

Good afternoon,

Please read below for important information regarding Thompson K-8 International Academy and Southfield Public Schools.

NEXT WEEK:

Monday, January 27: PTA Meeting @ 7 pm in Library / Boys Basketball @ Thompson 5:15/6:15

Tuesday, January 28: Kindergarten Information Night @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 29: ½ Day - Dismissal at 12:00pm / Boys Basketball @ Thompson 5:15/6:15

Thursday, January 30: Boys Basketball @ Thompson 5:15/6:15

Thursday, January 30: P.O.W.E.R. Hour--SEE BELOW

Friday, January 31: 100th Day of School AND Super Bowl Spirit Dress Day

UPCOMING:

Monday, February 3: Boys Basketball / MacArthur @ Thompson 5:15/6:15

Wednesday, February 5: Boys Basketball / Thompson @ Levey 5:15/6:15

Thursday, February 6: Boys Basketball / Bradford Academy @ Thompson 5:15/6:15

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT @ TK-8

Attend the Southfield Public Schools Kindergarten Information Night at TK-8 to learn about the kindergarten curriculum, enrollment options, meet the staff and more.

- WHEN: January 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Open to families interested in Southfield Public Schools. Date subject to change if the district is closed due to weather.

Morning Drop Off & After-School Pick up

As a reminder, school begins at 8:45 am and ends at 4:00 pm. The morning free breakfast schedule begins at 8:20 am. Only students who are enrolled in Champions will be allowed in the building before 8:20 am and after 4:15 pm. **Please do not drop your child off before 8:20 am because they cannot be supervised by a staff member.** If you need to drop off before 8:20 am or after 4:15 pm, please contact Champions at: 248.552.1509 for enrollment information.

The BUS LOOP is for buses ONLY (during designated times--see below)! You MAY NOT drive into this area for any reason during the following times:

- 8:15 am - 9:15 am AND 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

The Southfield Police Department will continue to monitor and assist with traffic and if necessary, ticket cars that are violating the guidelines and endangering students.

PTA Meeting

Please join us on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm for our 2nd PTA Meeting of the school year. If you have not already joined the PTA, see the attached application and turn in the application & membership fee to your child's homeroom teacher.

Boys' Basketball

- 4th - 8th grade students may attend (students in grades K-3 MUST attend with a parent/guardian). Admission is \$2 at the door and concessions will be available for purchase.
- **Students MAY NOT remain at school until the start of the game unless they are enrolled in Champions after-school care. Games begin at 5:15 pm; doors will open for entrance at 5:00 pm. Students who remain in the building before the start of a game will lose the privilege to attend after school events!**
- Also,
 - Must have good school behavior in order to attend an after-school event. Please note students may not have:
 - More than 3 detentions assigned effective January 22, 2020
 - No Out of School Suspensions effective January 22, 2020

Art & Culture International Travel Field Trip

If you are interested in more information about having your child participate in an international field trip sponsored by TK-8 art teacher Mrs. Apacanis, please enter this Internet address into your web browser:

<https://forms.gle/nLUwqiqUrfRrFrDH9> to indicate

your attendance at the informational meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

P.O.W.E.R - The Dangerous and Harmful Effects of Vaping: What Every Parent Must Know

The Student Support Network and P.O.W.E.R. (Parents and Partners On-Hand with Engagement & Resources) will host a parent presentation and workshop on vaping. Our theme is "The Dangerous and Harmful Effects of Vaping: What Every Parent Must Know." Please share the following announcement with your parents and guardians through your newsletters, robocalls, emails, etc., and thank you for all that you do.

Join us Thursday, January 30, 2020, for the P.O.W.E.R. Hour. Southfield Public Schools is partnering with Corey James from The Southfield Community Anti-Drug Coalition to bring parents up to speed on the phenomenon officials say is putting students' health at risk. This dangerous epidemic is impacting students across the country. We want to equip our parents and stakeholders with the tools and information necessary to combat the harmful effects of vaping in our community.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the John W. English Center, 24661 Lahser Road, Southfield 48033. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP at daryl.beebe@southfieldk12.org or call **248-746-0045**.

Champions Summer Camp

Please see the attached information for summer camp opportunities available through Champions.

Detention

Effective immediately, students who have been assigned after-school detention are allowed **ONE RESCHEDULE DATE!**

When a student is assigned detention, he/she is given a copy of the detention form and parents/guardians are contacted. It is the responsibility of the student AND parent to arrange for pick up in advance of the scheduled date.

'Field Zone Half Days

Starting January 29, 2020, the 'Field Zone in Southfield will be open to district middle and high school students for half days. Students must have a membership, and district transportation will be provided. Due to a staffing change, the 'Field Zone was not able to open for the district half days earlier this school year. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused.

Volunteer Opportunity

St. David's Episcopal Church, a Southfield Public Schools partner, is looking for volunteers for their food pantry, which officially opens on Friday, January 17, 2020. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please contact Marci Fitch at marci@lighthousemi.org. This is also an opportunity for students to obtain community service hours.

The food pantry will be open on Fridays from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. and is open to district families and the community.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Southfield Public Schools Saturday School provides extended learning for district students. The elementary and middle school programs offer academic tutorial and enrichment programs. Online registration opens January 13, 2020, and will close February 5, 2020. Please visit the [Saturday School and Enrichment webpage](#) for additional information and to register.

FRESHMAN OPEN HOUSE

The Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology Freshman Open House is January 30, 2019, at 6 p.m. Prospective students and families will have the opportunity to get a full view of Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology, meet the administration team, and learn about the academic programs and curriculum. The event will be held in the school's auditorium (24675 Lahser Road, Southfield 48033).

Class of 2024, we hope to see you here!

Have a great weekend!

Education is all a matter of
building bridges.

Ralph Ellison