



Selvidge Middle School  
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Sean Stryhal, Principal

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Friday, September 2nd

**School Picture Day**



# Selvidge Stampede

*'Whatever It Takes'*

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September 2011

Dear Parents,

I hope the start of the year has gone well for you and your child. From our perspective, and the feedback I've heard from students and parents, we are off to a great new year. I have been very impressed with how quickly the kiddos have settled in and started getting into some serious work. This past week I was in several classes where students were discussing and analyzing the results of their pre-assessments and talking about goal setting for the semester. Great work and I am excited to see the learning that will take place over the next year!

Open House this year was fun and well attended. It was great to talk with many of our returning parents and also meet parents new to our school. Overall, the response to our updated Open House format was very positive as you can see from the results shown below:

96% of you preferred the format this year to what we had tried the last two years.

98% of you gave a 4 or 5 (Favorable) in your response to whether the information from teachers was clear and informative.

I will include the full survey results further in this newsletter for you to review. Our School Improvement Team will also review this information in September and see what we could tweak to improve the night even more for next year.

This September also marks the 10th anniversary of the attacks on 9/11. At Selvidge, we have made sure to take time each 9/11 to remember those who were lost and show respect for all our first responders. This year, I am pleased to let you know that members of Metro West and the Ballwin PD will once again join us to meet with students on Friday, September 9 to help us mark this important event. They will be meeting with classes during the first hour of school to explain the role of first responders and talk with students about that day 10 years ago. Our students will also be helping to raise funds for the second annual Metro West 'Run to Remember' by selling commemorative buttons for \$1 (made here at Selvidge). If you would like a button for yourself, please stop by the main office next week.

Have a great September!

Sincerely,

Sean F Stryhal - Principal

## September 2011

- 2 School Picture Day
- 5 Labor Day, No school
- 7 PTO Meeting, 2:30 pm
- 7 **Stallion Social - 6:30pm - 8:00 p.m.**
- 9 Camp Babler, 6th grade Blue Team
- 13 Early Release Day**
- 16 Camp Babler, 6th grade Green Team
- 20 Progress Report
- 21 8th grade Blue Field Trip - South Tech**
- 22 8th grade Green Field Trip - South Tech**
- 23 Hearing Screen
- 26-30 Spirit Week
- 30 Stuco Fall Dance, 2:30 - 3:30

## October 2011

- 4 Magazine Sales Fundraiser Kick off
- 5 Magazine Post Card Turn in
- 6 Flu Shot - 2:30 - 4:00
- 6 PTO General Meeting—6:30 pm
- 11 1st Magazine Turn In
- 11 Early Release Day—11:15 dismissal**
- 17 Jesus Villahermosa—6th grade Assembly 1:00
- 18 2nd Magazine Turn in
- 18 Vision Screening
- 19 Vision Screening
- 20 Fall Orchestra Concert - 7:00 pm
- 24—27 RED RIBBON WEEK**
- 24 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 4-7:30 pm**
- 25 Final Magazine Turn in
- 26 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 3:30 –7pm**
- 28 No School

## PE News



**Cross Country - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** - If you love to run or are interested in learning how to run long distances.....stay after with Ms. Leeker on Thursdays. All are welcome, we would love to have you be a part of the Selvidge Cross Country Team. Sign up at lunch on Thursday and we will meet in the gym after school. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Leeker.

## MMM MMM Good!

### Calling All Campbell's:

We need your Soup Labels for Education!

Please remember to keep collecting your labels. Not only can you STILL bring in Campbell's soup labels, but bring in your BIC Stationary Products and Pop Secret popcorn labels too!

Your labels help our school earn supplies and rewards! Drop off your labels in the main office and Look for the Campbell's Label container! Thanks for your support! Questions:

Contact Laurie DeJohn



**Selvidge Middle School**  
**Open House – Parent Survey Tally Overall**

1. Was the day of the week convenient for you? **Yes No**

<b>100%</b>	
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2. Was the time convenient for you? **Yes No**

<b>99%</b>	<b>1%</b>
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3. I heard about Open House through: (Circle any that apply) → **Most had multiple responses.**

E-mail from school. <b>28%</b>	Orientation Folder <b>33%</b>	Letter Home <b>24%</b>	Other <b>13%</b>
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Please answer the following on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being unfavorable, 3 neutral and 5 favorable:

	1	2	3	4	5
4. What is your overall rating for Open House:			<b>1%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>88%</b>
5. My child's teachers were prepared and gave useful information:			<b>1%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>89%</b>
6. I appreciate the opportunity to follow my child's schedule:		<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>89%</b>
7. The information on what my child will learn this semester was clear and informative.			<b>2%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>85%</b>

8. I attend Open House for the following main reasons: (Circle your top two reasons)

Follow my child's schedule <b>9%</b>	Meet and get to know my child's teachers. <b>30%</b>	To better understand each teachers expectations <b>43%</b>	Connect w/ other parents <b>2%</b>	Assist my child educationally. <b>16%</b>
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9. I would be open to the following changes regarding the format of Open House: (Circle your top two responses) → **less than half responded to this question. Many wrote in 'Leave as is' or words to that effect.**

Hold Before School <b>26%</b>	Start at 6 PM <b>27%</b>	Shorter Time in Class <b>3%</b>	Teacher Handout <b>42%</b>
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10. If you have had a child attend Selvidge in the last three years please answer the following:

Prefer this Evening <b>96%</b>	Prefer Previous Method <b>4%</b>
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## COUNSELORS' CORNER:

Molly Rundquist, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 8-Blue  
Sally Blackburn, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8-Green

### **Character Education at Selvidge**

Rockwood focuses on nine Character Education Traits throughout the year. Emphasizing these traits at home will, of course, further strengthen our students' knowledge of these important attributes.

- \* **RESPONSIBILITY** - Being accountable for your own choices and behaviors.
- \* **RESPECT** - Showing positive regard for self, others, property, rules, and authority.
- \* **PERSEVERANCE/EFFORT** - Striving toward a goal despite challenges.
- \* **CARING** - Demonstrating kindness, courtesy, and compassion.
- \* **COOPERATION** - Working together to accomplish a task.
- \* **INTEGRITY** - Being truthful, fair, and trustworthy.
- \* **COURAGE** - Acting responsibly despite fears or difficulties.
- \* **PATIENCE** - Waiting calmly.
- \* **SELF-CONTROL** - Managing your behavior in a positive way.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Fieldtrips!**

We are happy to announce that our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has the privilege of attending two career awareness fieldtrips this school year. Mark your calendars: "Career Connect" - September 21, 8-Blue to South Tech High. September 22, 8-Green to South Tech High. February 28, both teams to the Rockwood Career Fair at the Kemp Auto Museum in Chesterfield Valley. Transportation will be by regular school bus for both fieldtrips. Look for yellow permission slips to come home very soon.

### **Looking for "Rainbows" Participants**

The counselors are planning various student support groups this year, beginning with one called "Rainbows." This small counseling group specifically deals with the concerns of children who have experienced difficulties due to a change in the family structure, such as separation or divorce. Our group is designed to give students an opportunity to discuss areas of concern and explore different ways of dealing with problems and coping with life stresses.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders/parents, please contact Dr. Blackburn [blackbumsally@rockwood.k12.mo.us](mailto:blackbumsally@rockwood.k12.mo.us)  
6<sup>th</sup> graders/parents, please contact Mrs. Rundquist [rundquismolly@rockwood.k12.mo.us](mailto:rundquismolly@rockwood.k12.mo.us)





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**Jeff Puls**  
Coordinator of Testing

August, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This fall your 8<sup>th</sup> grade child will participate in our district-wide testing program by taking the EXPLORE test. The EXPLORE test is the first in a series of three tests produced by ACT, Inc. In Rockwood the EXPLORE test is administered to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders or 9<sup>th</sup> graders who did not take the EXPLORE as 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 10<sup>th</sup> graders take the PLAN, and upper level high school students take the ACT test. Colleges and universities frequently use the ACT test for college entrance and placement purposes. The EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT assessments, when used together, give educators at the middle-school and secondary school levels a powerful, interrelated sequence of instruments to measure student development and monitor instructional impact from 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Taking the EXPLORE in the 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade will provide early planning information regarding students' strengths and weaknesses and a lot of time to establish a program of studies to help students achieve their career and educational goals.

The EXPLORE is a standardized assessment which measures English language (usage/mechanics and rhetorical skills), Mathematics, Reading and Science Reasoning. This assessment has a heavy emphasis on complex cognitive skills important for future education and careers. Your child's EXPLORE test scores will be reported as a national rank, a composite score and a projected PLAN composite score. The National Rank compares your child's results to the national norming sample. For example, a national rank of 75 indicates that the student scored at or above 75 percent of the students in the norming sample. The Composite score is an average of the four main content area test scores. The Composite score rank is an estimate. The test will also provide an estimated composite score range for your child indicating how your child might do when he/she takes the PLAN test in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

The EXPLORE also includes a needs assessment and interest inventory section. The results of the needs assessment and interest inventory are used to help 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade students explore the world of possibilities open to them, make the most of their opportunities in high school and beyond, and guide them as they start thinking about future educational and career planning. The student report also contains information regarding the types of work environments and career areas that best match your child's interests and activities, based on their responses to the EXPLORE interest inventory.

The results obtained from EXPLORE will help show what your child has or has not yet learned, their areas of interest, and areas in which your child reported wanting more help. Teachers can use this information to better plan classroom instruction during the remainder of the school year. Counselors can use this information to help with planning High School courses for your child. This assessment is only one measure of student performance, a snapshot in time. To get a more complete picture, you also need to know how your child does with daily class work and other activities.

If you have any additional questions about how schools will use the assessment please feel free to contact your child's school. Additional information is also available at <http://www.act.org/explore/results.html>.

Thank you for your time, effort, and support of the Rockwood School District as we strive to improve education for all students.

Sincerely,

Jeff Puls  
Coordinator of Testing

# September 2011 PTO News...



## 2011 - 2012 Executive Board Members

*President - Rhonda Costa*

*Vice President - Anna Speaker*

*Treasurer - April Stelzer*

*Co-Treasurer - Sherry Myers*

*Corresponding Secretary - Soundhra Lakshmanan*

*Recording Secretary - Cheryl Egan*

*Volunteer Coordinator - Becky Ingli*

Hello Selvidge Families,

The school year is moving right along and we are off to a great start! We have only been in school for a few weeks and I have so many people to thank! We are very lucky to have wonderful volunteers! We truly appreciate everything you do!

Thank you to all of the parents and students that helped out at orientation. You really helped the day run smooth, we couldn't have done it without you! Thank You to all of the parents who made food for our teachers Back to School Breakfast. They loved it and left full! Thank you to our Production Room volunteers, who are already busy getting assignments copied for teachers. You make their job so much easier! Thank you to the volunteers who helped out at the Open House. You were a big help! Thank you to the PTO Board for all of your dedication, time and commitment that you have given over the summer and will continue to give this school year. I truly appreciate you and all that you do! Thank you to all of you for making Selvidge a great place to be!

Please consider joining us for our next PTO meeting: **September 7th @ 2:30pm**

Please stop by the main office to sign in and find out where the meeting is taking place. If you can't make the meeting, please join us in the evening for our Stallions Social. We hope to see you there!

Rhonda Costa ☺

[Juspooh41@charter.net](mailto:Juspooh41@charter.net)

## You're invited: STALLIONS SOCIAL

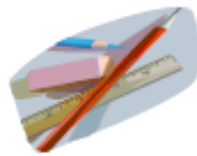
Parents: Please join us for our 2nd Annual STALLIONS SOCIAL  
September 7th @ 6:30 PM in the Library

- ☆ Come mix and mingle with our PTO and the Administrative Team.
- ☆ Get a quick update on what's going on at Selvidge.
- ☆ Have a chance to visit with other parents of Selvidge Students.
- ☆ Light refreshments will be served ~ Babysitting provided by NJHS

## 2011 - 2012 PTO Committee Chairs still needed

The following Committee Chairs are still open for the 2011 - 2012 school year. If you are interested or have questions regarding these positions, please contact Rhonda Costa at [juspooh41@charter.net](mailto:juspooh41@charter.net).

Book Donations      Concessions  
Donation Coordinator      Trivia Night



## NEW Volunteer Oppertunity!!!

This year the school would like to have parents help running the School Store. We need volunteers from 7:00-7:30am every morning and possibly during lunch shifts on Fridays. However, we need the volunteers to do this for our students. Please take a look at your schedule and see if you can help out. You can pick one time a month or one time a week any and all help is needed and greatly appreciated! Please email Becky Ingli our volunteer coordinator if you are interested. [Twnsx2@earthlink.net](mailto:Twnsx2@earthlink.net)

### Schnucks E-script Cards!!!

Help the PTO raise money just by doing your shopping! What can be easier than that?

Stop by the Selvidge Office and pick up your Schnucks E-script Card today!

Activate the card and every time you grocery shop, just hand it to the cashier at Schnucks and a portion of your purchase will automatically go towards Selvidge PTO.



## Magazine Sales



You can help the Selvidge PTO year-round by purchasing or renewing your magazines online.

Simply go to [www.QSP.com](http://www.QSP.com) and enter our school code: 1080099.

We will be kicking off our 2011-2012 magazine sales in October.

Please contact Annie Martino if you have any questions! [Martinogirls@hotmail.com](mailto:Martinogirls@hotmail.com)

### Selvidge PTO is on the web

Did you know you can find Selvidge PTO news on the web?

You'll have access to executive board meeting minutes, the PTO budget and more.

Just click the PTO link on the right hand-side of the Selvidge home page.

<http://www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/selvidge/Pages/default.aspx>

# Save the Date:

## Trivia Night - November 5<sup>th</sup>

- ☆ Lots of fun for the whole family! 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 100 years...
- ☆ Join us for an evening of fun, food, family & friends.
- ☆ There will be lots of laughter and fun had by all!

Snacks, Raffle's, Prizes, Fun...You don't want to miss it!

# SMS DRAMA CLUB FALL MUSICAL



## Auditions

Sept. 20 & 21  
2:30 – 3:30

### What You Need:

1. A Song to sing
2. Paperwork COMPLETED and SIGNED by a parent/guardian
3. Good Attitude

Paperwork is found on the table outside room 24 OR on Mrs. L's website at [liliensieksherry@rockwood.k12.mo.us](mailto:liliensieksherry@rockwood.k12.mo.us)

## Duke Talent Search Students Recognized

Congratulations to the seventh grade students listed below who qualify to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. These students qualified for this honor by scoring at least at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on a nationally normed standardized test. The students will have the opportunity to take the high school SAT or ACT test, receive feedback, compete for awards, and possibly attend summer camps for gifted students. Congratulations!

ABBASSI, ZOYA	GOAD, COREY	MOEHLENKAMP, ERICKA	RUTLEDGE, JACKSON
ALBERT, CLAIRE	GRAESSLE, STEPHANIE	MOLENGRAFT, MICHAEL	SAFI, RAMI
ALI, ARSALAN	GROSSL, JONATHON	MOLENGRAFT, STEPHEN	SCHAFFER, MADISON
ALT, ANNA	HAGLOF, JULIANNE	MUETH, HARMONY	SCHRIEVER, KAYLEE
ALT, MAGDELINÉ	HALLER, ETHAN	MUNDEN, SYDNEY	SCHUTH, COURTNEY
BARGER, IAN	HALLER, FRANCES	MYERS, ALEX	SHAH, KISHAN
BARKER, JAMES	HERMAN, AMANDA	MYERS, PAUL	SHAH, VISHAL
BERGER, RYAN	HILALY, TANHITA	NELSON, SYDNEY	SHELLABARGER, STEPHEN
BERRY, LUKE	HOJNACKI, MICHAEL	NERO, JULIET	SHERRER, ANDREW
BINAEI, ANTHONY	HOLLENBECK, HANNAH	NICHOLS, KAYLIE	SHERWOOD, SAM
BROADUS, QUINCY	INGLI, BRANDON	NICHOLS, COLE	SILLS, MARGARET
BROOKS, ERIN	INGLI, RYAN	NOLL, ADAM	SPEICHLINGER, JARED
BULCZAK, BRADLEY	JEON, ANGELA	OGILVY, SEAN	STELZER, JALIN
BURNS, THATCHER	KALMES, ALEXANDER	OSTMANN, JACK	STOKES, MICHAEL
BUTLER, MARK	KAMINSKI, KENDRA	OZERSKY, KASSIDY	STOVALL, KATHRYN
BUXTON, PATRICK	KAZMI, ALI	PACIORKOWSKI, LEV	STRAULIN, JACKSON
CAMPO, MACKENZIE	KEEVEN, REILLY	PANICKER, CHESNA	STROTHKAMP, WILLIAM
CHAN, BRANDON	KING, ALEC	PAOLICCHI, AURORA	SURESH, SACHIN
CLINE, NATHAN	KING, EVAN	PASSINO, JAXON	TANNAS, TIFFANY
CONSTANTINIDES, MEGAN	KING, TIMOTHY	PATSCHORKE, TIMOTHY	THOMPSON, SEAN
DEGRAW, NATHAN	KODELJA, JOHN	PATSY, RYAN	THROM, KATHERINE
DICKINSON, ELIZABETH	KRIEG, LAUREN	PAULEY, TYLER	WALL, MIKA
DISANZA, ALEXANDER	KUEBLER, MICHAEL	PEVEHOUSE, RACHEL	WALSH, MICHAEL
DRUMM, HANNAH	LAMPKIN, DESTINY	PICKENS, NICK	WEIS, DAWSON
EASTERDAY, BLAKE	LEE, SAVANAH	QAZI, AMAAN	WESTHOFF, JOSEPH
EDWARDS, OLIVIA	MCCANDLESS, MITCHELL	RAY, CORBIN	WHITEHEAD, SHANE
ELMORE, HANNAH	MCDONALD, ABBY	RE, JACK	WILSON, JACOB
ERNST, JUSTIN	MCKENZIE, EMILY	REAMER, KYLE	WILSON, TAYLOR
EVELAND, MADISON	MILLER, CATHERINE	REED, CALEB	WINKLER, SARA
FEINSTEIN, ALEXIS	MILLER, JACOB	REKAS, ELIZABETH	WITENGIER, ANNA
FOOTE, MATHEW	MILTICHEVA, MICHELLE	RICHARD, HANNAH	YIN, CHENXIN
	MITCHELL, MASON	ROACH, DARREN	ZHANG, LINA
		ROQUE, JUAN	

Parents of these students: For more information about the SAT/ACT tests and the Duke TIP process, please join Sally Blackburn (Selvidge Counselor), the Crestview counselors, Fran Kremer and Juli Rust (Marquette counselors) at Crestview Middle School on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Crestview library.



# Yearbook Information

*Save time and money today!*

**Purchase your 2011-2012  
yearbook AFTER school begins.**

*HERE'S HOW:*

1. STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE YEARBOOK INFORMATION DURING HOMEBASE IN SEPT. / OCT.
2. STUDENTS WILL CREATE A "WISHLIST" FOR THE YEARBOOK THEY WANT.
3. AFTER REVIEWING THE "WISHLIST," PARENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER THE YEARBOOK VIA CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD (ONLINE) DIRECTLY FROM THE VENDOR, HERFF-JONES.

*Selvidge Middle School's "Order Day"*

*date to be announced soon.*