with students, teachers, and families are the key to administrative success. She is excited about serving the Spartan family in her new role. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Lanzo as the new assistant principal at Saunders Middle School.

### **Principal Coffee**

In order to keep communication strong between Saunders and our families, I am inviting all Spartan parents to a Principal Breakfast next Thursday, May 25 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Saunders Cafeteria. We will be serving Chick-fil-A and coffee for all who would like to attend. I will briefly share some upcoming events and generally be available to answer questions and dialogue concerning the close of this year and the start of school year 2023-24. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by emailing Ms. Sally Murray at [murraysa@pwcs.edu](mailto:murraysa@pwcs.edu). by next Wednesday (5/24/23) so we may prepare accordingly.

### **Last day of School**

Provided there are no unexpected closures that impact the school schedule between now and the end of this school year, the last day of school for the 2022–23 school year will be Thursday, June 15.

### **Last Day for students**

- June 15 will be the last day of school for students.
- Dismissal at Saunders will be 11:25 a.m.

### **Computer Collection**

Student devices will be collected on June 12 and 13 during the school day. Please make sure that your child's computer, case, and charger are clean and ready to be returned by June 12. Lessons and instruction will continue without computers for the last week of school.

### **8th Grade Year-End Activities – Reminder**

In line with our traditions at Saunders, we have planned the following activities to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they transition to their high school years:

- Award Ceremony (invitation only) - June 5 @ 6:00 p.m. - This is a recognition ceremony for students who have received special awards this year.
- 8<sup>th</sup>Grade Field Day - June 13 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 p.m. - There will be a field day for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to participate in field activities, enjoy good food, and spend time with friends. This will take place during the school day.
- 8<sup>th</sup>Grade Dance - June 9 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - This is a special night for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to gather and spend the evening together.
- Photo Opportunity - There will be an opportunity for parents to come take pictures with your student in front of Saunders prior to the dance. Our lawn will be decorated in honor of 8<sup>th</sup>grade students. The decorations will remain set up from June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 13th.

### **Importance of Good Behavior**

Saunders students have been making good decisions and doing great in terms of their general behavior. As stated last week, Instruction at Saunders will continue until the last day of school. Please remind your student that there are behavior requirements for eligibility to participate

in all end of school activities. In order to participate, a student must not have referrals in the last quarter. Participation in these events is at the discretion of administration.

### **Summer School Information**

Summer is right around the corner! This Saturday, May 20, 2023, PWCS will be holding summer school registration at Beville Middle School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Join the administration for coffee and donuts. They will assist you with signing your student up for this opportunity to continue and enrich their learning experience. All students are eligible. Summer school runs from July 10 through July 28, 2023, from 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

If you cannot come on Saturday, you may register online at:

[https://www.pwcs.edu/academics\\_programs/summer\\_school/middle\\_school](https://www.pwcs.edu/academics_programs/summer_school/middle_school)

**Summer School Information (Spanish Translation):** El verano está a la vuelta de la esquina y eso significa que es hora de inscribir a su estudiante para la escuela de verano. Este sábado, 20 de mayo de 2023, tendremos la inscripción para la escuela de verano en Beville Middle School de 9 a.m. a 12 del mediodía. Acompáñenos con café y donas mientras le ayudamos a inscribir a su estudiante para esta oportunidad de continuar y enriquecer su experiencia de aprendizaje. Todos los estudiantes son elegibles. La escuela de verano es del 10 de julio al 28 de julio de 2023, de 7:45 a.m. a 11:30 a.m., de lunes a viernes.

Si no puede venir el sábado, puede inscribirse en línea en:

[https://www.pwcs.edu/academics\\_programs/summer\\_school/middle\\_school](https://www.pwcs.edu/academics_programs/summer_school/middle_school)

### **This Week**

**5.15** @ 5:15 p.m. - Softball, Soccer (home)

### **5.16**

Science SOL (8th grade)

@ 3:10 p.m. - Science - Root Cause Analysis Meeting

@ 5:15 p.m. - Baseball (home)

### **5.18**

Math SOL (6-8th grade)

@ 7:00 p.m. - 6th Grade Orchestra & Band Spring Concert (Hylton HS)

**5.19** - Kings Dominion Trip - 8th Grade Chorus, Band & Orchestra

### **Upcoming Events**

**5.22** @ 5:15 p.m. - Softball, Soccer (home)

### **5.23**

@5:15 p.m. - Baseball (home)

@ 7:00 p.m. - Choir Spring Concert (Hylton HS)

### **5.24**

@ 5:15 p.m. - Softball, Soccer (home)

@ 7:00 p.m. - Band and Orchestra Spring Concert (Hylton HS)

### **5.25**

@ 2:30 p.m. - Regional Track Meet (Manassas Park)

@ 5:15 p.m. - Baseball (home)

**5.29** - No School - Memorial Day

### **6.3**

@ 2:00 p.m. - Step-Team Showcase (Forest Park HS) \$5.00 admission  
(children under 12 are free)

**6.5** - Grade Eight Awards Night (Invitation only)

**6.6** - Forest Park Crew representatives @ all lunches

**6.7** - 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. - NJHS Induction Ceremony

### **6.9**

1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - All School Field Day

@ 6:00 p.m. - 8th Grade Dance

### **6.12**

Computer Collection - Day 1

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Touch A Truck Career Day

### **6.13**

Computer Collection - Day 2  
1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 8th Grade Field Day

**6.15**

Last day of school - dismissal @ 11:25 a.m!

It is our pleasure to partner with you in the education of your child. Please reach out if we can help in any way.

**Mr. Jeremy Byrd**

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