

June 12, 2018

Greetings, SLArts Families!

It was a great year at Salt Lake Arts Academy! We hope you have some fun plans this summer (and if you are still looking for enriching activities for your students, we have some availability in our Summer@SLArts program – visit www.slarts.org and click on the Summer@SLArts tab for a listing of open classes!)

Before we all settle into our summer routines, we wanted to let you know about plans for next year, give you some important dates for your calendar and remind you about a few things you will need as we get school started come fall.

Registration – Thank you to everyone for paying your Registration Deposit and completing your online Registration paperwork! If you are having trouble with this process, please call us in the office (summer hours are 9-3) and we can help you – 801-531-1173. The final step for Registration for the 2018-19 school year will be **In-Person Registration on Tuesday, August 14, from 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** At In-Person Registration you will be completing any missing paperwork, paying the remainder of your school fees, activating your student's UTA Trax Pass, getting locker assignments and picking up your student's schedule. **For incoming 5th Graders and 7th Graders, we MUST have Immunization Records for your students in order for them to attend school!**

- **5th Graders and all NEW Students** - We need a copy of your Birth Certificate and a copy of your Immunization Record or an Exemption Form. You can scan and email these documents to jeng@slarts.org or bring copies to In-Person Registration. NOTE: A new process is required to obtain an immunization exemption as of July 1. It's the parent's responsibility to obtain and provide the required exemption documentation **before** school begins. Visit http://www.immunizeutah.org/pdf/2018_Changes_Utah_School_Law.pdf to learn more.
- **7th Graders** - Students need to have had the following Immunizations to attend school (**they may not have had all these yet - you need to get them this summer** or provide an Exemption Form*): 1 Tdap, 3 Hepatitis B, 2 Varicella (history of disease is acceptable, WITH documentation from a health care provider), 1 Meningococcal.
- **Medication at School** – Does your student need to take prescription medication while at school? We need to have a current Medication Form filled out and on file in the office – you must update it every year. You can fill it out when you drop off your student's meds, or print one from our website, under the "Parents" tab.

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New at SLArts in 18-19: Even though our summer vacation has just begun, we have been planning and preparing for next year for several months! Here are some things to look forward to at school next year.

- **“Creating a Better World:” School Theme and Curriculum Integration** – In 2018-19 we will be in year three of a four-year plan of cross-curricular integration, exploring the elements of Air, Water, Fire and Land. Next year we will focus on “Fire,” with projects incorporating humanities, math, science and the arts. Teachers will be working to design curriculum connecting to this theme. We look forward to sharing more information in the fall.
- **Connections to Community** – We are creating more opportunities for parents to connect to each other, and to the school. **We are excited to welcome everyone back to school with a free, family BYO Picnic at our neighborhood partner, Tracy Aviary, on Tuesday, August 21, from 5 – 7 p.m. Bring your students and a picnic, we’ll provide dessert. Say hi to new and old friends as we celebrate the end of summer vacation and gear up for the first day of school!** Then, on the last Friday of each month we will be gathering for “Coffee and Conversation” at Creek Tea, just around the corner from school on 900 South. These are informal conversations with parents and administrators – no agenda, just a check-in about how things are going. We welcome your thoughts, ideas, concerns and suggestions!

Finally, here are some Back to School dates you may want to add to your family’s calendar:

- **Late July** – After School programming announced; class catalog will be mailed to your home.
- **Thursday, August 9**, School Admin staff back in office.
- **Tuesday, August 14, 7:30 a.m – 1:30 p.m.** In-Person Registration
- **Tuesday, August 21, 5 – 7 p.m.** Welcome Back BYO Family Picnic at Tracy Aviary
- **Wednesday, August 22, 8:15 a.m.** First Day of School
- **Tuesday, August 28th, 6:30 p.m..** 5th Grade Back to School Night
- **Thursday, August 30, 6:30 p.m.** 6th Grade Back to School Night
- **Wednesday, September 5’ 6:30 p.m.** 7th/8th Grade Back to School Night
- **Friday, September 7** Picture Day
- **Friday, September 21, 3 p.m.** Governing Board Meeting
- **Friday, September 28, 8:30 a.m.** Coffee and Conversation at Creek Tea on 900 South

Thank you for being part of our community! We wish you a very happy and safe summer with your family,

Amy Wadsworth
Principal and CAO