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Susan B English School News



SBE Report by Rochelle M. Purpura

SBE Sports Report by Katie O'Leary

PAC Meeting Update

On Tuesday, September 11th, the PAC Members met in the Susan B. English Commons for the first time since April 24th. It was the first meeting with little on the agenda except going over a few necessary beginning-of-school topics. Mrs. Hingley, our new principal, said that school was on the right track this year coming in seven students higher than what the distract estimated this year. SBE is now home to 69 students; all as unique as the school they attend. She then went over the fact that our school has met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) for last year, something that has been enforced by No Child Left Behind. Our students were 80% proficient in language arts and 85% proficient in math. Which is a good thing for all us kids at SBE!

Next, Mrs. Hingley went over some changes that have been made to the student handbook. First was a guideline for what films are appropriate to be shown in class. We all know that there have been some problems with that in the past. Another change was to the dress code which encourages students to dress more modestly. The comments made were pointed mostly towards the girls, it being said that there shouldn't be any bra straps or cleavage showing. Girls that are dressed too improperly will be asked to go to the office and will be provided with a tee-shirt to wear for the rest of the day. Mrs. Hingley also asked if someone might donate suspenders for the boy offenders of the dress code.

A couple other changes to the student handbook were cell phones

Pre-Season Workout

School has begun; students are weary. But wait, something has changed, it's.....it's SPORTS! Yes, the first day of practice for high school volleyball is only days away. High school wrestling begins October 1 st. The students are not only preparing for these events physically, but financially as well. Each team is participating in fundraising for their sport's equipment.

The wrestling team has worked diligently during the off-season raising money for new wrestling mats. The team is doing this so that they can host a tournament on their "home turf." With Coach Dan Blodgett and parent volunteer, Lisa O'Leary, spearheading the way, the future for this accomplishment is looking bright. Throughout the summer, the team also dedicated themselves to an off-season workout five nights a week. Before the 2006-2007 school year ended the wrestling team ran the concession stand during the 2A Region III Basketball Regionals.

The volleyball team for the 2007-2008 school year is a new, fresh bunch of girls. Four of the six girls from the starting line up graduated last year, but this young, fresh team is hyped up and looking at the gold. The first act the team performed together was a bake sale. The goal of this bake sale was to raise money for new volleyball warm-ups. At this fundraiser, the team made approximately \$230 in 3 hours. Though this was a good sized wad of cash, the girls have decided to further their efforts by having a **car wash this weekend. The car wash will be held at the Fire**

were added to the list of things you are not allowed to have out during school hours, except for before school and at lunch. The most important change was to the number of tardies, which was a huge problem last year. This year's punishment for getting three tardies before next quarter is half-hour detentions that will involve cleaning the school, and for the worst offenders possible Saturday detentions. Mrs. Hingley talked about probable incentives for coming to class early, with possibilities ranging from early dismissal on Fridays to homework passes. She would really like the parents to get involved and tell her what they think.

Another topic to come up was talk about classes, mostly the electives. With Mrs. Hingley saying that the staff and she worked very hard to come up with good electives this year, only for the majority of the kids to take electives online. She talked about possibilities for next semester's electives saying that she wanted more 'people relationship' classes to meet the needs of the students. Some of the class ideas for next semester were a choir class taught by Miss. Hilts and maybe even a Welding class that would take place after school three days a week for two hours, which the students seem very interested in. This Welding class will also be open for members of the community who want to participate; all we need is ten people in the class to implement.

Overall, it comes down to what *you* want for your child; what classes and opportunities they might have. We need more parents to get involved in the decisions made at PAC, meetings that affect the learning of this community's child. This is our future, what does it say to these kids if there is no involvement? So *please* come to a PAC meeting, they could really use the extra input and support.

Hall on Saturday, September 15th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please come and support the local volleyball team by getting your car squeaky-clean.

Further information on the volleyball team is the school district officially hired a coach a week before practice is to begin. This capable applicant is Lisa O'Leary. When asked what O'Leary's goal was this season she replied, "My goal is simple, to take our team as far as they are willing to go."

School Calendar through November 2007

OPEN HOUSE, September 5th @ 7:00 in the school commons area. To start off Open House there will be a short informational meeting and from there parents/guardian/grandparents will meet the staff/teachers, visit classrooms and learn about your child's school day. Don't miss a day in your child's life.....come see what it entails.

PAC / SBDMC meeting is being held September 11, Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. HOPE to see you there! The agenda is posted around town. If you are interested in running for the Parent Advisory Committee opening (Alvin Swick term ends in October); please come by the school to sign a petition or write a letter stating you are interested. ELECTION will be held October 2nd. A GLANCE forward

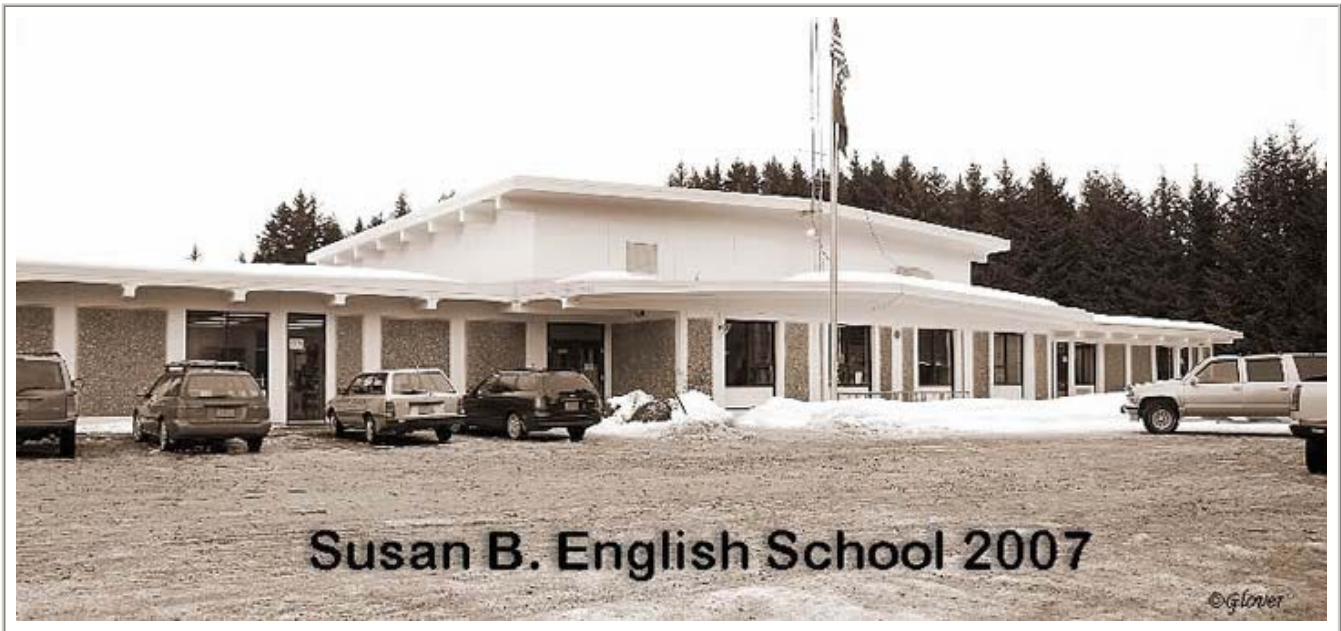
SPORTS: *PARTICIPANTS must have a CURRENT PHYSICAL on file before they are eligible to start practice. PARTICIPATION forms must be filled out and on file in the office. FORMS are available in the office and on Ed-line. SPORT SCHEDULES available on ED LINE.

September 17 High School Volleyball first day of practice
 September 19 Student Nutrition Services grace period for Reduce/Free lunches ENDS.
 September 21 FIRST ELIGIBILITY CHECK ***Make sure you have a new application turned in before this DATE SNS has 10 days upon receipt to process application and then notify families of status.

October 1 High School Wrestling and Junior High Basketball first day of practice
 October 2 ELECTIONS down at Multi Purpose room **Vote for new PAC member
 October 2-4 HSGQE for juniors/seniors needing to pass the tests
 October 19 NO SCHOOL – End of first quarter / Staff Inservice
 ELIGIBILITY CHECK
 October 20 **PSAT TEST DATE – HS students parents check this out !**
 October 23 SCHOOL PICTURES ... more information will be sent home before picture day
 October 25-26 NO SCHOOL – Parent Teacher Conferences/Staff Inservice

November 21 ELIGIBILITY CHECK
 November 22-23 NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING VACATION!

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