

# Sorensen Magnet School of the Arts and Humanities



*Sorensen Mission Statement: Sorensen is an artistically-enriched school which empowers students by providing an academically excellent education for every child.*

October 2020

Greetings and welcome to the month of October!

Beginning Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, our district will launch into the “yellow” phase and all Sorensen students will return to school five days a week. Please review the bell schedule that was emailed to all families yesterday. Per CDC guidelines, we will continue to wear masks, wash hands, and social distance as much as possible while in school. As we blend our “A” and “B” cohorts, students finally get to be together with their whole class while also continuing to follow cohort protocols. We hope this brings a ray of sunshine and hope for our families whose children might not have had much opportunity to socialize with their peers for the past several months. Teachers will be rebuilding their learning communities, reintroducing students to classroom and school protocols under the “yellow” guidelines, and ultimately work towards creating class norms that emphasize a sense of safety and security...and then we’ll be in a space for learning.

A few Sorensen-specific updates:

- **Friday Gatherings:** These will continue to be virtual and viewed in classrooms at the end of the week. Each week a grade level film is shared throughout the school that features our students immersed in activity, learning, and all things related to arts and humanities.
- **The Arts and Humanities block:** A&H classes feature our staff sharing and teaching students their areas of passion in the arts. These classes take place during the school day and are embedded within our daily schedule M-W. We hope to begin the A&H block as soon as October 19.
- **Halloween Celebrations:** October concludes with the annual Sorensen Halloween Parade downtown. You can imagine that both a parade and a class party will be contingent on the ongoing monitoring of COVID and guidance from Panhandle Health.
- **Performance teams:** We continue to work towards starting the before and after school performance teams now that we’re moving into the yellow phase. We will be sticking to the prescribed restrictions on the number of students allowed to come together within a space and as well as all of the social distance protocols. This will make it challenging for us to be able to deliver these programs as they have been in the past, however, we hope to offer them in some capacity as soon as possible all while maintaining a safe environment for our students and staff. Stay tuned for more details.

The school year is off and running and we thank our Sorensen community for your patience and entrusting us with your children. There’s nothing we would like more than to return to some sense of “normal”, however, in the meantime we hope you will continue to be resilient and not hesitate to let us know when you have questions or concerns. The Sorensen staff continues to work tirelessly in pursuit of grounding ourselves and being prepared and ready for all of our students to return next week. It’s long overdue and we can’t wait!

Brett DePew  
Principal- Sorensen Magnet School



## Calendar

Oct. 2 NO SCHOOL ~ Flex Day  
Oct. 15 Individual Picture Day ~  
**B Day Students**  
Oct. 20 Individual Picture Day ~  
**A Day Students**  
Oct. 31 Happy Halloween!  
Nov. 1 Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour



## Daylight Savings Ends

Remember to turn back your clocks one hour the weekend of November 1st or before you go to bed the night before!



## Picture Day

Picture day is coming soon! Order packets will go home with every student as it gets closer to their picture day. We will be in yellow (minimal) risk level during this time, however, we will be keeping the same picture day schedule.



- **B Day Students:** picture day is on Thursday, October 15th.
- **A Day Students:** picture day is on Tuesday, October 20th.

## Counselor's Connection



This is "Miss Hilary," school counselor at Sorensen Magnet School. I have enjoyed meeting our new students as well as connecting with our returning students. My goal is to ensure that all of our students feel safe, welcome and connected at Sorensen. Please contact me if there is anything I can do to assist you or your child.

Resources Available:

Does your child need boots? I have vouchers available. Would your family benefit from extra food on the weekends? We have a district wide food backpack program. Please contact me to get signed up for either of these programs.

Looking forward to a great year.

Miss Hilary, School Counselor

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## Please Remember...



If your child will not be attending school due to illness or any other reason, Please call or email the office staff: (208) 664-2822, [mgrebil@cdaschools.org](mailto:mgrebil@cdaschools.org). If we do not hear from you, expect a phone call from us. It is nice to let the teacher know, however they do not always get the message to the office. If a student will be arriving late or leaving early for appointments, please let the office know as well.

Thank you!

## PTO News

Join us for our PTO meeting on Monday, October 12th at 7PM at The Wine House on Sherman. All are welcome to attend!



Coupon Book Time! Permission slips have been sent home and books are being distributed. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Funds support our students, teachers and other extras at school. We appreciate everyone's participation and help with this. Thank you!

## Box Tops For Education

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This years' PTO board members are:

- President ~ Sara Meyer
- Secretary ~ Ashley Pigott
- Treasurer ~ Brenda Bookholtz
- Parent Liaisons ~ Holly Larson and Aimee Fahnstrom
- Parent Outreach ~ Rachel Meyer and Candice Stone
- Staff Liaisons ~ Abby Fremouw and Lindsey Swingrover