



S.H.S. highlights

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Greetings from the PTO.

Pat Reyhan

It is hard to believe that Spring and 4th Quarter have arrived (partly because snowflakes are falling as I write this). I distinctly remember my daughter announcing 3 ½ years ago, on a day she didn't particularly want to go to School, that she was *only* in her first of 16 quarters. On Monday, she pointed out that she was starting her 16th quarter. I am sure that all Senior parents feel the same sense of disbelief that our children's time in high school has passed so fast. I will miss my association with Springfield High and, although they might dispute it now, our children will miss the School as well.

With 4th Quarter comes the busiest time of the academic year for the PTO. On April 27 and 28, the Junior parents will provide "Brain Food" Breakfasts to the Junior Class as they take the Prairie State Achievement Exam. The hope is that a healthy breakfast, the encouragement of the volunteers and a chance to get properly "psyched" with their classmates will result in great performances. If you are a Junior parent and would like to help on either or both days, please contact Carol Cross (b112758@aol.com). On the second testing day, the 28th, the PTO will also host a Teacher Appreciation Lunch. If you would like to help serve, let me know (patreyh@gmail.com).

On May 19, the Freshman parents will host a reception for Seniors and their parents after the Senior Recognition Ceremony. This event is always inspiring as it honors not only those students who have excelled in myriad ways at Springfield High School but also those who have chosen to serve their country by joining the Armed Services after high school. Freshman volunteer parents are welcome to bring their students to see the wide ways in which success can be achieved and celebrated at Springfield High. If you'd like to help, just drop me an email.

We will have a final Teacher Appreciation Event, an end-of-school breakfast on June 6th. This is a wonderful chance for volunteers to thank the teachers personally for the year that will have just ended.

The PTO is about much more than hosting receptions. We are in the process of establishing a mentoring program at the school and are still in great need of parent tutors to help with the School's tutoring program. If you can help or would like to know more, please contact Mr. Jim Bremhorst, incoming president (jimbremhorst@yahoo.com). Additionally, the PTO's Teacher Grant Program recently funded the purchase of a Shaken Baby Syndrome Simulator for use in Parenting classes at the School.

Finally, we thank Cindy Hamill and her Sophomore parent volunteers for the lovely reception they hosted for the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Anne Cornelius for coordinating volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair.

Please consider attending our meetings (4th Tuesdays, 7 pm in the Library). They offer an opportunity to learn a lot about what is going on at Springfield High (just in case your kids don't tell you everything!)

Booster Club News

As the 2010-2011 school year winds down, I want to thank everyone who helped make this year a great success. The money raised this year through activities such as the 50/50 drawings, concession stand, corporate sponsors, memberships and the Red and Black Senator Gala will help us provide much-needed support to the outstanding organizations, clubs and athletic teams at SHS.

I would also like to give special thanks to all of you who helped make this year's Red and Black Senator Gala a huge success. Thanks to your efforts, this event raised more than \$50,000. This wouldn't have been possible without the many volunteers who contributed countless hours of planning, organizing and manpower, along with hundreds of donated items. I would also be remiss if I didn't thank both the SHS Jazz Band and the Seven and Senators for entertaining our guests. You make the donors feel good about support they provide to the Booster Club.

In February, the Booster Club awarded its annual Kevin Lehman award to SHS teacher Ceci Maloney for her exceptional dedication to the students at SHS. Her tireless efforts and dedication have ensured that our students continue to enjoy activities such as Student Council, Homecoming, Spirit Week, Prom and many others.

The 2011-2012 school year is just around the corner, and we are always looking for your support both as volunteers and donors to make the booster club the great success that it is. We are also looking for new Board Members for next year to replace those who will be leaving us as their kids graduate from SHS. If you think you might be interested please contact Stu Thompson at Patti.Thompson.968@comcast.net before the end of the school year. As my dad taught me, many hands means little work!

Finally congratulations to the Class of 2011 as you complete your high school experience, and may you enjoy great success in your future. I would also like to encourage current and future

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors to **keep the great tradition of SHS alive!**

SAVE YOUR YELLOW PEPSI CAPS!!

SHS is collecting yellow PEPSI caps through April 30, 2011. Please help us by saving the yellow caps and send them to SHS. The caps are being collected in the white barrels located in the commons and annex. All the money collected will go to the Be A Senator program. Deadline for collecting the caps is APRIL 30th. Thank you for Being A Senator!

Springfield High School Cookbook Attention All Chefs!

Do you love cookbooks? The Independent Foods class is creating a Springfield High School Cookbook. All current and former students and employees are encouraged to submit a recipe for the cookbook. If you have a special remembrance or story please include it with your recipe. Recipes should be mailed to Diane Hays, Springfield High School 101 S. Lewis, Springfield, IL 62704. Recipes may also be emailed to dbhays@springfield.k12.il.us.

Prairie State Achievement Exams

The two-day statewide test will be administered to all **juniors** on April 27th and 28th. Students will receive preparation for the exam in English and U.S. History classes. Please mark your calendar if you have a junior. This exam is extremely important. Any student who misses the exam will be required to make up the exam in May.

Explore and PLAN Tests

Freshmen and sophomores will take the Explore test (freshmen) and PLAN test (sophomores) on April 27th and 28th. Testing will be concurrent with the PSAE exam for juniors. Explore and PLAN are both preACT tests and extremely important for a student's course planning. The scores on these exams inform administrators, students and parents with regard to the student's academic progress

toward college readiness. Students will also take the WorkKeys practice exams on these dates. Developed by the ACT, WorkKeys is an employment-related assessment that tells the student and his/her family if the young person is on track for career readiness after high school. Please see that your child is at school on these days, well rested, and ready to perform at the highest levels.

Post Secondary News

On Tuesday May 3rd during the lunch shifts in the Commons seniors will be able to disclose their post secondary choice for all to see. Seniors will be invited to sign their name on the location of their chosen college, university, technical school, branch of military or job.

Additionally we want to celebrate the seniors who have received scholarships for next year. The students' names and the amounts of scholarships awarded will be posted.

Students planning to attend Lincoln Land Community College should have the application and placement testing (if required) completed before the opening of Registration which is April 27. Spring break would be a good time to take the placement test and set an appointment with an adviser. The LLCC scholarship application (available on-line or from Mrs. Povse) is due at LLCC on May 2nd by 5:00p.m.

If you need help with your plans for next year, help with college searches, scholarships or financial aid, please see Mrs. Povse.

Graduates

Seniors and juniors who will graduate June 4, please notify Mrs. Krekel or Mrs. Esela in the guidance office if you have had a change of address or phone number. We need this information to be accurate for graduation purposes.

Senior Dates

May 4	Golden Laurels
May 14	Prom
May 19	Senior Recognition Assembly
June 4	Graduation

ACT Math Practice Test

A practice test for the Math portion of the ACT test will be given in Mr Finnell's class after school. The sixty minute test will be given on April 12th at 3:25 p.m. It will be repeated again on April 13th. Students may come to either session. Tests will be graded immediately following the test and students will be finished at approximately 4:30. There is no need to sign up just report to room 216 on either day. Please contact Mr. Finnell if you have any questions.

Central State 8 News

Boys Basketball Team Standings –

Springfield #5 with 10-6 Record

All-Conference – Mark Gilchrese, Willie Wiley

Girls Basketball Team Standings –

Springfield #1 at 15-1 (tied with Southeast)

All-Conference: Kasi Korza, Zahna Medley

Special Mention: Amber Cason

Boys Swimming & Diving Team Standings –

Springfield #1 with 433 points

All-Conference: Nick Davlantis, Jake Hamill, Timothy Miller, Bennett Stephens, Weston Stephens, Jordan Troeger, Brinton Wilkey, Matt Woodson

Special Mention: Ryan Aguirre, Spencer Chipman, Sean Maher, Tayt Niedernhofer,

Wrestling Team Standings –

Springfield #2 at 6-2 (tied with Taylorville)

All-Conference: Takil Agnew, Haratio Austin, Cordale Davis, Cameron McGlynn

Special Mention: John Davidson, Alex Dawson, Christian Hunt, Kris Kramer, Andrew Rogers, Mike Upperman, Harrison Williams

Scholastic Bowl Team Standings –

Springfield #2 13-3

All Conference: Johnny Smith

Academic All-Conference Winter 2010-11

Boys Basketball: Mark Gilchrese, Connor Jacobs, Alex Kramer

Girls Basketball: Amber Cason, Morgan Ceja, Sloane Chapman, Meghan Fetter, Kirby Hale, Jasmine Howell, Kelsey Hulcher, Kasi Korza, Mackenzie McDermott, Zahna Medley, Ashton Williams, Brenna Williams

Boys Swimming: Ryan Aguirre, Spencer Chipman, Nick Davlantis, Brandon Dhermy, Jake Hamill, Scott Krehbiel, Timothy Miller, Tayt Niedernhofer, Bennett Stephens, Sina Tabibi, Jordan Troeger, Blake Wappel, Matt Woodson

Wrestling: David Balster, John Davidson, Cordale Davis, James McGlynn, Andrew Rogers, Nick Schneider, Chase Thompson, Mike Upperman, Phillip Wilson

Cheerleading: Mary Beth Alejandro, Kayla Boyd, Caitlin Broida, Brytani Cavil, Cara Dunn, Janique Gleghorn, Shelby Hafertepe, Julia Kirk, Amy Kren, Kelsie Lehmann, Sarah Maxson, Ali Oney, Nicole Pugh, Emma Range, Zoe Sutton, Lauren Tarpley, Jasmine Warren, Hannah Wolff

Pom Poms: Kaylee Blakley, Mahalia Davis, Elya Farias-Herschelman, Amanda Gottrich, Harmony Ketchum, Rikki Koebler, Hannah Prince

Cheerleading Tryouts

Tryouts for the 2011-2012 SHS Cheerleading squads will be held May 2nd-5th from 6:30-9:00pm in the Springfield High School new gym. Prior to tryouts, a mandatory informational parent meeting will be held April 25th at 6:30pm in the SHS commons. Parents of candidates must attend this meeting in order for their participant to be eligible for try outs. Candidates are not required to attend the meeting but it is preferred. The meeting will cover the 2011-2012 tryout procedures and the contract's financial and fundraising obligations, calendar commitments, academic and behavioral expectations, etc. Tryout packets will be available at the following places: Springfield High School's main office, SHS' website at

<http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/springfield/> and all District 186 middle schools that feed into SHS. Any questions please contact Coach Nora Povse at npovse@springfield.k12.il.us or 525-3100 ext.160.

Attendance Reminder

The Assistant Principals are responsible for tracking your child's daily attendance. You have 48 hours to call the Student Services Office, 525-3111, to clear the absence. If you do not call, your child is subject to progressive consequences including detention, mega detention, and in-house suspension. Please call in a timely manner.

ATTENDANCE/DISCIPLINE OFFICE 525-3111

Report absences, early dismissals, send message to your student, student discipline Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Greco, Mr. Norman Secretaries - Miss Wiley, Mrs. Kidd

GUIDANCE OFFICE 525-3106

Transcripts, scholarship info, health & shot records Secretaries - Mrs. Krekel and Mrs. Esela Administrators - Mrs. Usinger, Mr. Schurman, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Lamsargis Hall Offices - Mr. Crum and Mrs. Povse

FINALS SCHEDULE

June 1		June 2		June 3	
Exam Period 2	8:24-10:00	Exam Period 3	8:24-10:00	Exam Period 1	8:24-10:00
Exam Period 6	10:05-11:35	Exam Period 5	10:05-11:35	Exam Period 4	10:05-11:35
Lunch A	11:35-12:05	Lunch A	11:35-12:05	Lunch A	11:35-12:05
Class 4A	12:10-12:45	Class 4A	12:10-12:45	Class 4A	12:10-12:45
Class 4B	11:40-12:15	Class 4B	11:40-12:15	Class 4B	11:40-12:15
Lunch B	12:15-12:45	Lunch B	12:15-12:45	Lunch B	12:15-12:45
Exam Period 7	12:50-2:20	Make-Up Exams	12:50-2:20	Make-Up Exams	12:50-2:20

MAIN OFFICE-525-310

Athletics, parking, accounts payable,
Principal Mrs. Stahly, Mr. Dorr
Secretaries – Mrs. Finigan and Mrs. Fisher

GUIDANCE OFFICE 525-3106

Transcripts, scholarship info, health & shot records
Secretaries - Mrs. Krekel and Mrs. Esela
Administrators - Mrs. Usinger, Mr. Schurman,
Mr. Williams, Mrs. Lamsargis
Hall Offices - Mr. Crum and Mrs. Povse

ATTENDANCE/DISCIPLINE OFFICE 525-3111

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Secretaries - Miss Wiley, Mrs. Kidd

STUDENT SUPPORT 525-3109

Special Education, Social Work, PBIS Support, Truancy, Nurse
Ms. Troike, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Yoggerst, Mrs. Womack, Mrs. Buecker
Secretary – Ms. Kinsel