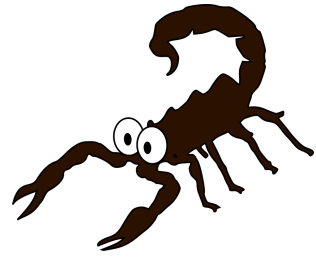


Scott Middle School Scorpion News



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Fall 2018

Welcome Back

By: Principal Bergen

Welcome back to the 2018-19 school year! It seems like yesterday we were wrapping up an awesome 2017-18 school year. We have much to accomplish this year, and we have been working hard all summer to make this one of the best school years! This school year Scott Middle School would like to welcome the following new staff members:

- Mrs. Maciel - Reading
- Mrs. McDonald - Math/ELA
- Ms. Stephens - Science
- Mrs. Carpenter-Stevens - Math
- Ms. Zhao - Chinese
- Ms. Nohos - STEP
- Ms. Smith - Cafe Manager
- Mr. McMillen - Cook
- Ms. Kopanda - Paraprofessional
- Mrs. Camel - School Psychologist
- Ms. Ranzy - Paraprofessional

We are looking forward to a **SUCCESSFUL** school year!



Upcoming Events

Fall Dance

By: Mrs. Hernandez (Title I Family Cord.)

The SMS Fall Dance will be held on Thursday, October 18th from 2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. All Scott Middle School students are welcome and encouraged to attend! #makeithappen



Important Reminders

By: Assistant Principal Hicks

- Daily attendance is important to our students' success. Please help us maintain the Indiana Department of Education's expectation of 95% days attended (or no more than 9 days missed out of 180).
- Arriving to school on time is important. If you drop a student off, please make sure you are dropping off curbside and aware of students walking. Drop off times will be no earlier than 7:00 a.m. (breakfast in the cafeteria is served from 7:00 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.). Students can access other parts of the building at 7:20 a.m.
- Please make sure each student has a plan to return home safely each day. Our school day ends at 2:30 p.m., and students not involved in clubs or activities are expected to exit the building by 2:45 p.m.
- Please plan ahead if your child has an appointment that will require an early dismissal. After 2:00 p.m. we are not able to contact classrooms for early dismissals.

Office News

When entering Scott Middle School, please stop in the office, sign in, and get a visitor's badge. We ask all of our visitors to follow this rule to keep our building safe. Thank you! If you are planning on volunteering this year, you must complete a background check. Forms are available in the office. Background checks must be completed yearly.

Update: We have continued our use of technology schoolwide. Continuing this year, students and staff are expected to use Google Classroom as a mode of communication and resources. This transition has included shifting our practice from previously purchased student agendas to a more cost-effective and efficient system through Google Classroom. Most of our students have used this application in the past, and they will learn how to navigate further as the year progresses.

Twitter:

@SMSHammond

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www.facebook.com/ScottScorpions

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

3 - Labor Day (no school)

11-15 - Indiana Digital Citizenship Week

Sept. 15 - Oct.15 - Hispanic Heritage Month

OCTOBER

10 - HC3 Fall Cleanup - 10:00 am (meeting point = Freddy's Steakhouse)

13 - Latino Resource Fair (Irving Elementary School)

20 - HC3 Halloween Dog Walk 12:00 pm (Amy Park)



Community Project

Scott MS will begin collecting jars of peanut butter during 1st period Advisory for the Northwest Indiana Food Bank.

We will begin accepting jars at Scott MS from September 17th through September 28th.

SPORTS CORNER

Fall Sports are underway!

Please see Scott MS website for complete schedules

PTSA News

The first General PTSA meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. We encourage you to attend and become an active member of our PTSA. Membership dues are \$7. The membership drive runs through October 31st. We hope you will consider attending our upcoming meeting. Scott Middle School PBIS is currently selling spirit wear in the near future, and purchases are planned to be available ONLY online. Visit www.weinkwell.com for details.