

# Sigonella MS/HS

## August/September Newsletter

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### Our Vision Statement:

Prepare life-long learners, leaders, and global citizens

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### AUGUST

- 24 New student orientation 2:00 in the HS JAG (Gym)
- 27 First day of school
- 30 Parent Meeting - (Athletics) 4:30- HS Gym

##### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Parent meeting for students in Honors Courses in I.C. (1630)
- 5 Parent meeting for MS students in HS courses in I.C. (1630)
- 6 Parent meeting for students in AP Courses in I.C. (1700)
- 8 Football vs. Rota (home)
- 13 Early Release at 1220
- 15 Football @ Baumholder
- 15 VB & XC @ Naples
- 18 Open House (1630)
- 22 Football vs. Bamberg (home)
- 22 Volleyball @ Naples
- 27 CSI Day—No School
- 29 VB & XC @ Vicenza

##### OCTOBER

- 6 Football vs. Brussels (home)
- 6 **HOMECOMING**
- 13 Football vs. Woodham (home)
- 20 VB vs. Aviano (Home)
- 21 XC @ Vicenza
- 25 Early Release at 1220
- 27 VB vs. Florence (home)

#### Welcome to School Year 2012-2013

Welcome to all families returning to Sigonella M/H School and a special welcome to all new families and students to our school community. We are pleased to have you as a partner in the education of your children and look forward to an enjoyable, rewarding, interesting and challenging school year. It is our belief that as long as the school and home work together, we will be able to provide a quality educational experience for your children.

The staff at Sigonella M/H School works hard to build a positive relationship between the school and home. This relationship must involve two-way communication with mutual trust and respect between both parties. Communication between parents and teachers is critical to making a working educational team. So, we encourage you to talk directly to your child's teachers and express any comments, concerns, or compliments you may have to them. In this newsletter, you will find the e-mail address for all staff and support members of our school. Please keep this in a place where you can refer to it as needed.

Also included in this newsletter is information about upcoming events, meetings, the school calendar, and lunch menu for August and September. We hope you will keep it handy and refer to it often. Please do not hesitate to call the school or staff members if you have questions, concerns, an idea or would like to help out with many of the school activities. We are looking forward to seeing you at school.

**Alice Berard**, Principal

**Donald Williams**, Asst. Principal



## WELCOME TO SICILY!

**New Student Orientation 2011**

**Sigonella Middle & High School**

**Sigonella, Sicily**

You're invited to attend the annual New Student Orientation for Sigonella Middle and High School.

**WHEN:** Friday, August 24, 2011 from 2:00-3:30 PM

**WHERE:** The JAG Gymnasium in the High School

**WHO:** Any student that is new to Sigonella Middle and High School, including all rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

**SPECIFICS:** There will be a student-led presentation in the JAG to review rules, schedules, activities, and other school information. School tours led by Student Council and National Honor Society students will be given directly after the presentation. We hope to see all newly enrolled students at the orientation.

**Go Jaguars!**



### Parent Meeting for Athletics

Prior to beginning the sports season, parents of athletes are required to attend a parent meeting to review policies, regulations, expectations, etc. Our parent meeting for all fall sports will be on **Thursday, August 30th at 4:30 pm** in the school Gym. Parents must attend the meeting before their child can compete in DoDDS athletic programs and be eligible to travel. Please contact your child's team coach or AD if you cannot make the above meeting time so a new meeting time can be established.

### Parent meeting for HS Advance Placement Course

Is your son or daughter enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) courses? There will be a parent & student meeting for those enrolled in Advance Placement courses on **Thursday, Sept. 6th in the Information Center at 5pm**. The purpose of this meeting is to go over the rigorous curricular requirements, AP testing expectations, and college credit opportunities unique to the AP courses. All students in AP courses and their parents are requested to attend this meeting.

## How to Contact us

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### Daily A/B Schedule for grades 6-12

0745-0915	Period One/Five
0915-0925	Nutrition Break
0925-1050	Period Two/Six
1055-1220	Period Three/Seven
1220-1300	Lunch
1305-1430	Period Four/Eight

### PTSO Update

Welcome Back Faculty and Students!

Your Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) has been gearing up for a very exciting school year! It's important for families and students to understand the role PTSO plays. PTSO fund raises throughout the year to support teachers, students, and various events around campus throughout the year in addition to the annual community scholarship fund. Let me introduce you to our new PTSO Board for the 2012-2013 school year.

President: Lisa Marshall

Vice-President: Monika McCullough

Treasurer: Keri Schumacher

Secretary: Sue Peterson

Membership: Nicole Vossler

Your support is necessary for PTSO success. Monthly burrito sales for the student during morning nutrition break starts on Thursday the 6th of September - the kids love these and this is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

PTSO will be holding a contest between the Advisory classes in September for the class with the highest parent membership in the PTSO. Remember, just paying for your membership is a tremendous help to PTSO even if you cannot offer time. If you can offer more time, we have various activities that require help, some are small one-time only events and others may require a little more. Anything you can give is appreciated, but we understand if you can't. PTSO will be at the orientation on Friday from 1400-1500 for membership sign up and to sell spirit wear. Please support PTSO by stopping by our table to learn more about us!



## Parent Emergency Contact Information

It is vital that we maintain updated emergency contact information for each of our students. Please let the school know immediately if you have any changes in your contact information to include home phone number, cell phone numbers, work phone numbers, physical address, as well as phone numbers for individuals designated as an emergency contact. We would also like to maintain an updated email address for each student's family so communications such as newsletters and other important information can be sent home electronically. Please contact Irene Larson, the school registrar at: [Irene.Larson@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Irene.Larson@eu.dodea.edu) or by phone 624-4284, to update any contact information.

## DRESS CODE

A dress code is in effect for students in Grades 6-12. The basis of this code is that all students will dress in a manner which is neither offensive to the school community nor a distraction to learning. Students who are on the school premises at any time must be in compliance with the dress code unless permission has been obtained for activities such as sports. If students have to remain on campus following an after school activity, they must wear clothes that conform to the dress code. The administration reserves the right to decide upon the acceptability of any student clothing.

1. All shorts, skirts, and dresses should reach fingertip length when worn at the natural waistline. Tights, leggings and stockings must be covered by a skirt or dress of fingertip length.
2. Undergarments should not be seen at any time.
3. Torn or ripped clothing is unacceptable.
4. Clothes displaying obscene or offensive words or designs may not be worn. Clothes that advertise alcohol or tobacco products are not to be worn to school.
5. Tight or revealing clothing is not appropriate and may not be worn in school. All tops must have a minimum 3" shoulder covering (on both shoulders).
6. Head coverings or accessories not related to or required by students' bona fide religious practice are not to be worn (to include but not limited to: sweatbands, hats, caps, stocking caps, do rags, wave caps, scarves or bandanas).
7. Jewelry that becomes a nuisance or attracts undue attention or is a danger to self or others may not be worn by either sex.
8. Students must wear shoes.
9. Baggy pants that sag below the students natural waist line or that must be held up by the students' hands may not be worn to school.

Students violating the dress code will be withdrawn from class until their parents are able to provide them with appropriate clothes, or they will be sent home for the remainder of the school day.

## FIRST DAY SCHEDULE

On the first day of school, Monday August 27th, students will go to each of their 8 classes for a reduced time period. This schedule is below.

Attendance is required in each class even if the student will be requesting a schedule change. Until the counselor has made the change, the student needs to attend each class as scheduled. This is critical to ensure that accurate attendance is taken each day and that your child is not marked absent from any class period.

7:45-8:10	All student assembly in JAG
8:10-8:15	Change of class time
8:15-8:55	<b>Period 1 (40 Minutes)</b>
8:55-9:00	Change of class
9:00- 9:35	<b>Period 2 (35 Minutes)</b>
9:35-9:40	Change of class
9:40-10:15	<b>Period 3 (35 Minutes)</b>
10:15-10:20	Change of class
10:20-10:55	<b>Period 4 (35 Minutes)</b>
10:55-11:00	Change of class
11:00-11:35	<b>Period 5 (35 Minutes)</b>
11:35-11:40	Change of class
11:40-12:15	<b>Period 6 (35 Minutes)</b>
12:15-13:00	LUNCH
13:00-13:05	Change of class
13:05-13:45	<b>Period 7 (40 Minutes)</b>
13:45-13:50	Change of class
13:50-14:30	<b>Period 8 (40 Minutes)</b>

### Lunch Program

Meal prices for students participating in the Department of Defense (DoD) Student Meal Program cost will be \$2.40 for elementary students and \$2.55 for all secondary students.

The DoD Student Meal Program remains a subsidized USDA-approved and nutritious option for families with school-age children. Lunch tickets can be purchased at the NEX, or students can pay on a daily basis in cash.

For more news and information about the EURAFSWA region and lunch programs, log onto [www.cnic.navy.mil/europe](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/europe) or visit [www.facebook.com/cnneurafswa](http://www.facebook.com/cnneurafswa).

### Class Schedules

Students will be able to pickup their final class schedule at the first day welcome back assembly.

6th Grade students will be allowed to pick-up their schedule at the new student orientation Friday August 24 at 1400.

### REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

Do your children have their required immunizations? Please submit all immunizations received over the summer as well as any health concerns to Ms. Chandler, school nurse, at 624-3783 .

### School Advisory Committee (SAC)

The primary mission of the School Advisory Committee (SAC) at Sigonella M/H School is to provide a forum for two-way communication between the school principal and all other members of the school community. The SAC accomplishes this mission by soliciting input from parents, teachers, and students on a wide range of issues affecting the quality of education at Sigonella Middle/ High School. Energy is focused on topics such as school policies, instructional programs, educational resources, student services, facilities, standards of conduct, and discipline. Based upon input, SAC will make recommendations to the principal and, in turn, assist the principal in providing feedback on how the concerns are being addressed. Please become involved in SAC!

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### IPODS AND MOBILE PHONES

We would like to remind parents that students are **NOT** allowed to use their iPods in school. **Just like mobile phones, if a student is caught using their iPods during school hours it will be taken for one month. iPods and mobile phones must be OFF during school hours (7:45-2:30) including lunchtime. We encourage students to leave their iPods at home. If you have any questions please contact the school at 624-4281.**

# Parent-Student Handbook SY 2012-2013

We have updated the MS/HS Parent-Student Handbook for school year 2012-2013. The handbook contains useful information about the school rules, expectations, and policies of the school and of the DoDEA system. We will send one copy of the handbook to each family as an electronic file. Additional hard copies will be available in the main office. Please carefully review all of the information in the handbook with your child and keep it book marked for easy access when questions may arise.

## Visit DoDEA Curriculum Standards

To create a world-class educational system, DoDEA has developed rigorous and demanding curriculum standards. The curriculum standards specify what students should know and be able to do in each individual course. These standards also help teachers focus on what is important to teach at each grade level. Standards set high levels of learning and performance for all students and also serve as a basis for assessment across the curriculum.

DoDEA standards are easy to read and include examples of what student work should "look like". Standards give teachers and parents a clear picture of grade level and content expectations. All DoDEA standards are published on the DoDEA website and can be viewed at <http://www.dodea.edu>

Once on the DoDEA web site, click on the **Curriculum** tab on the left hand-side of the page, and then click on the subject you are interested in reviewing. Within that subject area, click on the **Standards** tab to view the updated standards for each core subject area and each grade level. If you have any questions or concerns with the adopted DoDEA standards please let us know!

### Medical or Dental Appointment?

In order to minimize interruptions to the school day, as well as providing convenience to parents, we need help and assistance from you as parents. When you need to pick up a child for an appointment, we ask that you send a note with your child in the morning in advance of the appointment. Your child can give that note to the staff in the main office who will in turn give your child a pass to leave class at the appointed time. Your child can give the pass to the teacher and be dismissed to meet the parent in the office at the planned time. **To protect instructional time, we will not be delivering messages to students or calling classrooms except in emergency situations.** Items (lunch money, books, etc) can be left in the main office for the child to pick up.

### Distance Learning Course

#### Parent Meeting

Is your son or daughter enrolled in a distance learning (DL) course?

There will be a parent & student meeting for those enrolled in DL courses on **Thursday, Sept. 6th in room 237 bldg. 220 at 4pm.** The purpose of this meeting is to go over what is needed for students to be successful in a distance learning course.

## **Bus Rider Communication**

If you have not registered your child to ride the school bus, you must do so prior to the start of school for your child to be admitted onto the bus. Students will need a bus pass to board and ride any school bus. Students taking the bus to and from school will be assigned to a specific bus and given a pick-up time and location. Students must ride on their assigned bus. To be eligible to ride the activity bus home, students must be enrolled in an after school activity or club. Activity sponsors are responsible for providing their list of student participants to the transportation office which then allows the students to ride the activity bus home. **If there are any changes to your child's normal route, please contact the school bus officer, Mr. Joe Grasso at 624-3244.**

### Parent meeting for Middle School Students in High School Courses

Is your MS student enrolled in a high school course? There will be a parent & student meeting for MS students enrolled in high school courses on **Wednesday, Sept. 5th in the Information Center at 4:30pm**. The purpose of this meeting is to go over the rigorous curricular requirements and expectations of high school classes.

### AP Scores Results

Sigonella MHS has scored above DoDEA and the Nation in AP score results! Sixty-five percent of the students at Sigonella MHS scored a 3 on one or more of the AP test they took in May of 2012. This compares to 61% globally and 58% in DoDEA schools. Congratulations to Sigonella MHS students and teachers. Keep up the exceptional work!

### Class Schedule Changes

Middle and high school students have 10 school days after the beginning of classes to change their schedules. If students wish to make a change in their schedule, they must meet with the counselor, Ms. Ascierio-LeBlanc, and have changes approved by **Friday, September 7th**.

### CSI

**Goal 1:** All students will improve writing skills, the ability to apply organization and use precise vocabulary to express ideas across the curriculum, as measured by the selected system-wide and school based assessments.

**Intervention Strategy:** 6+1 Traits of Writing.

**Goal 2:** All students will improve math skills, the ability to synthesize and evaluate information toward problem solving, in all curricular areas, as measured by the selected system-wide and school based assessments.

**Intervention Strategy:** IDEA problem solving