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NEW!

Online Registration

All Grades - Returning Students ONLY

See inside for more information.

St. Maries High School CEC

Grades 9-12

John Cordell, Principal Office Hours: 7:30AM to 4:00PM 424 Hells Gulch Road St. Maries, Idaho 83861 Phone: (208) 245-2142 Fax: (208) 245-5650

REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS (previously enrolled)

August 24, 2017

12th Grade » 8:00AM to NOON 11th Grade » 1:00PM to 4:00PM

August 25, 2017

10th Grade » 8:00AM to NOON 9th Grade » 1:00PM to 4:00PM

REGISTRATION FOR CEC STUDENTS

August 24, 2017 » 8:00AM to 4:00PM REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

(previously not enrolled) August 28, 2017 8:00AM to NOON & 1:00PM to 4:00PM

St. Maries Middle School

Grades 6-8

Jeffrey Andersen, Principal Office Hours: 7:30AM to 4:00PM 1315 Jefferson Avenue St. Maries, Idaho 83861 Phone: (208) 245-3495 Fax: (208) 245-0506

REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING STUDENTS (previously enrolled)

August 23, 2017 » 8th Grade

August 23, 2017 » 7th Grade

August 24, 2017 » 6th Grade 8:00AM to NOON & 1:00PM to 4:00PM

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS (previously not enrolled)

August 24, 2017

8:00AM to NOON & 1:00PM to 4:00PM

Heyburn Elementary School

Grades Pre-School-5

Tammi Masters, Principal Office Hours: 7:30AM to 4:00PM 1405 Main Avenue St. Maries, Idaho 83861 Phone: (208) 245-2025 Fax: (208) 245-5418

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS August 17, 2017 & August 18, 2017 8:00AM to NOON & 1:00PM to 4:00PM

REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS August 22, 2017 & August 23, 2017 8:00AM to NOON & 1:00PM to 4:00PM

All new students must register and must present their state certified birth certificate and proof of immunization at the time of registration.

UpRiver School

Grades K-6

Nicole Goucher, Principal Office Hours: 7:30AM to 4:00PM 75 Fern Street (PO Box 249) Fernwood, Idaho 83830 Phone: (208) 245-3650 Fax: (208) 245-3066

REGISTRATION August 17, 2017 & August 18, 2017 8:00AM to NOON & 1:00PM to 4:00PM

All new students must register and must present their state certified birth certificate and proof of immunization at the time of registration.

St. Maries Joint School District No. 41

"Committed to Quality Education"

A Message from Alica M. Holthaus

Superintendent

Greetings and welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I am pleased to introduce myself. My name is Alica Holthaus, and I am the new super-



intendent for the district. I have been fortunate to have had a career in education that spans 31 years. While I am not new to education, I am new to this beautiful area, and I have a lot to learn. Learn-

ing from and with the people of this community is one of the best parts of the position.

I have already learned that the greatest strength of the area is its people. I have had the pleasure of visiting with students, parents, patrons, and business people. The common thread in those conversations has been providing the children of our area with the best and most well-rounded education possible.

To do that, we must strive to hire and retain quality staff, update and refine our curriculum to match our needs locally and globally, provide safe and secure learning environments, stay current with the demands of our workforce, and wisely manage our resources. We are fortunate to have a community willing to take on this challenge.

In the past year, through the hard work of Interim Superintendent John Cordell and his staff, advancements have been made towards those goals. A new Math curriculum was purchased to guide a clear learning path from kindergarten through 12th grade. Improvements were made in the heating and lighting systems in our schools, and collaborative relationships were forged with local businesses. It is exciting to be part of a school system that has had a history of working toward continuous improvement.

In the upcoming year, we plan to continue to grow and refine our school system to meet the demands of educating our children as we are "Committed to Quality Education." To provide a quality education, the Board has set forth the following goals: Improved student achievement, Promote staff development, Emphasize communication and involvement with staff and the community, Maximize and efficiently use funding sources, and Provide a safe, healthy, and inviting learning environment. Striving towards these goals will provide our children with the wealth of a quality education.

In the words of the Naladiyar-Divya, "Learning is the best of all wealth. It is easy to carry. Thieves cannot steal it. Neither fire nor water can destroy it, and far from decreasing, it increases with giving."

Alica M. Holthaus Superintendent St. Maries Joint School District #41

Kindergarten Registration and Screening August 22–23

Heyburn Elementary School will hold its registration and screening for incoming kindergarten students for the 2017-2018 school year on August 22 and 23, 2017.

Registration and student screening will take place at Heyburn Elementary School. Parents should call the District Office at 208-245-2579 or Heyburn Elementary School at 208-245-2025 to make an appointment to complete the registration and screening

Children must be five

years of age as of September 1, 2017 to be eligible for enrollment in the 2017-2018 school year.

All new students must present their state certified birth certificate and proof of immunization at the time of registration.

For additional information, please contact Heyburn Elementary Principal Tammi Masters at 208-245-2025 or the District Office at 208-245-2579.

Schools are ready for students September 5, 2017

School starts Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Principals and secretaries will be in their offices on August 15, 2017.

ALL NEW STUDENTS from another school district (Preschool-12) must present their state certified birth certificate and proof of immunization at the time of registration.

Students must be five before September 1, 2017 to attend kindergarten, and six before September 1, 2017 to attend first grade.

For more information, parents should contact their student's school two weeks prior to the start of school.

A Message from Jody Hendrickx **Board Chair**

The Board of Trustees would like to welcome each and every student, District 41 employee, and parent to the 2017-2018 school year.

This Board's mission statement, "Commitment to Quality Education," stands strong!



Each board member puts in multiple hours and lots of effort to make sure our students come first. I encourage patrons to come to our meetings to ask questions and learn more about our District.

There are several new personnel in our District to

assist us in maintaining and improving quality education for our students. This includes a new superintendent, building principal, teachers, and staff. Our new staff members have great ideas and experiences to help us move toward a positive path of high achievement and learning for all students.

As a board member, starting my second term, I have observed many students' efforts and hard work to reach their goals. At graduation, I will be honored to hand out diplomas and see the high honors and achievements of this year's graduating class. I will be proud of each one of them as they step out of high school and go on to college, into a vocational technical program, or to a successful working career.

Welcome back to school 2017-2018!

Jody Hendrickx **Board Chair** ISBA Region 1 Vice Chairman St. Maries Joint School District #41

"Late Start" Mondays

The Board of Trustees for St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 approved a 2017-2018 school calendar that includes fourteen (14) "late start" Mondays spread out over the course of the school year.

The "late start" Mondays allows teachers to work together to better prepare lessons, develop professionally, and provide a better education for the District's students.

Last year, the teachers tackled subjects such as: STAR 360 assessments, Google Classroom, standards based grading, and adopted a Math series. This collaborative work helps the teachers receive training that benefits them in the classroom and communicate effectively when making decisions about grading and curriculum.

In order to continue to maximize instructional time, the District has determined the following "late start" days for the 2017-2018 school year: September 11, September 25, October 23, November 13, November 27, December 11, January 8, January 22, February 12, February 26, March 12, April 9, April 23, and May 14. On the "late start" days, in town schools will begin 30 minutes later on the designated dates, with breakfast also being served 30 minutes later.

For the District's students who ride a District school bus, there will be a slight adjustment to the busing schedule on the 14 designated "late start" Mondays. Adjustments to bussing

schedules will be provided to families once school begins and student ridership has been determined.

On the designated "late start" Mondays, UpRiver elementary School will **keep** the bus and breakfast schedule that has been followed in prior years.

For additional information on the "late start" Mondays, parents and guardians can contact their student's schools as follows:

- ➤ Heyburn Elementary School 208-245-2025
- > St. Maries Middle School 208-245-3495
- > St. Maries High School 208-245-2142
- ➤ UpRiver Elementary School 208-245-3650

Emergency School Closures

In case of an emergency school closure due to weather, power, or water failure, the announcement will come from the District Office to area radio and television stations via the Educational Service District 101 Alert System for Media Notification Services.

Parents should listen to Spokane television and radio stations or visit the District Web site at http://www.sd41.org if they have reason to suspect any school closure. School closures will also be announced locally on KOFE Radio.