



S.H.S. highlights

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GREETINGS FROM PTOS!

It is hard to believe that we are already in fourth quarter, especially as it is 27 degrees as I write this. The fourth quarter is the busiest time for the PTO. We participated in Activity Night, a wonderful evening that showcased all of the extracurricular activities available to SHS students. The reception that the PTO hosts every year for the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was a very nice affair. Congratulations to all of the inductees. There are three major events on the calendar for the rest of the year. The PTO provides Brain Food for the Junior Class as it takes the PSAE examination on April 28 and 29th. We need lots of volunteers to help first thing in the morning. If you can help for an hour or more, please email Mary Beth Stephens at hmandmb@comcast.net. On May 19, the PTO will host a reception following the Senior Recognition Ceremony. Finally, in late May, we honor the teachers and staff at the High School with a Teacher Recognition Breakfast. If you would like to help with either of these events, please contact me at patreyh@gmail.com.

To all of the members of the Class of 2010, enjoy your final quarter. All of us in the PTO send our sincerest congratulations. Best wishes in the future. And in everything you do, strive not just to do well but also to do good.

Go Senators!

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Spring is here and we've now entered the home stretch of the school year and our fundraising activities. It's been a very successful year thanks to all of you! Our 3rd Annual Red & Black Gala was a huge success that was enjoyed by approximately 400 attendees. Final numbers aren't in yet, but we're expecting to have raised over \$40,000. They say "Third time's a Charm" and that rang true for this year's Gala. The dinner provided by Jimmy Oh was superb and the entertainment provided by the SHS Jazz band and Seven and Senators was spectacular! We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this event a community effort that Springfield High can be proud of. If you bought an ad in the program, donated an auction item, volunteered your time or joined us as one of our special guests, we thank you! Without ALL of you, this event could not have happened. The Gala is a perfect example of what can be accomplished when we all work together to provide

the best opportunities for our students. We can't thank you enough!!

Now that a number of the Boosters' fundraising efforts have ended for the year, we also need to thank all of our Booster Club member volunteers. Your on-going support is needed and is critical to our success. In addition to assisting with the Gala and other activities, volunteers are always needed to work concessions and 50/50 raffle sales at the games. We, as a Board, cannot do it alone. What we accomplish is contingent on our volunteers. We appreciate your support and hope you will join us again next year.

We would like to send a "Big Shout Out and Congrats" to all our students for all of their accomplishments this year. In addition, a special congratulations to the Class of 2010! We wish you nothing but the best in the years ahead. Good Luck and remember your roots – once a Senator always a Senator!

Finally, this has been an incredible year and you all have a lot to be proud of! The Booster Club is proud to support each and every one of our students as they pursue their interests and talents. In addition to enhancing the high school experience, participating in extracurricular activities will help prepare you for life beyond SHS. The SHS students continue to build upon their strong reputation of academic excellence and High Pride and the Booster Club is honored to be associated with and support such a tremendous group of students! If you ever have any questions about the Booster Club and our activities, please contact Becky Schlouch at 787-7277 or schlouch@aol.com. You can also visit the school website at www.shs.springfield.k12.il.us and click on the Boosters link for more information. We are always welcoming new members and looking for volunteers so be sure to look us up!

High-Stakes Tests – PSAE Time Again!

Christine Stahly, Principal

Juniors at Springfield High School will soon participate in PSAE9 (**Prairie State Achievement Exam**) on April 28 and 29. PSAE is a two-day assessment that determines SHS status with regard to federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

Day 1 consists of the ACT assessment combined with science and writing.

Day 2 consists of an ACT-developed test called WorkKeys. This assessment evaluates how well students are able to use math and reading skills in practical work-based applications.

Effort and attitude are extremely important to students' ability to do well on these assessments. These tests are recognition of how much students have learned in their twelve years of public school education. We ask ALL PARENTS to help make sure students are well-rested, have eaten a good breakfast, and are ready to do their best on these important tests.

Students prepare for these exams every day as they work hard in their core subjects. Teachers prepare students with quality instruction on a daily basis. In addition, English teachers have been providing weekly test preparation exercises. Math teachers are using

sample problems, and both social studies and math teachers are using WIN WorkKeys, an on-line practice tool.

The ACT test taken on Day 1 may be used for college entrance requirements at no cost to the student. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Williams or Mr. Lawson at 525-3106.

On-Line Practice

Students can practice both the ACT and the WorkKeys on-line. Teachers of junior English have the ACT usernames and passwords for students. If needed, a student can see Mrs. Stahly. The password for WorkKeys is the student's four-digit lunch pin. Here are the practice sites:

<http://www.actstudent.org/onlineprep/index.html>

<http://roe-efe310.wincshost.com/default.php>

On the WorkKeys site the "Reading for Information" is especially good practice. Teachers have been practicing in classrooms using pencil/paper practice tests for most of the year. Pencil/paper tests resemble the real test environment and are preferred by many. However, some teachers also use the on-line sites. Students are welcome to use the on-line sites at any time. Freshmen and sophomores may also use the WorkKeys site by entering their four-digit lunch pins.

Save the dates!

April 19 through April 22 the SHS library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair to benefit the English Department and support classroom libraries. Stop by and see the latest YA titles from Scholastic. All students, SHS parents and relatives are welcome.

Literary Awards

Three SHS students were among ten area winners in the WUIS "This I Believe" contest. Winners were: Maddie Fetter, Carrie McMenamin, and Elly Schoenberg. Three more SHS students were winners in the Lincoln Essay Contest. First place went to Ariel Smith. Second place winner was Conor O'Brien, and third place went to Mada Larson.

Schedule for PSAE (Juniors)

April 27 Periods 6 & 7 – Students report to their assigned rooms in the science wing to complete the registration portion of the ACT.

April 28 8:24 am – Students report to assigned rooms. At the completion of the ACT, students eat lunch during period 6 and report to 7th period.

April 29 8:24 am – Students report to assigned rooms to complete Day 2 of the PSAE exam. Students will report to their 5th hour classes as usual.

GUIDANCE NEWS

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Provided that there are no more emergency snow days used we will have the following semester exam schedule:

Day 1 May 26		Day 2 May 27		Day 3 May 28	
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 May 26, 27, or 28. CACC students who arrive before or during the first exam period will be directed to Study Hall in the Commons 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 days 2 and 3.

Lunch will be served on all three days.

Zero Hour exams will be taken on May 24 and 25 during Zero Hour.

Final exams are not given early. We ask families to schedule their family events so that students DO NOT MISS final exams. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange for an exam to be taken at a later date. Remember, teachers are not available after June 1.

Graduates

Seniors and juniors who will graduate in June, 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

Please note the following important dates for seniors:

May 12 Golden Laurel Banquet, 7:00 pm, SE Auditorium

May 22 Prom

May 13 Senior meeting in auditorium – Period 2 Caps and gowns will be distributed if all fees are paid.

May 19 Senior Recognition Assembly – 7:00 p.m. Auditorium

April 7 Announcement pick up in Commons before school and at lunch

June 5 Graduation 5:00 p.m. (seniors report at 4:30 pm.)

Senior Recognition Assembly

The annual Senior Recognition Ceremony will be held in the SHS auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on May 19. Senior parents will get an invitation in the mail.

ALL seniors should attend and wear their caps and gowns. Awards are given for a variety of achievements including academics, sports, service, school pride, and representation of their classmates at graduation. Although not every student receives an individual award, we encourage all seniors to attend.

Scholarships

As scholarship information comes to the guidance office, it is announced on the daily announcements and posted on the SHS web site. Please check to see if you qualify to apply and be sure to watch deadlines.

Most scholarships require an official transcript. The procedure is the same as for a college application: address the envelope, affix sufficient postage and include a \$1.00 transcript fee (after using your free three.)

Transcript Requests

All colleges and universities require a final transcript. Please bring an envelope addressed to your college with the appropriate postage. Write your name under the flap. If you wish your medical records to be sent write "meds" next to your name.

Reminder for Seniors

Seniors should check with their school of choice to be sure that all admission request files are complete. Don't assume your file is okay without checking with the college. They have 800 numbers and/or web sites that can give you that information.

Correspondence Course Work

Attention seniors taking correspondence course work. Students should complete these courses as soon as possible in order for the school to have time to grade and send a transcript of grades to Springfield High. The full bill must be paid before the transcript will be sent. Every effort should be made to complete the work by the end of April .See Mr. Lawson with questions.

Schedule Changes for 2010-11

Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors' course requests have been completed for next school year, and the courses selected have been entered into the computer. Scheduling choices and courses offered for next year are limited due to the expansion to the seven-period day. Some courses, such as foods, may be at their maximum capacity. Students who wait until the fall to select or change classes may not have their request honored. We encourage students to make their corrections now.

The seven-period day gives students the opportunity to take extra electives. It also allows for more intensive

study in some areas. Students who need the extra help in English and math are encouraged to sign up for the English and Math Seminars.

College Visits

Juniors are encouraged to visit colleges they may be considering attending after high school graduation. Summer is a good time for these visits. Students are permitted to take a **half-day to visit a local college** and a **full day to make a visit out of the city.** Students must call schools to make an appointment. They must also get a "college visit" form from their Assistant Principal. A parent must call the attendance office if a student is going to be absent.

College Administrators Visit SHS

Just as a reminder, juniors and seniors should take advantage of meeting with college administrators as they make their visits to SHS. Announcements are made letting students know of the visits. Students must get a pass from guidance at least the day before in order to be dismissed from class to visit a college representative.

Special Programs and Summer Programs

Law Camp, Nursing Camp, Women in Engineering, U of I Research Apprentice, Film Camp, University classes and many more...

Are you looking for an opportunity for your student to experience a one-day workshop or a summer camp related to a career interest area? The guidance office receives more offers on such programs than we are able to disseminate. Feel free to check out the Special Programs bulleting board outside the cafeteria or come and look through our box of mail. Many of the registration deadlines are upcoming. So don't miss out on one of these great programs. **SEE YOUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OR MRS. POVSE.**

Post Secondary News

Please check the bulletin board outside the Guidance office for additional trips.

Preview Days at University of Illinois at Springfield is April 24.

Seniors: We need your post secondary information for our database. If you are going to college next fall please post your acceptances and final decision on Mr. Lawson's poster outside his office. If you are going into the military, please sign the poster under your selected branch. If you are going to a technical school or other kind of training let Mr. Lawson or Mrs. Povse know so we can post that.

Lincoln Land Community College is holding a campus visit day on Saturday, March 27. LLCC registration for fall 2010 opens April 28. Seniors who plan on attending LLCC should have their application and placement testing (if required) completed before that date so they may register for classes in a timely manner. Register on-line at www.llcc.edu or call 786-2577.

If you need help with your plans for next year, or need assistance with financial aid information or forms, please see Mrs. Povse in the guidance office.

WhatsNextIllinois.org

Thanks to the Illinois Student Assistance commission you can now access one-stop for high school, college, financial aid and career planning. WhatsNextIllinois.org can be used by students 8th grade through post-graduate college, by parents, and by school personnel. Create an account and begin searching the multitude of features that this website provides for free.

Central State 8 News

Boys Basketball Team Standings –

Springfield #3 with 11-3 Record

All-Conference – Bryan Bridges, Isaiah Hale, Willie Wiley

Girls Basketball Team Standings –

Springfield #1 at 13-1

All-Conference: Kasi, Korza, Kelly Korza, Zahna Medley

Special Mention: Demi VanDerWal

Boys Swimming & Diving Team Standings –

Springfield #2 with 356 points

All-Conference: Tim Miller, Ben Trapp

Special Mention: Ryan Aguirre, Spencer Chipman, Nick Davlantis, Jake Hamill, Corey Heineman, Ryan, Motley, Tayt Niedernhofer, Bennett Stephens, Jordan Troeger, John Witter, Matt Woodson

Wrestling Team Standings –

Springfield #2 at 5-2 (Tied with Jacksonville & Lincoln)

All-Conference: David Casper, Greg Farias, Cameron McGlynn, Noah Murray, Adam Nudo, Jimmy Vong, John Williams **Special Mention:** Kiev Glasscock, Kris Kramer, Myles Peralta, Andrew Rogers, Eric Torgerson

Scholastic Bowl Team Standings –

Springfield #3 at 9-5 (Tied with Sacred Heart-Griffin)

All Conference: James Bishop, Johnny Smith

Academic All-Conference Winter 2008-09

Boys Basketball: Bryan Bridges, Blayne Burnett, Ross Gelber, Troy Klunick, Alex Kramer

Girls Basketball: Madelyn Fetter, Jasmine Howell, Kelsey Hulcher, Kasi Korza, Kelly Korza, Mackenzie McDermott, Zahna Medley, Caitlin Miller, Emily Moscardelli, Demi VanDerWal, Brenna Williams

Boys Swimming: Bobby Bolt, Spencer Chipman, Nick Davlantis, Andrew Harless, Cory Heineman, Scott Krehbiel Chris Sorenson, Bennett Stephens, Max Stone, Ben Trapp, Jordan Troeger, John Witter, Matt Woodson

Wrestling: Cordale Davis, Greg Farias, James McGlynn, Noah Murray, Myles Peralta, Andrew Rogers, Chase Tate, Mike Upperman, Phillip Wilson

Cheerleading: Alia Adams, Kayla Boyd, Ashtyn Kean, Amy Kren, Sarah Maxson, Ali Oney, Nichole Pugh, Haley Puma, Emma Range, Faydra, Sommer

Pom Poms: Kaylee Blakley, Katie Cagle, Elya Farias-Herschelman, Rikki Koebler, Abby Koepke, Emma Lavin, Bridget Lewis, Hannah Prince, Manda Wappel

Spring Play under the Direction of Craig Williams

Come see *All Shook Up* in the Springfield High School Auditorium on April 30, May 1, and May 2. A graduate of Springfield High School, Craig is active in the Springfield Theatre Community. A large and diverse cast makes this an event to remember for all Springfield High School students, families, and alums.

Be a Senator Recognition Celebration

Over 800 students were recently recognized at the Be a Senator Celebration for having no absences, no tardies, and no referrals. Congratulations to these outstanding citizens of SHS! Thank you to the PTO for providing the donuts and prizes.

Northern Illinois University Announces 2010 Academic Summer Camps.

Creative Writing Camp, June 20 - 25, for students having completed grades 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12.

Speech Camp, June 20 - 25, for students having completed grades 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12.

Sci-Camp Discovery, June 20 - 25, for students having completed grades 5 or 6.

Sci-Camp Explorations, June 20 - 25, for students having completed grades 7 or 8.

Film Camp, June 28 - July 2, for students having completed grades 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12.

STEM Career Investigations, July 12 - 17, for students having completed grades 9, 10, 11 or 12.

The camp fees include room and board. An early bird discount applies until June 1, 2010 but it is

recommended parents and students apply as soon as possible to guarantee a spot in their camp of choice.

Application packets and camp descriptions can be found at www.niu.edu/clasep

Please contact Mark Pietrowski, coordinator, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming at 815-753-1456, pietrowski@niu.edu or visit www.niu.edu/clasep for any questions you may have.

State Pupil Transportation Reimbursement

Claim forms for parents are included in this newsletter. Claim forms must be returned to school in order for school personnel to enter the information electronically in the ISBE system before June 30, 2010. Guaranteed payment cannot be made for claims received after July 31, 2010. Only school personnel can enter claim information on the ISBE site.

Thank you to the many families who support the students of SHS through PTO, Booster Club, Band Boosters, and Notables.

After-Prom Activity

Attention Junior and Senior Parents: What do our kids do after Prom? They go to After-Prom. What is After-Prom? A fun, SAFE place for kids to extend the evening, with food, games and prizes. After-Prom is held at the High School. Parents of Juniors and Seniors are the hosts and that takes lots of volunteers. We need chaperones and donations of food, prizes or money to help underwrite the cost of the event. If you can help in any or all of these ways, please fill out the form you

recieved in the mail or contact Pat Reyhan at
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