



S.H.S. highlights

AUGUST - 2009

OPENING OF SCHOOL - 2009-2010

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Christine Stahly

On behalf of the SHS faculty, I would like to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year. The American high school serves as an important cornerstone in public education. Rest assured that Springfield High School is among the very best, and the level of commitment to high quality education for all remains of the utmost importance. The long record of academic achievement speaks to the hard work of students, parents, and staff.

Early in the school year you will be receiving information regarding the required examination that all 11th graders will take this year: The Prairie State Achievement Exam. This test is given by the ISBE and will take two days to complete. We will work hard to prepare our students for this exam. Additionally, the district has developed a set of standards for high school graduation that will dramatically change how we prepare our students for the future. The application of these graduation requirement changes will apply to all incoming freshmen and sophomores.

As the school year progresses, I wish all students and parents a successful and productive year. I am usually available to see students without an appointment between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. every morning. Parents should call the office at 525-3100 to schedule a time for a visit. I can also be reached by email: cstahly@springfield.k12.il.us. If I may assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mark your calendar: Open House August 26, 2009

Included in this mailing is a schedule for the evening of August 26. Students are invited to attend with their parents and escort them to their classes so that parents can meet teachers.

DRESS CODE AND TARDY ENFORCEMENT

The Dress Code of Springfield District 186 will be enforced starting the first day of school. Parents are asked to help us by ensuring that your student comes to school in clothing that fits. **Sagging and bagging** will NOT be allowed. Students may NOT wear clothing with **holes**. **Exposed cleavage** or **exposed midriffs** will not be allowed. Students who do not abide by the school district's dress code will be sent to the administrative intern. They will be allowed to correct their clothing if possible. If not, students will call home for a change of clothes. Students will receive detentions.

Arriving at school and class on time will also be required of all students. Students who are tardy will receive a 15 minute detention. After four tardies to the same class students will receive a Saturday detention. From the sixth tardy forward students will be placed in in-house. PLEASE see that your student is at school on time.

First period begins at **8:24 am**. Students are to go to their lockers at 8:15 to get all materials needed for the morning.

SCHEDULING

The Assistant Principals will be working on schedule conflicts during the month of August and will need to call the students by phone to discuss scheduling possibilities. If you have a new phone number, please call the Guidance Office at 525-3106 to let us know. If your student has changes that need to be made to the schedule, please call the dean and take care of this before school starts.

FRESHMAN STUDENT ORIENTATION

Freshman Orientation will be held August 19th. Students will register for the orientation between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. and can be dropped off at the SHS Commons (doors facing the West Washington Street parking lot). They will have the opportunity to interact with older students, teachers and administrators. Sessions will include information to help make the transition to high school a smooth one and there will be a drawing for prizes. The school buses will run for those students eligible to ride. The M to M bus will not run that day. If you have questions, call the Guidance Office at 525-3106.

FRESHMAN PARENT ORIENTATION

We will offer an evening orientation for the parents of freshmen on August 19. Parents should come to the Commons (north parking lot, corner of Washington and Parker Streets) Wednesday evening, August 19th at 6:30 pm. We anticipate being finished by 8 pm. A letter will be sent in August to all freshmen and will contain more information about each event.

HOMEROOM/OPENING DAY SCHEDULE

Homeroom lists will be given to freshmen at the orientation and they will be posted throughout the building. Students should report to homerooms at 8:24 a.m. on August 24th. Students will receive their final schedules during homeroom. After homerooms are dismissed, a shortened schedule will be followed, with early dismissal at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. School will be dismissed at 2:00 each day during the first week of school.

CAPITAL AREA CAREER CENTER STUDENTS

CACC students are reminded that their classes at the Capital Area Career Center begin on Monday, August 24th, and they are required to attend CACC classes on that day. CACC students should check with their Assistant Principal regarding their schedule on August 24th. Students are required to use school bus transportation to and from CACC. The bus will be in front of S.H.S. on Lewis Street at 8:15 a.m. starting August 24th. It leaves promptly at 8:20 a.m. If a student misses the bus, he/she must return to the school building to call a parent for transportation. **Students may not drive to CACC and are subject to disciplinary consequences if they do.**

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

UNDERCLASS PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ON August 31st. Forms will be distributed on the first day.

SENIOR PICTURES

To be included in the yearbook, seniors must have their picture taken at Class Act Photography, 484 South Durkin Drive, 787-4947. If you have not done so, please call for an appointment to have your portrait taken. The deadline for yearbook is September 29th.

Yearbooks can be purchased when you pay your district fees or through Karri Devlin at SHS at a cost of \$45.00 through December 18, 2009. We will stop taking orders December 18. We will order a few extra books; however it will be a first come first serve basis when we distribute books in May. It is important to order a yearbook by December 18, 2009, to guarantee your child will get a yearbook.

PARENTS OF SENIORS

Watch your mail for a letter that outlines the process to be followed regarding college and scholarship applications, transcript requests and letter of recommendation. Please save this letter and refer to it with your senior as he/she begins this exciting process. Mr. Lawson and Mrs. Povse will be meeting with all senior students early in September to go over this information in detail.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Following are the dates and registration deadlines for the ACT and SAT tests. Please note that the registration deadline for the first ACT test of the year is August 7th. If your student wishes to take that test, a registration packet must be picked up in the guidance office or registration can be done online at ACT.org.

ACT 2009-2010

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
September 12, 2009	August 7, 2009
October 24, 2009	September 19, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009
February 06, 2010	January 5, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010

SAT 2007-2008

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 10, 2009	September 9, 2009
November 7, 2009	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	October 30, 2009
January 23, 2010	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The Springfield High website, <http://www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/springfield/>, is a great way for parents to keep up with events happening at SHS. The daily announcements, sports information, scholarship listings, teacher e-mail addresses and links to other sources are posted. Get into the habit of checking it often. The website is maintained by the Service Learning Web class under the guidance of Danielle Fox.

STUDENT PARKING

Student parking spaces on the S.H.S. campus are quite limited when compared to the requests. On-street parking is also limited due to the proximity of S.H.S. to the state complex. We strongly suggest that only students who have a definite need to drive to school should be allowed to do so. Following a number of discussions with student leaders, the parking space assignment policy noted below has been established.

1. The first assignment of student parking spaces will be made to handicapped students and those with a need verified by a medical doctor.
2. **Senior parking permits will be issued on August 5, 12, and 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**The cost is \$50.00. Items needed: valid driver's license, and registration and insurance cards. You must know the license plate number, make, model, year and color of the car you will be driving. Since additional forms need to be signed, **you must apply in person.** Be sure to check the list posted in the Main Office window to confirm your eligibility. **Remember that this privilege is based on good attendance and discipline.** If you are eligible and do not pick up your permit at this time, you may still enter the random drawing with all eligible juniors.
3. Assuming that requests will be similar to past years, parking spaces will not be available to freshman or sophomore students in the school parking lots unless they qualify under number 1 above. A random drawing of all available parking will then be open to eligible juniors at the beginning of the school year.
4. Student parking spaces are located in the lot north of the gym, the lot south of the gym, and the gravel lot across Parker Street. All numbered parking spaces are for staff members only.
5. Vehicles that do not display the approved S.H.S. parking permit will be tagged the first time and towed from the lot the second time at the owners expense. Vehicles brought on to school property are subject to search. Those who purchase a permit for another individual or otherwise abuse this parking policy will have the privilege of parking in the student lot withdrawn indefinitely.
6. All unnumbered parking spots will be assigned to students as available. Students must have a permit to park and may not park in numbered or visitors spots at any time.

ENTRANCES, BOOKBAGS AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our school day begins this year at 8:24 a.m. and ends at 3:17 p.m. Zero hour classes begin at 7:25 a.m.

You have many positive academic and extracurricular opportunities available to you at Springfield High School. It is your responsibility to have read the rules and regulations for students attending Springfield High School.

Book bags, briefcases, nylon sport bags, purses, and backpacks may be brought to school but must be kept in the student's locker during the day. They may not be taken into classrooms or other parts of the building during the school day. Girls who drive may want to keep purses locked in the trunks of their cars. DO NOT BRING VALUABLES TO SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS SUCH AS IPODS, CELL PHONES, MP3 PLAYERS.

Students may enter SHS through the Commons area (doors facing the West Washington Street parking lot). These doors will open at 7:45 a.m. Students will not have access to the main building prior to 8:10 in the morning unless they have a pass from a teacher, are going to study tables, or have a zero hour class. Students who have zero hour classes should enter through the Lewis Street alley entrance. **The Southeast door will open for zero hour students at 7:15 a.m.**

Parents and visitors may enter SHS through the entrance on the southeast side of the building (the Lewis Street alley). Visitors will be asked to sign in and asked what business needs to be conducted. They may be asked for identification, and will be issued a building pass. Visitors and students are asked to sign out when exiting the building.

BOOK RENTAL AND OTHER FEES

Book rental invoices are mailed from the District #186 Finance Office. This will include fees for PTO, Booster club, Yearbook, Newspaper, and lab fees.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR NINTH GRADERS AND OTHER NEW STUDENTS

All freshmen (9th graders) and other students new to District #186 must have a physical examination prior to the start of the school year. If your physical form has not been turned in, it must be completed and turned in to your homeroom teacher or the Guidance Office (room 104) by the first day of school. **NINTH GRADE STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT TURNED IN THEIR PHYSICAL FORM BY OCTOBER 15, 2009 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND CLASSES.**

ATHLETICS: PERMIT CARD, INSURANCE, PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS, AND PARTICIPATION FEES

All athletes are required to have on file, in the S.H.S. main office, a completed Athletic Permit Card which will indicate verification of the following: physical examination; school or private/group insurance; athletic agreement; I.H.S.A. Eligibility Rules; alcohol & drug policy; and participation fee. These Athletic Permit Cards are available in the S.H.S. main office or may be picked up from the head coaches. **No practice is allowed until this form is on file in the Athletic Director's office.** As indicated in the Athletic Agreement, it is important to note that the rules contained in the Student Discipline Handbook apply to all athletes during athletic practices, events, and during travel to and from such contests. Students assigned to in-house or out-of-school suspension may not practice or participate in any school activity. On a day when school is in session, a student must be in attendance for a full schedule on the day of a contest in order to be eligible for that contest.

The Illinois High School Association requires all athletes to have a current physical examination before participating in athletic practices or contests. Students planning to participate in athletics should arrange to have a physical examination prior to the beginning of the athletic season. Ninth grade physicals may be used by ninth graders to meet this requirement. No practice is allowed without a current physical on file.

All athletes are required to carry school insurance or verify on the Athletic Permit Card that private insurance coverage is carried. District #186 minimally covers football players during that season only.

The Springfield Public Schools charge each athlete a participation fee of \$40.00. Fees will be collected, along with the completed Athletic Permit Card, at the start of the season. Multi-sport athletes will pay a maximum of \$60.00. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch privileges are eligible to have the fee waived. Game participation is not allowed until this fee has been paid. Call Mr. Dorr at S.H.S. (525-3100) for any questions.

YELLOW SCHOOL BUS ROUTES TO S.H.S.

District #186 provides yellow school bus transportation for high school students who live over 1 1/2 miles from the nearest public transportation or for those students involved in the M to M transfer program.

AM #50 & PM #50

7:36 Providence & Craig
7:37 Providence & Heritage Ln
7:38 Providence & Greenbriar.
7:39 Greenbriar & Old Ivy
7:40 Greenbriar & Grist Mill
7:41 Greenbriar & Meadowbrook
7:42 Meadowbrook & Surry Place
7:43 Meadowbrook & Southwoods
7:44 Meadowbrook & Eagle Wind
7:45 Meadowbrook & Guilford.
7:47 Archer Elevator & Greenbriar
7:48 Barrington & Montague
7:49 Barrington & Appleton
7:50 Barrington & Palo Alto
7:51 Svenson & Burgess

AM #1 & PM #3

7:36 Rickard & Bemis Heights
7:37 Rickard Monmouth Ct
7:38 Lawrence & Victoria.
7:39 Victoria & Mill Bank Ln.
7:39 Victoria & Mill Bank Ln.
7:42 228 N. Koke Mill
7:44 Briana & Clipper
7:44 Briana & Melissa
7:47 Brighton & Easton
7:48 Brighton & Westbrook
7:49 Westbrook & Barrybrook
7:51 Washington & Trailridge Ln.
7:54 Coventry Pt. & Newport
7:57 Wythe & Timber Point
7:58 Roanoke & Oxford
7:59 Roanoke & Churchill
8:00 Churchill & Independence Ridge

AM #92 & PM #92

7:32 Ashley & Blueberry
7:33 Checkerberry &
7:35 Timothy & West Roads Dr.
7:37 Woodfield & Ginger Creek
7:38 Ginger Creek & Kipling
7:39 Ginger Creek & Dickens
7:41 Lavender & Savory
7:42 Savory & Fielding
7:43 Cronin & Hedley
7:44 Cronin & Marryat
7:45 Marryat & Meadowbrook
7:47 Meadowbrook & Hedlay
7:48 Hedley & Kipling
7:49 Happy Landing & Sandwood
7:50 Happy Landing & Glengate

SMTD STUDENT BUS PASSES

Bus passes will be sold in the Student Services Office for \$15.00 for 20 rides. **NO CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED.**

FREE MASS TRANSIT APPLICATIONS

Applications for Free Mass Transit bus passes may be picked up in the Student Services Office (room 169). This is for those students not eligible to ride the yellow school buses and for students who qualify for free/reduced lunches.

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS

Free and Reduced Meal Applications may be picked up in the Guidance Office (room 104).

STUDENT INSURANCE

Information will be given to students during the homeroom period on the first day of school regarding purchase of accident insurance. The minimum fee for a student accident policy covers the student during the regular school day, traveling to and from school, and during athletic practices and contests. Full-time coverage is also available.

S.T.A.G.E.

The fall play at SHS this year will be performed November 13, 14, and 15. Auditions will be held soon after school begins. Please monitor the announcements for audition times and dates.

SCHOOL ATTIRE

The student dress code was established by the Board of Education through input from parents, students, teachers and administrators and implemented in the fall of 1997.

Guidelines:

1. Dress and grooming shall neither present a risk to the health, safety or general welfare of students or others in the school nor interfere with or disrupt the educational environment or process.
2. Dress and grooming shall not be contrary to curriculum goals and/or educational objectives or advertise, promote or picture alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs or illegal or violent behavior.
3. Dress and grooming, including accessories, shall not display lewd, vulgar, obscene or plainly-offensive language or symbols, including gang symbols.
4. Hats, caps, bandannas, sweatbands and sunglasses shall not be worn in the buildings.
5. Pierced jewelry, other than earrings worn in the ear, shall not be worn in the building; neither shall spiked apparel and accessories or chains that can be used as weapons.
6. Clothing with **holes, ragged hems** or cut-off hemlines, or made of transparent or fishnet fabric, or clothing that exposes the chest, abdomen, genital area or buttocks, undergarments or the legs above mid-thigh, shall not be worn in the buildings.
7. Properly fitting clothing is to be worn. **Oversized, extremely baggy** clothing or improperly fitted clothing is not allowed. Pants, shorts or skirts must be worn at the waist - sagging is prohibited.
8. Tattoos that, by their content, violate any of the provisions of the Student Dress Code must be covered at all times while students are on school property and/or in attendance at school sponsored activities.

Consequences for violation

Students who violate the dress code will face automatic detention and will be required to rectify the violation immediately. Students may borrow approved clothing in the Student Services Office. In the case of severe violations, repeated violations or violations that cannot be rectified at once, the student will be given a referral and sent to the appropriate administrator for further action.

If, in order to comply with the dress code, a student needs to return home to change clothes, the time away from school shall be considered an unexcused absence with a loss of credit for the time missed. In serious cases, the student may be suspended as a result of a violation.

DISCIPLINE INFORMATION

The vast majority of S.H.S. students behave properly at school and school activities. To ensure understanding of school rules, each student will be given a Springfield High School Student Information Bulletin and the District #186 Rights and Responsibilities Student Handbook during the first few days of the school year. The bulletin and the handbook include comprehensive information about S.H.S. and the various rules and consequences or infractions. We encourage students and parents to review this information together.

Listed below are key points covered in the district handbook. Because of the importance of mutual understanding of these particular items, we include them here for specific emphasis.

ID'S - All students will be issued photo ID's early in the year for the 2009-2010 school year. Students must have the ID with them at all times and be able to present it when asked.

CLOSED CAMPUS - All District 186 schools have a closed campus. Unexcused absences will be treated as a violation of closed campus rules and will be subject to board policy in this area: 1st offense - a day of in-house suspension or two days Saturday detention; 2nd offense - 3 days out of school suspension; 3rd offense - five days out of school suspension; 4th offense & after - 10 days out of school suspension.

CELL PHONES - Cell phones may be brought to school but should remain **concealed and turned off** during the school day. Cell phones may be used before and after the school day in the gym annex only. No other electronic communication devices are allowed at school at any time.

TARDINESS - All students are expected to be in their classrooms at the sounding of the tardy bell. Students late for school must report directly to a central location to receive an admittance slip.

TRESPASSING - The district discipline code prohibits students from trespassing on private property adjacent to school grounds. This item is of particular concern to property owners who reside near our schools. The consequences to S.H.S. students for trespassing on adjacent private property is the assignment of in-house suspension for two days for each offense. Repeated acts may result in additional consequences.

USE OF TOBACCO – Use of tobacco (smoking and/or chewing) on or adjacent to school property is prohibited. This prohibition includes all extracurricular activities as well. The first offense for use of tobacco results in assignment of one day of in-house suspension; the second offense involves three days of in-house suspension; the third and future offenses involve five days of in-house suspension and may involve additional disciplinary action.

WEAPONS – The possession and/or use of weapons or other dangerous objects designed to produce bodily harm are prohibited in all Springfield Public Schools. Violation of this rule carries a consequence of a ten-day out-of-school suspension, review by the District #186 Student Review Committee and may include expulsion from school. This provision includes the prohibition of pocketknives, aerosols, chains, and anything that can be used as a weapon.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL* - The district discipline code prohibits students from using, possessing, or being under the influence of or providing drugs or alcohol. This prohibition relates to all school activities for all students. Students who are involved in co-curricular activities are also expected to become aware of additional regulations which apply to them. Depending on the specific circumstances, violation of these policies may involve suspension from school and/or co-curricular activities. Repeated or severe offenses may involve referral to the Student Review Committee and may result in expulsion from school or co-curricular activities. Students who must bring prescription medicine or over the counter medicine to school to take during the school day must discuss this with his/her dean or assistant principal to regulate its usage.

FIELD TRIPS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – The discipline regulations of District #186 and Springfield High School apply to our students when they participate in any school-sponsored or school-related activities including athletics, field trips, dances, etc. Consequences for violation of rules at such activities shall be the same as those, which occur at school or on school time. No field trip will be approved during the PSAT testing or after May 1.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Parents are asked to telephone the **Student Services Office, 525-3111**, to report all student absences by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. When absence of a predictable nature is to occur, parents are asked to notify the school in advance. The 525-3111 telephone number may also be called when the school is closed and a message may be left regarding a student's absence. We will also use automatic calling equipment in the evening to attempt to reach parents (away from work in most cases) of students whose absence has not been cleared for that day. Please note that each student's excused absences must be individually corrected on the District Infosystem. It may be a day or two before a student's absence reflects an "E" for excused. Students who have been absent go directly to class upon return to school - an admit pass is not necessary. While there are penalties for unexcused absences, there are also rewards for attendance. Both rewards and penalties will be more fully explained in the S.H.S. Information Bulletin distributed to all students on the first day of school. Types of absence are as follows.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

1. Personal illness or other physical disablement. Parents of students with ongoing illnesses should contact the student's dean or assistant principal.
2. Illness or death in the family.
3. Observance of religious holiday(s).
4. Extraordinary emergency in the home (fire, flood, etc.).
5. Other cases of an emergency of an uncontrollable nature.
6. Other absences as may be approved by the school assistant principals (including school activities).

The student shall have the responsibility for making arrangements for any make-up work with the privilege of doing so under teacher direction and assistance.

Other types of excused absences with parent permission are:

1. To take a trip or vacation on a school day(s).
2. Extend or make an early start for regular school holidays.
3. Stay home to care for younger children on an emergency basis.

The student shall have full responsibility for making arrangements to complete make-up work.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Except in cases of out-of-school suspension or expulsion all absences from class or school, other than those listed above, shall be considered as unexcused. The Guidance Dean or Assistant Principal determines if an absence is excused or unexcused. Habitual unexcused absences/tardiness to school will receive administrative disciplinary action. The student shall have the full responsibility for making arrangements to complete any make-up work. Make-up work related to an unexcused absence may not be for credit.

Each school day an Unexcused Student Report will be posted in all offices and classrooms. Students whose names are listed on the unexcused report will have two (2) school days to clear the absence with the Student Services Office staff, an assistant principal or their dean. After that time, any uncleared absence will be recorded as unexcused and appropriate administrative follow-up and/or disciplinary action will take place.

Please note that SHS reserves the right to make the final determination as to whether or not an absence is excused. Parental approval to miss school does not necessarily mean the school will approve the absence. Whether or not the absence is unexcused and disciplinary action is required is at the discretion of the school administration. SHS does not sanction a skip day at any level, and any day taken as a skip day will be considered unexcused and disciplinary action will take place.

Absences should be cleared before school, during the lunch shifts or after school. Students are not allowed to miss class time to clear absences.

LEAVING DURING SCHOOL HOURS – EARLY DISMISSALS – A student may not leave school before the normal hours of dismissal except with permission of the principal, assistant principals, deans, health clerk, Guidance staff, or Student Services Office staff. When students require an early dismissal for a planned reason (doctor’s appointment, etc.), the following steps apply:

1. Parents are asked to call the school the day prior to the planned early dismissal.
2. Students should report to the Student Services Office before school on the day of the early dismissal to pick up an Early Dismissal Permit which allows them to leave class at the designated time.
3. Students **MUST CHECK OUT AT THE SECURITY DESK** prior to leaving school **EVEN IF THEY HAVE AN EARLY DISMISSAL.**
4. Students returning from an early dismissal (same day) must check in **AT THE SECURITY DESK** upon their return.
5. Students that are ill must report to the Guidance office so a parent/guardian can be contacted.

Students must always receive permission to leave school **prior to doing so** from the staff noted above. When there is a doubt, **a parent will be called on** the telephone **before** the student is allowed to leave school. Students who leave school without obtaining prior permission will be considered as unexcused. Parent permission to leave school after the fact will not be accepted as an excused absence.

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Springfield High School Student Council is a great way to get involved. The Council conducts many fun, yet diverse, activities throughout the school year. Representatives operate the school store, raise money for United Way and also are in charge of Homecoming activities, as well as other school events. We also serve the community by giving a Little Kids Holiday Dinner in the December holiday season and putting on a Community Dinner for Senior Citizens in the spring.

Class of 2010 Student Council Reps are Matt Havey, Madison Kauffman, Mada Larson, Conor O’Brien, Rachel Rodgers, Julie Schulenburg, Laura Shull, and Betty Tonui. For the Class of 2011 the President is Kelly Samara, Vice President Spencer Chipman, Secretary Molly Ducker, and Treasurer Julie Pascoe. Student Council Reps are Jordan Collins, Robby Hill, Hannah Kolkmeier, Greg Knox, Paige Martin, Virginia Moore, Tyler Pence, and Alex Rockford. For the Class of 2012 the President is Emma Trapp, Vice President Abhinav Brahmamdam, Secretary Sadie Shourd, and Student Council Reps Abhinav Brahmamdam, Sean Freeman, Maddie Funderburg, Hanah Kim, Christy Rolf, Holly Sias, Siara Soland, and Emma Trapp

Attention Incoming Freshman: There will be elections for class officers and Student Council within the first two weeks of school. Please listen to morning announcements for more details.

Attention Parents of Juniors & Seniors: Military OPT OUT FORM

Students who attended SHS last spring, received a military opt out form which, when completed and returned, removes the student’s name from the lists that the District is required to give to military recruiters. Students new to SHS may not have received this form and may obtain this form from the Guidance Office. This should be done prior to October 1, 2009.

Lunch Prices

Student Lunch is \$1.60. The reduced lunch price is .40 cents. A free and reduced lunch form must be completed and approved in order to qualify for the reduced price.

FROM THE PTO PRESIDENT: Pat Reyhan.

PTO supports the core academic mission of SHS and provides a communications channel for parents, that includes providing funding for this publication. We invite both new and returning SHS families to join us in this effort using the form below. Your dues and optional donation make it possible for us to fund unmet classroom needs, support a positive learning environment, and provide needed communications with parents (such as the issue of SHS Highlights in your hand). **We also invite you to attend PTO meetings in the library at 7:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month**, where you will meet other parents, get updates on current issues from the PTO and from Principal Mr. Hoots, and hear from the faculty of the academic departments. Finally, please consider volunteering at least once or twice during the school year.

More information is available at the PTO portion of the SHS web site:

<<http://www.shs.springfield.k12.il.us/info/pto>>www.shs.springfield.k12.il.us/info/pto and join us **Tuesday, August 25, 2007 at 7:00 PM for the 1st PTO meeting of the year.**

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE/MEET THE COACHES

Springfield High School's Meet The Coaches and Annual Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2009. At 5:30 p.m. The Booster Club and Extra-Curricular Sponsors will meet and at 6:30 p.m., Assistant Principals will present sessions regarding topics of interest to a particular grade level. The general program will convene at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium and will be followed by the class visitation sessions.

The classroom visitations are designed to give parents an opportunity to meet the teaching staff and to enable the teachers to tell you general information related to the classes in which your student is enrolled. The length of each class period does not permit the holding of individual parent/teacher conferences. Therefore, we encourage you to use the Parent/Teacher Conference Evening, October 29, or Conference Day, October 30, to schedule such meetings. More information regarding these conferences will be forwarded to you at a later date.

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 26, 2009

5:30 p.m.	Courtyard	Extra-Curricular sponsors will be available.
6:30 p.m.	Science Wing510	Mr. VanDiver (Seniors) - Scholarship, financial aid, college application information, college testing and college computer search.
	Cafeteria	Mr. Williams (Juniors) – PSAT, Prairie State Test, other junior info, and computer college research.
	Library	Mr. Lawson (Sophomores) – PLAN test, driver education and other pertinent sophomore information.
	Commons	Mrs. Lamsargis/Mr. Schurman (Freshmen) – Class rank, grade weighting, scheduling.
7:00 p.m.	Auditorium	Opening Remarks: Christine Stahly, Principal Becky Schlouch Booster President Pat Reyhan, PTO President

PERIOD	TIME	SUBJECT	ROOM	TEACHER
1	7:25 - 7:35			
2	7:40 - 7:50			
3	7:55 - 8:05			
4	8:10 - 8:20			
5	8:25 - 8:35			
6	8:40 - 8:50			
7	8:55 - 9:05			
Zero	9:05 – 9:15			