



Springfield Highlights



2011-2012

MIKE GROSSEN, PRINCIPAL

DECEMBER/JANUARY, 2011

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Final Exams and 2:17 p.m. Dismissal

- Dec. 16, 19 & 20

End of First Semester. - 2:17 Dismissal

- Tuesday, Dec. 20

Winter Break

- Wednesday, Dec. 21 - Tuesday, Jan. 3

First Day of Second Semester

- Wednesday, Jan. 4

No School: MLK Day

- Monday, January 16

No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Thursday, Feb. 2

No School: School Improvement Day

- Friday, Feb. 3

Preview Night for Incoming Students

- Tuesday, Feb. 7 starting at 6:00 p.m.

No School: Lincoln's Birthday

- Monday, Feb. 13

Red and Black Gala

- Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Springfield Hilton starting at 6:00 p.m.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER

The administrators, with the help of Ms. Womack, the Truancy Interventionist, are responsible for tracking your students daily attendance. You have 24 hours to clear the office by calling the Attendance Office. If there is not a phone call, then your student may be subject to

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As my first semester as principal of Springfield High School comes to a close, I would just like to say thank to all of our students, families, and staff for their continued hard work and dedication to the education of all of our students. It is truly an honor to be the principal of SHS!!

Thanks and I hope you all have a safe, fun and relaxing holiday season!

SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS

Below is the schedule for finals with times. Please note that because our students' lunch shift depends on their 4th hour class, it is necessary to have the extra class be 4th hour each exam day. We have reduced the length of the 4th hour class. Announcements will be made during 4th hour.

Day 1 - Fri., Dec. 16		Day 2 - Mon., Dec. 19		Day 3 - Tues., Dec. 20	
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

- CACC students will not attend CACC on exam days. CACC students who arrive before or during the first exam period will be directed to Study Hall until it is time for the second exam of the day.
- Students who do not have make-up exams may leave after their second exam on December 19 and 20.
- Lunch will be served on all three days.
- Zero Hour exams will be taken on December 14 and 15 during Zero Hour.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

<http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/springfield/> (Please visit for updates.)

Main Office:	525-3100	Fax:	525-3122
Guidance Office:	525-3106	Fax:	525-3129
Attendance Office:	525-3111		
Spec Ed Office	525-3109		

FROM THE PTO: Jim Bremhorst

The PTO is off to a busy start again this year. We have raised about half of our planned funds through generous donations and dues. Thank You! To date we have funded the Be a Senator Program for \$2,000. The Be a Senator Program encourages positive student behavior with rewards. Most of the remainder of our money will be used for teacher grant requests. If you are interested in making a donation or in joining the PTO, please contact jimbremhorst@yahoo.com. We held a teacher appreciation lunch during fall parent/teacher conferences. Thank you to the volunteers who volunteered for this. The teachers appreciate your efforts. On December 31 the PTO will run a concession stand at the school in support of the city's First Night Activities from noon to 5:00 PM. Still looking for a few volunteers. If interested you can contact jimbremhorst@yahoo.com.

The male student mentoring program has continued this fall. We appreciate the support of Hope Free Evangelical Church in support of this program. We are looking to expand the program in the spring semester. Men interested in being a mentor should contact Robin Yoggerst at ryog@sps.186.org.

At the November PTO meeting we had a discussion about enrollment numbers at SHS and examined the teacher/student and student/classroom ratios at SHS in comparison to the other schools. The next PTO meeting will be on January 24 at 7:00 in the Library on the third floor.

FROM THE BOOSTER CLUB PRESIDENT: Keith Sias

Plans are underway for our annual Red & Black Senator Gala!! We will be at a new location, the Hilton Springfield on Saturday, February 25, 2012 for an evening of good food, unique auction items, wonderful entertainment and Senator Camaraderie!! Invitations will be going out to all SHS parents after the holidays. If you know of someone who does NOT have an SHS student or who did NOT attend last year but is interested in attending, please call or e-mail Keith Sias @ 787-6553 (keithsias@aol.com) with his or her name and address and we will add them to our mailing list.

Anyone interested in making a donation of merchandise or services to the auction itself should also contact Keith. We are looking forward to another great year for the Gala! With your help and support of this event, we can continue to fund a larger portion of the annual requests for our extracurricular teams, clubs and organizations. Last year we raised over \$50,000! Please check the booster club section of the SHS website for updates (or go to the SHS boosters page on Facebook.). Hope to see you all there!!

Back by popular demand, SHS trivia night will be held on January 14, 2012 at the SHS Commons. Start getting your team together for a fun event. Registration forms will be available soon!

Please mark these events on your calendar and be sure to check the website for more details to come.

A huge "Thank You" to all of you who helped with fall concessions and events. We couldn't have done it without you. Looking forward to working with you for our winter events. SPIRIT & PRIDE IS ALIVE AT SHS!!! GO SENATORS!!!

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

- SHS families and supporters are invited to purchase home subscriptions to The Senator, the school's award-winning student newspaper. There are generally 6 issues printed per school year. The \$10 subscription appears as an option on the district's billing notice for student fees.
- The first mailing of The Senator will depend on the processing of fee payments at the district level. Although this mailing may be delayed, subscribers will receive all back issues.
- Questions should be directed to Ms. Negele, faculty advisor, at SHS.

CAPITOLINE YEARBOOK NEWS:

- Seniors need to have their yearbook pictures taken by Class Act by Dec. 20. Call 787-0688 for an appointment.
- Purchase a yearbook for only \$50 until Dec. 12, then it will be \$60. We do offer layaway with \$25 down and the rest due in May. You may also purchase the yearbooks online at <http://www.yearbookforever.com/>
- Purchase yearbook Happy Ads for seniors, teams and clubs.
- Contact Mrs. Barkmeier, faculty advisor, at 525-3100 ext. 370

POSTSECONDARY AND GUIDANCE NEWS

Scholarships

Please check the Guidance/Scholarship link on the school website for scholarships. Many of the scholarships listed have last year's deadlines. You can look forward to these being updated as we receive them. Meanwhile, check the listing weekly as well as the announcements for updates.

Prairie State Achievement Exams

This two-day statewide test will be administered to all **juniors** on April 24 and 25. Students will receive preparation in their classes. Please mark your calendar if you have a junior student. This exam is very important in determining our school's Adequate Yearly Progress. Any student who misses the exam will have to make up the exam in May. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

College Bound Juniors and Seniors

College bound juniors and seniors need to take either the ACT or SAT I college entrance exams. All juniors will take the ACT on the first day of the PSAE in April. Preparing for the college entrance exams may be done in a variety of ways.

- Work hard and receive above average grades in a rigorous course load.
- Students will be given access to ACT and WorkKeys on-line test preps in a variety of their classes in the spring semester. They will be given a user name and password and may access these from home as well.
- Check with your Guidance Dean or Asst. Principal for other test prep avenues such as bettertestscores.net, Nelson Resource Center, Lincoln Land Community College, the Springfield Urban League, act.org, and collegeboard.com.

NCAA Division I or II

Students interested in participating in Division I or II must be registered with the NCAA (www.eligibilitycenter.org). Student/athletes will need 16 core credits to be eligible. Please see Mr. Crum to verify that students are on track for eligibility.

Collegezone.com

Collegezone.com is a “one-stop-shop” internet web site designed to provide you with lots of information on college planning, paying for school, and career planning. You will have access to a centralized source of information, as well as information concerning the Illinois Student Assistance Commission’s programs, processes, and resources.

STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICE NEWS

Please help us to ensure the best possible learning environment by reminding your students to follow our discipline expectations and procedures. Although this year we have had a marked decrease in discipline infractions, we need the continued support of our students and families. The following are some quick reminders:

- Please continue to monitor and review the district’s dress code guidelines with your student.
- Please remind students that they are only allowed to use their personal electronic communication devices on the first floor BEFORE the 8:15 a.m. bell rings, DURING THEIR LUNCH SHIFT and AFTER the final bell of the day. Parents are asked to refrain from communicating with their student during the day unless it is within the above specified time frames. If there is an emergency, please call the school and we will make sure your student is contacted.
- Please remind your students to get to school and their classes in a timely manner.

We have made incredible strides in all aspects listed above in large part due to the support of our families. Our goal at SHS is to increase student achievement and we firmly believe that we will be able to accomplish this if our students are in class.

Thanks again for your continued support!

BE A SENATOR is proud to announce the quarterly acknowledgements for 3rd & 4th quarters: If, during 3rd quarter, students have no unexcused absence, no tardies & no discipline or dress code referrals, they will be invited to our March Madness party. Freshmen and Sophomores' party will be March 15 & Juniors and Seniors' party will be March 16th. We will have hot dogs, award winning chili and drinks along with big screen tv's with March Madness games. For 4th quarter, if students have no unexcused absences, no tardies, no discipline referrals and C's or higher in all classes for both 3rd and 4th quarters, they will be eligible for a 1 1/2 off-campus lunch in a date to be named in May. We will continue to give out SHLOTTO cards and they may be redeemed on Thursdays in the Commons during both lunch shifts. Thank you for Being A Senator!!

SHS WEBSITE <http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/springfield/>

The SHS website has important college planning information, college and military recruiter visit dates, financial aid information, a scholarship database and notices of special programs. Please go to the website, click on Guidance and be informed.



SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Red & Black Senator Gala

*February 25, 2012
Hilton Springfield Ballroom*

Purchase an ad in the auction booklet to support **SHS**
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE STUDENTS!

Business Card Size (approximately 1/8 page)	\$50
Quarter Page Size	\$100
Half Page Size	\$175
Full Page Size	\$300

**Happy Ads* are welcome at the same prices as above!

AD DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2012

BUSINESS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please email black and white PDF to markandamyridley@comcast.net

For more information please contact:

Amy Ridley at 416-2300 or at markandamyridley@comcast.net

Keith Sias at 341-5855 or at keithsias@aol.com

Springfield High School Booster Club 2012 Gala Donation Form

Donor/Business/Organization _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Certificate Enclosed Merchandise Enclosed Pick up

DONATION: Describe in detail, and include for presentation, related visuals such as menu, brochures, etc.

RETAIL VALUE: _____ Expiration Date: _____

*All donations will be included in our Auction Program Book.
The SHS Booster Club is exempt from Federal Taxation and contributions are tax deductible.
(Tax ID # available upon request)*

Sponsorship Options:

Platinum \$500 Gold \$300 Silver \$200 Bronze \$100

I am not able to contribute in the above listed areas. Please accept my/our enclosed contribution of \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: Springfield High School Booster Club

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please return this copy and donation by January 20, 2012 to:

**Springfield High School Gala Auction
101 S. Lewis
Springfield, IL 62704**

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