



SEPTEMBER

Syracuse Arts Academy Antelope Campus

Important Dates

September 2- No School

September 6- Dollar Dress Day

September 12- POEC meeting 6:30 pm @ Antelope (Junior High)

September 13- DOT Day (see information in newsletter)

September 16-19- Scholastic Book Fair

September 17- Mad Science Demo during lunches

September 18-19- Conferences 1:00-7:00

September 20- No School

September 23-No School-Teacher Professional Learning Day

September 26- SAA Amphitheater Open House 6:00 @ North Campus

Show Choir Performance at Open House

September 27- POEC Fundraiser- Family Bingo and Brownies Activity

September 30- Box Tops Contest begins

SAVE THE DATE: October 16 SAA Black Island Farms Night

Choir Rehearsals for September:

Show Choir (3:15-4:15): 9, 16, 30

Dragon Glee Club (3:15-4:00): 11, 18, 25

Small Scale Singers (3:15-4:00): 11, 18, 25

DOT DAY INFO

Every year SAA celebrates International Dot Day. International Dot Day is a yearly celebration on September 15 of self-expression—inspired by *The Dot*, by Peter Reynolds, the story of a young girl whose artistic journey begins with a single dot. International Dot Day began when music teacher Terry Shay, inspired by *The Dot*, tweeted his vision of a day devoted to classroom creativity. More than 2 million people now participate. On **Friday, September 13, 2019**, we will celebrate Dot Day at SAA-Antelope Elementary. Students are invited to wear dots (**uniform bottoms** with a shirt with dots, socks with dots, hair clips with dots, shoes with dots). We are excited to celebrate our students' creativity!

POEC (Parent Organization for Events and Community) Corner

6th- Dollar Dress Day (Pay \$1 in class or online and students may wear clothing of their choice as long as it still abide by school guidelines)

12th- POEC Meeting @ Antelope 6:30 pm (Each meeting is worth double volunteer hours & a drawing for prizes will be held at the end)

16th-19th Scholastic Arctic Adventure Book Fair "Snow Much to Read!" (Located on the stage in the Elementary Gym)

27th Family Bingo and Brownie Event (Held at the North Campus Gym from 6-8 pm.)

30th- October 11th Box Tops Competition (We will be collecting box tops during class. Digital Box Tops can be uploaded as well. More information to come!)

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers for lunch and carpool are always needed. Just show up if you have time and we will find a place for you! Double hours for those who come and volunteer!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear SAA Families,

We have had a great start to the 2019-2020 school year. Classrooms have been buzzing with students learning about school and classroom expectations and procedures. Teachers are also assessing students to help guide their instruction for the year. Thank you to our students and families for a great start!

We are excited that on Thursday, September 26, we will be celebrating the Syracuse Arts Academy Amphitheater with an Open House at the North Campus. It will start at 6:00 PM. All of our families are invited to attend. Our Show Choir will be performing, along with our Junior High Choirs and Bands, and a choir from the North Campus.

Please remember that the safety of our students is our top priority during morning and afternoon carpool. We are grateful for the parent volunteers that help during our busy carpool times! We know it is not easy to get over 1,000 students dropped off and picked up in about 15 minutes and we appreciate all of the volunteers that help us with this. Just a few things to remember to ensure the safety of our students:

*SPEED LIMIT IS 10MPH.

*Cell phone use is prohibited.

*DO NOT drop off on 3000 W, Antelope, or Bluff. Signs are posted. Also, if you are using the dirt area on the east side of the school, the Syracuse Police would like to remind everyone to be alert of the children walking around the cars. The Syracuse Police monitor that area to ensure safety.

*Students must exit and enter the vehicle curbside. Parents may not exit vehicles while in the drop-off and pick-up lanes. If you need help, please ask a volunteer or park in the parking lot.

*It is imperative that the crosswalks are used by everyone when on school grounds. Please follow the drop-off and pick-up plan for each zone.

*Pick-Up Zones are determined by the grade of your youngest SAA student. Older students are to meet younger students for pick-up. (Example: your Junior High student would meet your 2nd Grade student in Yellow Zone)

*If you need a carpool tag to help identify the carpool zone for pick-up, please drop by the office after school and we will make sure that you get a tag. Also, please make sure that your tag is visible (attached to your review mirror) so that carpool volunteers and school staff can see it.

*Students should be picked up no later than 3:35 PM on regular schedule days. On early out days students should be picked up by 1:05 PM.

*Volunteers are always needed (double volunteer hours for carpool)!

*Thank you for your continued cooperation with carpool!

Mr. Pfister- Principal & Mrs. Hotelling- Assistant Principal

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Dear Parents and SAA Family,

WELCOME BACK! It is wonderful to see all our amazing students and families! I hope that you had a nice summer break and were able to spend some time relaxing.

We have had a great start to the 2019-2020 school year. Our 6th grade student leaders began serving at Back to School Night by greeting all who attended as well as being available to answer questions and give directions to areas in the building. They did an incredible job helping the assembly to run smoothly by directing students and in taking care of the chairs. The student leaders for the 2019-2020 school year are:

Sierra W. Lily W. Anna J. Ruth M. Halle B. Krysta R.
Anna P. Brenden S. Aria M. Asher L. Sydney W. Noah H.

We are fortunate to have students who lead with an example of service and caring. Our first character trait for the year is Respect. I will be visiting classrooms to lead lessons and discussions about what respect means and how we show respect for ourselves and others.

I look forward to seeing you all this year! Please stop by and say "hello" at any time.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Montgomery
SAA Elementary School Counselor

