



South Windsor High School welcomes new athletic director



Dave Sytulek has been named director of athletics, physical education and health.

South Windsor Public Schools recently named Dave Sytulek as director of athletics, physical education and health. He brings with him a wealth of experience from his 18-year tenure at Middletown High School, where he served as both a P.E./health teacher and boys' basketball coach. Sytulek is excited about joining the South Windsor community and looks forward to developing relationships with all of its stakeholders.

Summer Reading success

It was a very busy summer in the South Windsor Public Library. Thanks to everyone who helped support and promote summer reading, including children's librarian Sandy Westbrook. Of the 533 elementary school students who registered for the program, 251 came to the library to record the hours they read, and 119 of those students reached 14 or more hours and earned a book plate to be put in one of the library's new books. Orchard Hill Elementary students were noted as having the highest participation. The library set a goal of reaching 3,000 hours of reading, and the total reported hours was 3,407! Great job, South Windsor!

Opening Day Recap

There was a buzz around town on Wednesday, Aug. 27, as more than 4,000 elementary, middle and high school students made their way through town on their way to the first day of school. School facilities are simply not the same without the energy brought to them by the students. High school teachers "WOW'd" students as they got off the buses, greeting them with water bottles and other mementos. The middle school and elementary schools welcomed students with fanfare and enthusiasm. Everyone is excited for the start of another great school year.



The Class of 2015 celebrated the first day of the school year with the Senior Picnic.



Kindergarteners enjoyed lunch on their first day of school.



Students are eager to get to class on the first day of school.



The SWHS Class of 2015 signed the class rock.



Students returned to school on Aug. 27.

Teacher and Support Staff of the Year



David Joy, Jesse Wilkinson, Jane Lovett and Dr. Kate Carter.

On Monday, Aug. 25, South Windsor Public Schools held its annual Convocation, a gathering for all staff, at which Dr. Kate Carter announced the 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year as well as the Support Staff Person of the Year.

Teacher of the Year Jesse Wilkinson is a technology education teacher at Timothy Edwards Middle School. His ability to convey knowledge in an engaging manner and create connections with his students were among the many reasons cited for his nomination. Wilkinson's day frequently extends beyond the instructional day, as he also facilitates many after-school and inter-scholastic activities, including the SWHS FIRST Robotics team, which has earned national distinction.

Support Staff Person of the Year Jane Lovett is a special education paraprofessional. Lovett has been honored for her dedication, commitment to students, and her leadership skills.

Food Services - Looking forward to serving you!

The South Windsor Public Schools Food Service has created a "Back to School" newsletter that has a lot of information to help you get ready for the new school year. Available on the school website, the newsletter includes information regarding breakfast and lunch menus, how to track your child's purchases and access account balances, and how to replenish money into student lunch accounts. The Free and Reduced Price Meals Application is also available online.

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