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STILLWATER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-24 BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A hot summer with cool learning opportunities

School may have been out for the summer, but Stillwater students soaked up cool learning opportunities thanks to the district's enrichment programs. From field trips to interactive activities, SCSD students experienced a summer full of growth, engagement and of course, fun! At Stillwater Elementary, the enrichment program focused on building the knowledge of students and fostering their creativity through activities such as makerspace, robotics, cooking, arts and crafts, and book club. On sunny days, students were active outside doing Zumba or playing physical education (PE) games.

Students enrolled in the summer success program worked on refining their knowledge and skills with math games, word searches and art and music. In addition, the district's six week summer learning program provided students aged 5 to 21 with exciting ways to stay involved with their education. It also offered them opportunities to apply lessons learned during the school year through hands-on, real-life experiences. Sometimes, this included weekly trips off campus

to places like the Bring On The Spectrum Community Space & Sensory Gym, mini golf, Fort William Henry, bowling and an aquarium. During a mini golf excursion, students practiced turn taking, frustration tolerance and making friendships. Stillwater High School students were also part of the summer enrichment and learning programs in the elementary and middle/high schools, where they served as activity assistants and worked with their younger schoolmates.



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Invitation emails to join ParentSquare have already been sent and accounts can be activated by clicking the link within the email. All messages sent via SchoolMessenger will end on September 6, so it's important to register your ParentSquare account before this date.

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UPCOMING Key Dates

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AUGUST 2023

8/28 Meet the HS Principal

SEPTEMBER 2023

9/4 Labor Day, No School

9/5 Board of Education Meeting

9/7 Classes Begin

9/19 Board of Education Meeting

OCTOBER 2023

10/3 Board of Education Meeting

10/9 Columbus Day, No School

10/10 Staff PD Day, No School

10/17 Board of Education Meeting

Stillwater High School welcomes new principal James Wager

James Wager joined the Stillwater Central School District on July 24 as the new high school principal after being appointed by the Stillwater Board of Education at the July 10 meeting. With over 25 years of experience in education, Wager comes to Stillwater from the North Colonie School District, where he served as principal of Shaker High School. He previously held district-level positions with the Gloversville Enlarged School District, since 2014, and was a principal and teacher at Lansingburgh Central School District.



During his teaching career, Wager was honored on two separate occasions by the graduating class valedictorian to attend the Capital Region Scholar Recognition Dinner. The event recognized teachers who had a significant influence on the education of their students. Wager holds Certificates of Advanced Study as a School District Leader and School Building Leader from the College of Saint Rose, a Master of Arts in Education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the State University of New York at Cortland. He is pursuing a Doctorate in Student Education Theory and Practice at the University at Albany.

As the new school year quickly approaches, Wager said "I am most excited to get to know the students, faculty, and staff. My primary goal is to learn as much as I can about the high school, how it operates, and the great opportunities provided for students. I want to be able to add value to the experiences of students and staff at SHS."

"Mr. Wager brings an abundance of leadership experience to our district, and we're eager to welcome him to our school," said Stillwater Superintendent Patricia Morris.

A fan of motorcycles, tattoos and bowties, Wager has two rescue dogs: Alice, a hound mix and Trixie, a Boston Terrier. In his free time, Wager likes to be outside doing one of favorite activities, whether it be skiing, hiking, cycling or going to the ocean. He also enjoys reading academic research on teaching and learning.


The SCSD community has the opportunity to meet Mr. Wager before the first day of school at our "Meet the Principal" event on Monday, Aug. 28. The event is from 6-7 p.m. and will be held in the middle/high school library. Light refreshments will be served.

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