



Schwegler Cub Corner 2024-2025 Welcome Back Edition

“WELCOME” to our new and veteran Schwegler families as we return for the 2024- 2025 school year. I am very excited to begin my 18th year as Principal at Schwegler and my 26th year in education. Our staff has been hard at work making plans over the summer to make this year the best one yet! In June, members of our staff Guiding Coalition Committee worked on revisiting and aligning our building goals with the district’s strategic plan. You will find a summary of our goals later in the newsletter. We have high expectations of ourselves as a staff and our school community. We believe that by working together all students will learn at high levels. We are looking forward to our first opportunity to meet with families at our back to school Sneak Peek/Sunset Stroll event on August 9th from 5:30-6:30pm. You will receive an email and a phone call sometime on or before August 9th that will share initial placement information for your child and share details about Sneak Peek night as well. We are looking forward to this new year and your involvement in your child’s education. Together, we can make this an incredible 2024-2025 school year at Schwegler Elementary School!

Respectfully,

Dr.Jared Comfort

Schwegler Principal

School Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:45am-3:50pm

Early Dismissal Every Wednesday: 8:45am-2:20pm

It is extremely important that you make every effort to adhere to regular school hours. Punctual attendance is an important piece of academic success. Please ensure success for your student by seeing that they arrive on time and ready to learn every day! Please make arrangements for your student’s prompt arrival and departure.

Students eating breakfast at school may arrive after 8:30 am. Breakfast will be available in the cafeteria. All Students may arrive between 8:30 and 8:45. Students arriving at school after 8:45 am will be considered tardy and need to obtain a tardy slip from the main office in order to be admitted to class.

Schwegler Schools Goals

Based on our analysis of our year end scores from the 2023-2024 school year, our building Guiding Coalition has revised our overall building goals for this year. These goals are as follows:

- 1.) By the end of the 25-26 school year, 75% of Schwegler students will score low risk or on track on Fastbridge assessments in reading and math.
- 2.) Schwegler scores on the School Climate portion of the Panorama survey for students in 3rd-5th grade will increase by 10% (from 48-58%) by the end of the 25-26 school year.

Classroom Assignments

Class lists will not be finalized for any grade level until September 1st. This will give our staff the chance to get to know students and make the best possible placement decision for your child for this school year.

ARRIVAL

Unless students are in the Boys & Girls Club program, they shall not arrive to school before 8:30am. At 8:30am students eating breakfast may enter the building to get breakfast and go to class.

22nd St. is a "Loading and Unloading" zone, **NO PARKING** from 8:00-9:00am and 3:00- 4:00pm. Please drop your students in either of the following locations: K-2 D lot (off 22nd St.) 3-5 C lot (visitor lot off Ousdahl Rd.)

-No families are allowed in the building for student/staff safety unless checking in by appointment through the front office for both arrival and dismissal.

DISMISSAL

Students are expected to observe the plans parents have provided teachers. If transportation plans change for students, the school needs 24 hours advance notice in writing. This is necessary to ensure student safety.

Parents in both the Northwest (D lot) and South lots (C lot) line up to pick up their students. Parents wishing for their child to walk or to pick up their child may do so outside the front entrance to the building. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring a safe and secure environment.

VISITOR PARKING LOT

Our visitor parking is located on the SE side of the school, where you can also drop off and pick up your student throughout the day should they have an appointment or need to leave school for some other reason.

LUNCH/BREAKFAST

The monthly menus will be listed on the district's website.

The application for free and reduced-price meals for the 2024-2025 school year can be completed online on the district website at:

<https://www.usd497.org/Page/1251>

If you need assistance completing the application for free/reduced-price meals, please call 785-832-5000 or email fs.office.staff@usd497.org.

We will have printed versions of the application in the front office at Schwegler that can be filled out.

If you need to add money to your student's lunch account, you can drop checks and cash off at the front office or set up My School Bucks account online through the district website.

SCHOOL FEES

Lawrence Public Schools will mail fees invoices in August. You have the option of paying school fees in full or choosing a payment plan. If it is not convenient for you to come to our office to pay fees, you may either mail your fees or go to the Lawrence Public School website and pay online.

If you are interested in applying to have your fees discounted or waived, you must have submitted the free/reduced lunch application and then will also need to fill out and sign a consent for disclosure form. These forms can be found at each school office or printed from the district website:

<https://www.usd497.org/Page/1251>

If you have questions about student fee waivers, please call 785-832-5000 and ask to speak to the Business Office.

CALENDAR

July 31-August 12 School office hours 9-12:00 and 1-4:00 (Mon. – Fri.) *If you need to visit the office in person, please call ahead of visit. 785-832-5860*

August 9 Expect initial class placement notifications

August 9 Sneak Peek/ Sunset Stroll (More information to come)

August 13 Regular office hours resume M, T, Th, F 8:15-4:15 pm and W 8:15-3:00 pm

August 13 Kindergarten transition day - dismissal will be at 12:00

No School for 1st -5th grades

August 14 First full day of school grades K-5

August 19 First day of BGC

Sept. 2 NO SCHOOL: Labor Day

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply lists are posted on the school district's website. Several local discount stores have supply lists as well. If you need school supplies and can not get your own, please email AShellho@usd497.org to get on a list. Those supplies will be given to students the first full week of school.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB – BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Boys & Girls Club before school program begins at 7:00am, and the after-school program runs from school dismissal to 6:00pm. Applications for enrollment are available online at: <http://membership.bgclk.org>. Please email Shauna at saragon@bgclk.org with any questions.

ENROLLMENT

Please share this information with any new families in your neighborhood:

Families who are new to Lawrence Public Schools should visit the district website and start the online enrollment process. If you have questions, you can call the Welcome and Enrollment Center, 832-5000. The center is located at 110 McDonald Drive. Children already enrolled in Lawrence Public Schools, attended Kindergarten Orientation this spring, or are moving from one school to another within the Lawrence school district, are not required to register at the Welcome and Enrollment Center. Schwegler's office is open as of July 31st. Please feel free to contact us between 9-12 and 1-4:00 pm. (Please call first to make sure we are in the office 785-832-5860). You can pay school fees, drop-off forms that are needed to complete your child's enrollment, pick up meal/fee waiver applications, or put money in your child's meal account.

Site Council

Schwegler is committed to continuous school improvement. Join our collaborative team of Site Council members as we meet every other month to discuss our vision, values, and goals for Schwegler. Look for more information on upcoming dates through your monthly newsletters or other communications coming from school.

Site Council is a group that includes a parent representative from each grade level, staff members, the principal, community members, and a school board member. These members help facilitate positive relationships between the community, parents, staff, and students. Call the Schwegler office at 832-5860 if you have questions or are interested in becoming a member.

Welcome Back Schwegler Cubs!

PTA news

Welcome back, Schwegler families and friends! We are excited for this new school year and all the events we have planned. In order to put on all of the events for our students and families, we need help! If you are interested in joining the PTA, or helping with any of our events, please reach out to the PTA and we will get you the information. Our email is: schweglerpta@gmail.com.

Join us for our Schwegler Sneak Peek/Sunset Stroll on Friday, August 9 from 5:30 - 6:30pm on the Schwegler playground. Come meet new friends, teachers, and families, and your child can begin earning their Marathon Club miles.

Monday, August 26th at 6:30pm will be our first PTA meeting of the year. We will be in the Art Room. If you are not able to attend in person, keep an eye out for a Webex link. Marathon Club will start on Friday, September 6th at 7:45am in the C lot. Please make sure to fill out the consent form that will be sent home with your child and return to us prior to Marathon Club. You can either send it to school with your student to turn into their teacher, or you can email it to us at schweglermarathonclub@gmail.com. Reminder that students can start Marathon Club at any time throughout the year. Consent forms will also be available at the Sneak Peek/Sunset Stroll.

Make sure to join our FB page for all PTA updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/schweglerpta>

And our Marathon Club FB page for all Marathon Club updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/schweglermarathonclub>

Schwegler Schwag online store will open in August or September. Make sure to snag your gear! More information to come! We look forward to the 2024-2025 school year and getting to know some of the new families joining our school!