



# PRINCIPAL'S SKETCHBOOK

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## Dear Parents,

Another busy week has flown by and we are getting closer and closer to the first day of school! Once again, I hope that receiving this weekly email is helpful with the dissemination of information.

First, let's answer some of your questions that I have received over the past week.

School Address:  
2893 W. 1700 S.

School Phone Number:  
801-779-2066

**What are the cross-roads for drop-off and pick-up?** The school property borders Antelope and 3000 West. Just as a reminder—children should not be crossing Antelope or 3000 West unaccompanied by an adult. All traffic must enter the school grounds from 3000 W and exit onto Antelope. Student safety is our first concern as they travel to and from school!

**Back to School Night--Would you like back to school night to be just for the parents or are the kids included as well?** We are encouraging students to attend with their parents so that they will be able to meet their

teacher, know where their classroom is and feel comfortable and excited to come to school on the following Thursday.

**How much time will be spent in the arts on a daily basis?** The arts are integrated into the curriculum throughout the day to increase learning, make it more enjoyable, and create emotion and association with content and learning. It is not the focus of the school to create individual expertise in the arts with students. We will also be providing dedicated time to art instruction. The school has hired an integrated art specialist who will aid teachers in this process and well as provide instruction herself.

**My child has been eligible for Special Education services. Will my child be able to receive Special Education Services at Syracuse Arts Academy?** Absolutely! We have special education teachers that will serve students with IEPs (individual education plans). As with all public schools, the school will comply with the federal special education laws including the newly authorized "IDEA 2004". The school and the special education teacher will work directly with par-

ents of children to properly address the individual student needs.

**Uniform Closet--Are you interested in having a uniform closet for the students? I came into some uniform clothing of all sizes. I was wondering if they would be useful to keep at the school in case students had a problem with clothing for the day?**

The school would love to have any uniform clothing that would be donated. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated.

**Are there going to be bike racks for kids who are close enough to ride bikes?** We have a bike rack for the school. K-4 students should put their bikes in the rack at the elementary, and 5-8th grade students should leave their bike in the rack between both of the buildings adjacent to the parking lot. If needed, we will purchase additional racks when required.

**What will be the price of school lunch?**

**Elementary 1-4 \$1.80**

**Jr. High 5-8 \$2.20**

As always, students may bring a lunch from home if they choose. Milk will be available to buy.

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### Back-to-School Night

Please mark your calendars for this important night—August 16th.

**Should my child bring something to protect clothing during art projects.** No the school has protective wear for the students when they are using paint.

## **Attention—Carpool Families!!! Please note....**

To the families that have already responded – a huge THANK YOU!!! Carpool is a massive undertaking. Please help by submitting your information.

We still need your reply if you are a walking family, a solo family, or already filled out papers at registration. Every family must be assigned a carpool zone and must have a car tag to drive onto school grounds during carpool times.

School is just around the corner and we are working hard to get our new carpool system ready. We need your carpool information. We need the details for each student's carpool in order to assign pick up zones. We are organizing by age and family. You must be assigned a zone before you may drive thru to pick up students. We encourage all families to find a carpool. Carpool assignments will be available at Back to School Night.

Do not reply to this email. Please send all carpool inquiries to: [carpool@syracuseartsacademy.org](mailto:carpool@syracuseartsacademy.org)

If you currently have a carpool:

Please send:

- Names & Grade for all students
- Parents/Drivers
- Number of Car Tags Desired
- Phone Number

If you are looking for a carpool and want help finding a connection:

Please send:

Parent/Driver  
Phone Number  
Address  
Names & Grade for all students  
Number of Available Seatbelts.

We are still in need of a few good volunteers to assist in the carpool committee.

- We need extra traffic directors for the first week of school.
- We need traffic directors to help for the school year. We would like several volunteers to lighten the load. This would be a weekly commitment to help during pickup.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping our school run smooth!

## **Sign up for the Listserve!**

**Please ask your school friends if they are receiving the listserv messages...if not, please remind them to sign up for the listserv. —**

[www.syracuseartsacademy.org](http://www.syracuseartsacademy.org),  
**click on contact us, click on subscribe. Thanks!!**

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

1-Please contact Amber Wimmer for opportunities to volunteer. [pppunchy@aol.com](mailto:pppunchy@aol.com)

2-Please fill out your personal contact information on the computer for the POEC when you come to back-to-school night. This information helps to let us know where you would like to volunteer and how to get in touch with you.

3-When you place your personal information in the computer it also allows us to let you know how many hours of volunteering you have done elec-

**Parents...did you know that if you volunteer to help with carpool 2 days a week for a month you will receive a gold fast pass for that month. Also we will have 2 tags ready at BTS night, ....you will get the other within a week. Volunteer Now!**

**Free fast pass for volunteering!!!!**



**When school starts, you will not be allowed in the school parking lot to pick up students without a carpool tag. You must send in your carpool information to get a carpool tag. See information above! Thanks!**



**Don't Forget!!!**

**Back-to School Night—Jr. High Students**-On August 16th, the school will be open from 2-8 to pay your fees, have your school picture taken, get your locker assignment. **YOU MUST WEAR YOUR UNIFORM TO HAVE YOUR SCHOOL PICTURE TAKEN IN.** You may meet teachers and see your classrooms beginning at 3:30 until 6:30. See you then!

## Important—Back-to-School Night Information

**Elementary—August 16th**

**Please come at the following times according to your last name:**

<b>A-G</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>H-M</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>N-Z</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

**Go Right to your student's class!**

**Please join us for a 30-40 minute session. Teachers will be sharing all kinds of great information with you. Please be on time to your session. If you have more than one student, you may attend more than one session. There will be information from the POEC that night also! Plan to sign up for committees. See you there!**

**Jr. High Open House—**

**August 16th, 3:30-6:30...come meet teachers and see the new Jr. High Building!!**



### Choir...Choir...Choir

Choir will begin Friday August 20<sup>th</sup> in the elementary school gym for children 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. There are three choirs: Ovation Choir (1-2 grades) Concert Choir (3,4 and 5 grades) and Show Choir (6<sup>th</sup> grade.) There will be no Audition Choir this year. Rehearsals run every Friday that school is in session from 1:00-1:45. Part of the concert this year will be made up of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Dance Company made up of 15 boys and 15 girls. They will meet every Friday from 1:45-2:25 and learn dances such as the cha cha and swing! For more information on this and volunteer opportunities please visit the performing arts table at back to school night. If your child is not participating in the choir or 6<sup>th</sup> grade Dance Company they must be picked up when school is out. We cannot be liable for those children that are waiting for siblings or carpools. This year we will be holding the choir concerts the week

**Why Should I Come to Back-to-School Night or the Jr. High Open House?**

**You can:**

- 1-Meet teachers
- 2-Find classes
- 3-Sign up for school committees
- 4-Pay your fees
- 5-Pick up your school schedule
- 4-Get carpool information

Get excited for school!!!! Yea!!!!



**At Back-to-School Night—**

The parent organization will be selling :

School approved shirts with logos  
Spirit Shirts for the Jr. High

### Larger Uniform Sizes

Thanks to all of the parents sending in places to buy larger sizes in uniforms. I'm sharing info:

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| <b>Walmart in Syracuse</b>     | <b>Sears</b>     |
| <b>Lands End</b>               | <b>JC Penney</b> |
| <b>Childrenswearoutlet.com</b> |                  |
| <b>French Toast</b>            | <b>Dillard's</b> |



### Mission Statement

*Syracuse Arts Academy develops respectful, confident citizens in a solid educational environment enriched by artistic expression*