



SWALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Swallow School Definitions - Back to School 2023-2024

This list of Swallow School events was created to help new families learn about Swallow School. Please know that although we try to put together a thorough list, the school might add or change activities at any time during the year.

100th Day of School

Some of the classes, especially kindergarten, celebrate this day in a big way! It takes place sometime in February depending on the school calendar.

8th Grade Trip to Washington D. C.

Each year our 8th grade students have the opportunity to visit Washington D.C. as part of their learning experience. A family information meeting typically is held in September, and the trip takes place the last week in May.

ACE program (Arts in Community Education)

Swallow is lucky to be part of the ACE program, a nationally acclaimed program that enhances students' education through the integration of music and art into the school curriculum. You can read more about the program at: http://www.mso.org/education_community/ace

Band

See Music Opportunities.

Book Fair

The Swallow Education Foundation (SEF) holds 2-3 book fairs a year. You can support our classrooms by purchasing books at the Book Fair. These sales result in thousands of dollars of books being donated back to the classrooms. Would you like to buy books directly for your child's class? Teachers make wish lists available and you can buy those books to go immediately into the classroom!

Canvas

An online learning management system used **primarily in the upper grades** Teachers can post announcements, resources, homework, and assignments to their Canvas pages. Parents can access this by having their child login to show them what is posted.

Choir

See Music Opportunities.

Eighth Grade Promotion

A celebration of our eighth graders during the last week of school as they are promoted to high school.

Family Arts Night

A spring event where every student has at least one piece of art displayed in the school. It has typically been paired with a music performance brought to us by the ACE program. Watch the *Thursday Folder* for details.

Family Literacy Night

An annual event celebrating literacy at Swallow. Students share their writing through a variety of sessions and forums and can participate in games and meet authors. Watch the *Thursday Folder* for details.

Holiday Shop

Scheduled for early December, the SEF organizes a holiday shop for students to shop for new gift items that are priced \$10 and under.

Inside/Outside Sign

Bad weather? Not sure whether your child should wait outside in the morning or head inside? There is an “In/Out” sign in the front and rear entry doors that lets you know which one for a particular day.

IXL

IXL provides an online, comprehensive, standards-aligned math and language arts practice for K-12.

Lunch Menu

The Lunch Menu comes home in the *Thursday Folder* and can also be found on the Swallow website.

Math Club

Swallow provides several opportunities to deepen their love of mathematics outside of the school day. Math Club, which meets throughout the year, is a fun activity for students to explore new concepts and sharpen their problem solving skills. Students will have the opportunity to compete in math contests both locally against other students and with students from other area schools. See the *Thursday Folder* for more information.

Music Opportunities

Band and Choir both start as classes in 5th grade, and all students take one or the other during 5th and 6th. Band students will select their instruments in fourth grade. There is a FREE, week long summer camp at Lake Country School to get them rolling on their instruments. Private lessons outside of school are certainly not required, but can really help boost student confidence. Both band and choir have the same demands – concerts, small group lessons during the day, etc. Private lessons for all imaginable instruments are available at Hartland Music. They have a wonderful reputation and are a great option for families with multiple students studying an instrument.

Nut Policy

At Swallow we have students and staff with varied and severe allergies, including nut allergies. At lunchtime there is a table designated “Nut Free” to ensure that students with such allergies can safely eat their lunch. Classrooms are also designated completely Nut Free due to children with allergies. Swallow school asks that no snacks or food be brought into the classroom that contain nuts or nut products.

For classroom parties, treats, or other celebrations, we ask that you bring in healthy snacks that are nut-free and have not been produced in bakeries or other facilities where there could be exposure to nuts or nut products for everyone’s health and safety.

We also ask that you refrain from bringing baked goods from home. If you are baking things at home for school celebrations, baking sheets, pans, etc. that have been used with items containing nuts or nut products in the past can contaminate foods you bake that are nut-free due to expansion/contraction of cookie sheets, etc.

Parent Portal-Infinite Campus

Your parent resource for official Swallow business – grades, assignments, attendance, lunch balances, and more. You can access it through the Swallow website under the “Parent” tab. Nancy Hazelberg can help you if you have trouble. Her number is 262-367-2000 ext. 124, and her email is district@swallowschool.org

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports)

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (**PBIS**) is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture and needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success.

Strong Start Conference and Tailgate

Strong Start conferences are held the week before school so that students can meet their teachers and bring in their school supplies. All families are also invited to the annual Tailgate in the parking lot after.

Planned Absence Form

If your family has a planned absence during the year, [please fill out a planned absence form](#) to help get their schoolwork organized for the time they’ll miss.

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see Swallow Education Foundation

Reading Programs

Students will have the opportunity to participate in several reading programs during the year. One example is the Six Flags Read to Succeed program. Details will be sent home via the *Thursday Folder*.

Room Parent

A parent volunteer or volunteers that helps arrange class parties, class gifts, and coordinate classroom supply needs.

RTI (Response to Intervention)

Response to Intervention (RTI) is a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs. Students are provided with a variety of interventions and extensions to meet their specific academic needs. These services may be provided by a variety of personnel, including teachers, support staff, and specialists. Progress is closely monitored to assess the level of performance of each student. At Swallow, RTI takes place during each grade level’s SOAR block.

School Board Meetings

School board meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. Parents are encouraged to attend. Up-to-date meeting dates and times can be found [on the Swallow website HERE](#).

School Calendar

Can be found on the Swallow School website - [HERE](#) link: <http://www.swallowschool.org/>

SOAR

A daily 30-minute block specifically for intervention and extension for all students. During SOAR, students are flexibly grouped and have the opportunity to personalize their learning by utilizing learning goals developed with their teachers. (See also RTI)

Spirit Days

During the year the school and the Student Council often arrange theme days for the students and teachers to participate in – Swallow Day, Packers Day, Crazy Hair Day, etc. The details change from year to year and will usually be announced via the *Thursday Folder*.

Spirit Wear

The Swallow Education Foundation sells Swallow gear via a website. We have a couple of sales during the year and hope to carry stock of some of our basics. Stock up so that your student is ready for Swallow Spirit Fridays!

Student Council

Swallow's representative body composed of interested students who organize social and extracurricular activities and participate in the governance of the school. Students in 6-8th grade are eligible to participate in Swallow's Student Council. Officers are elected by the council. Volunteers also act as homeroom representatives. Student Council meets monthly and plans events and often leads a community fundraiser as well.

Summer School (Partnership with Merton)

Merton School is the site for our summer school programming. Some offerings are academic and some are just for fun! Information will come out via the *Thursday Folder* in the spring and be posted to the school website.

Swallow Education Foundation (SEF)

The SEF is your parent connection. We serve three main roles:

- Organize volunteers to meet the school's needs
- Raise funds for the benefit of Swallow School
- Communicate the happenings of Swallow School

Questions? Email us at sefconnection@gmail.com Learn more by liking us (Swallow Education Foundation) on Facebook!

Swallow Way

Swallow's core student values: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Compassion. (See PBIS)

Teacher Conferences

Dates vary but teacher conferences are held twice a year, once in October and once in March. The office will send out Sign Up Genius emails when it's time to select a time slot.

Technology Troubleshooting

If parents are having trouble with the Parent Portal, they can contact Nancy Hazelberg at district@swallowschool.org.

Thursday Folder

The school's weekly email informing parents of all-school functions and important news for the week to come. Make sure and click through all the links to be well informed.

Looking for clubs, sports, or activities for your child to participate in?

- Be sure to review offerings called out in the *Thursday Folder* and check the district website (www.swallowschool.org) under the Departments/Services tab for updated Athletic and Activity information.
- See the listing below from Swallow families who participate in these community offered opportunities.

Community Based Opportunities Used by Swallow Families

**Private Club*

Art/Pottery

Lake Country Fine Arts School and Gallery <http://www.lakecountryfinearts.com/>

Ballet

Petite Pas Ballet School www.petitepasballet.com

Baseball

Lake Country Youth Baseball and Softball <https://www.lcybs.org/>

Basketball

Upward Basketball <https://www.upward.org/find-a-place-to-play>

Cross Country (and Track)

Merton Area Running Club <https://www.marctrack.com/>

Cub and Boy Scouts <http://www.pacbsa.org/>

Dance

Accent on Dance <http://www.accentondanceinc.com/>

Elation Dance Center <http://www.elationdance.com/>

To The Pointe <http://www.tothepointe.com/>

Field Hockey <http://www.liftfh.org/>

Football

Lake Country Chiefs <http://www.lakecountrychiefs.org/>

Girl Scouts <https://www.gswise.org/Home.aspx>

Golf

Western Lakes http://www.westernlakes.com/Instruction_Junior_Golf.aspx

Gymnastics

Midwest Twisters <http://www.midwesttwisters.com/>

Salto <https://www.salto-gym.com/>

Ice Hockey/Skating

Mullet Ice Center: <http://mulletticecenter.com/>

Nagawauke Ice Center: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/nagawaukeicearena>

Lacrosse

Hot4Lax <http://www.hot4lax.com/hot4lax/home>

Lake Country Lacrosse <http://www.lakecountrylacrosse.com>

Martial Arts

Family Tae Kwan Do Champions <http://ftkdcstudents.com/delafield-location/>

J. K. Lee <http://jkleebblackbelt.com/>

Music

Hartland Music <http://hartlandmusic.com/>

Sailing

North Lake Sailing School <http://www.nlss.us/>

Skiing

Ausblick* <https://ausblick.org/>

Heiliger-Hugel* <https://www.hhskiclub.com/skischool>

Soccer

Strike FC Wisconsin <https://www.strikefc.org/>

Brookfield Soccer Assoc.

https://www.elmbrookunited.com/?utm_source=www.brookfieldsoccer.com

Milwaukee Kickers <https://www.mksc.org/>

Wisconsin Youth Soccer Assoc. <http://www.wiyouthsoccer.com/>

Swimming Lessons/Swim Team^

Lake Country Phoenix^ <http://www.lakecountryswimming.com/Home.jsp?team=wslcst>

Swimtastic^ <http://www.swimtastic.com/>

Tennis

Wisconsin Athletic Club <https://www.thewac.com/lake-country>

Theater

First Stage <http://www.firststage.org/>

Lake Country Playhouse <https://www.lakecountryplayhousewi.org/>

Track (and Cross Country)

Merton Area Running Club <https://www.marctrack.com/>

Volleyball

Eclipse <https://www.eclipsevolleyball.org/>

Milwaukee Sting <http://www.milwaukeeesting.com/>

Penguins <http://www.midwestpenguins.com/>

Revolution Volleyball Academy (RVA) <https://www.revolutionwi.com/>

Camps:

Arrowhead Camps <https://www.arrowheadschoools.org/activities/sports/camps/>

Camp Invention <https://www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention>

HAWS camp <https://hawspets.org/camp/>

YMCA Camp Minikani <https://www.minikani.org/>