

Souderton Area High School

November 2018

News letter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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It has been a quick, quiet, and positive year thus far. Most importantly, our students and staff entered the school year ready to engage with the Souderton community in a variety of ways, certainly including classroom learning. The veteran students have embraced the freshmen as they have made the challenging transition to high school. My question to freshmen about how they like high school continues to be answered consistently from year to year with the response, "We like the more independence." Of course, we know that in life, with independence comes more responsibility. It is my expectation that our freshmen will embrace that responsibility, making Souderton their own.

As I suspected in my summer edition of the Principal's Message, a new major event is beginning at Souderton this fall. I am excited that on Friday, November 9th, we will host a Men's Forum, which all Souderton males are encouraged to attend. The sessions will focus on providing positive role modelling to our young men as they mature. I owe much gratitude to the young ladies from the Souderton community and the staff members who helped to generate the idea for the Men's Forum by their initial hosting of the Women's Symposium.

The holiday season that is fast approaching can get hectic and challenging. Please join me in trying to find the many positives in celebrating others' successes.

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Varano, Jr., Ed.D
Principal

CALENDAR

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| Veterans' Luncheon..... | Nov.9 (9:15 AM-1:15PM) |
| Men's Initiative Forum..... | Nov. 9 (9:00-11:00 AM) |
| Orchestra & Chamber Ensemble Concert..... | Nov. 14 (6:30 PM) |
| Parent-Teacher Conferences..... | Nov. 20 (1:30-8:30 PM) |
| NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS..... | Nov. 19-23 |
| Secondary Jazz Concert..... | Nov. 27 (6:30 PM) |
| Parent Participation Meeting..... | Nov. 29 (9:00-10:00 AM) |
| Symphonic Band Concert..... | Dec. 7 (6:30 PM) |
| FBLA Holiday Babysitting..... | Dec. 8 (9:00 AM-3:00 PM) |
| Keystone Exam—Literature..... | Dec. 10 &11 |
| National Honor Society Blood Drive..... | Dec. 17 |
| Winter Workshop..... | Dec. 18-20 |
| Winter Choral Concert..... | Dec. 19 & 20 (6:30 PM) |
| WINTER HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL..... | Dec. 24-Jan. 1 |
| 8th Grade Parent Course Selection Night..... | Jan. 3 (6:30-7:30 PM) |
| Keystone Exam—Algebra..... | Jan. 7 & 8 |
| Keystone Exam—Biology..... | Jan. 10 & 11 |
| Cocoa and Cram..... | Jan. 11 |
| Winter Ball..... | Jan. 19 (7:00-10:00 PM) |
| MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY—NO SCHOOL | Jan. 21 |
| Final Exams..... | Jan. 18 & 22 |
| End of Semester 1/Marking Period 2..... | Jan. 23 |
| Parent Participation Meeting..... | Jan. 23 (9:00 AM) |
| IN-SERVICE DAY—NO SCHOOL..... | Jan. 30 |

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 20, 2018

On November 20th, Souderton Area High School will be conducting our Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held from 1:30 – 8:15 PM. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss **concerns** about your student's academic progress with teachers.

TO MEET WITH ANY OF YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHERS...

- Contact Mrs. Denison at bdenison@soudertonsd.org to schedule a 15-minute appointment (*preferred method of contact*).

- Call the SAHS Main Office at 215.723.2808, between 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM, press 0 to get Mrs. Denison.

—The deadline for contacting Mrs. Denison is November 18th—
Remember to indicate your preferred time for a conference.

FINAL EXAMS

January 18 & 22, 2019

At the end of each semester students will be taking final exams according to the schedule below. Students must report to school during exam sessions for the classes in which they are currently enrolled. However, students **need not attend school** during exam sessions for all other subject areas. North Montco students are expected to take their exams during the scheduled times at SAHS. **The schedule of subjects will be announced to students by their teachers.**

All students require parent permission in order to be excused from sessions for which they have no exams. The majority of students have already submitted the parent permission form, which was distributed at the start of the year. [CLICK HERE](#) to access this form.

The actual exam schedule will be communicated later. Please check with your student to ensure that he/she submitted the permission form.

| Session | Times |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 7:40—9:20 AM |
| 2 | 9:30—11:00 AM |
| Lunch | 11:00—11:30 AM |
| 3 | 11:35 AM—1:05 PM |
| 4 | 1:15—2:45 PM |

The school district will not provide additional transportation for students during the school day on final exam days. **Morning and afternoon buses will run as normally scheduled.**

WINTER 2018-2019 KEYSTONE EXAM ADMINISTRATION

LITERATURE

Taken by all students in English 10 during Semester 1

Taken by all 11th grade students who were previously not Proficient on the Literature Exam who have an English class during Semester 1

ADMINISTRATION DATES: DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2018

ALGEBRA I

Taken by all students in Algebra IB during Semester 1

Taken by students who were previously not Proficient on the Algebra I Keystone and are in Algebra II during Semester 1

ADMINISTRATION DATES: JANUARY 7 & 8, 2019

BIOLOGY

Taken by all students in Biology during Semester 1

ADMINISTRATION DATES: JANUARY 10 & 11, 2019

Information regarding Keystone review resources may be found at:

[CLICK HERE](#)

2018–2019 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

September 2018

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| Grade 9 - Boy | Jesse Cherone |
| Grade 9 - Girl | Jaidyn Waters |
| Grade 10 - Boy | Stephen Butler |
| Grade 10 - Girl | Ella Kregel |
| Grade 11 - Boy | Frank Holloman |
| Grade 11 - Girl | Amanda Wolf |
| Grade 12 - Boy | Griffin Craft |
| Grade 12 – Girl | Maggie Wilson |

COURSE SELECTION

We do **not** have a **Drop/Add Period** after schedules are released in mid-May. Instead, students **may** change their course requests up until **May 1st**, which gives them the opportunity to experience their Quarter 4 classes. After students receive their schedules they will be able to change their schedules **only** if they:

- Were not able to schedule all of their requests
- Do not meet a prerequisite
- Have an imbalance in their schedule
- Want to increase the rigor of their schedule

2019-20 Course Selection

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| Nov. 27, 2018, 5 th Block | 9 th Grade Course Selection Assembly |
| Nov. 28, 2018, 5 th Block | 10 th Grade Course Selection Assembly |
| Dec. 5, 2018, 5 th Block | 11 th Grade Course Selection Assembly |
| Nov. 29 – Dec. 5, 2018 | Course Request Entry available to 9-11 th students/parents in HAC |
| Dec. 6 – Dec. 21, 2018 | 9-11 th Course Selection in S1 Social Studies Classes |
| Feb 4, 2019 – Feb. 22, 2019 | 9-11 th Course Selection in S2 Social Studies Classes |
| May 1, 2019 | Last Day for Students to Change Schedule Requests |
| May 22, 2019 | Schedules Distributed to Students-5 Days to Indicate a Need to Change |



VALEDICTORIAN SELECTION REMINDER

Souderton Area High School does not publicly report students' individual class rank. We choose the Valedictorian based on multiple factors that celebrate the student who has the characteristics that makes him/her best prepared for the future. The factors are:

- Academic Achievement**
- Attendance**
- Commencement Speech**
- Leadership**
- School Involvement**

2018-2019 STUDENT SPOTLIGHT WINNERS

Student Spotlight winners are selected each month by designated departments to recognize students who are committed to working hard, display excellent character traits, and are a composite of the best of Souderton's pride.

We are proud to feature these students and to recognize their accomplishments.

These winning students' pictures and interviews can be found in the display case near the Lower Road Entrance.

| Month | Department | Winning Student Names |
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| SEPTEMBER | WORLD LANGUAGE | 9th: Carter Hancock Quiana Goshow 10th: Evan Kutzler Halina Saydam 11th: Anna Gwiazdzinski Jacob Bealer 12th: Theodore Vandewater Carly Moyer |
| OCTOBER | ART | 9th: Alexander Lyon Autumn Slater 10th: Aubrey Moyer Shane O'Brien 11th: Ava Hayes Khoi Moyer 12th: Keshawna Logan Troy Mokluk |
| OCTOBER | MUSIC | 9th: Cecilia Ryan Nicholas Mancini 10th: Laura Stanell William Troegler 11th: Sarah Tindall Colin Carmody 12th: Natalie Manalansan Nicholas Marateo |

PATHWAY 360° UPDATE - Statistics Academy Added

The Souderton Statistics Academy is a new addition this year to students' mentorship options. The Statistics Academy is a program designed to expose a small group of students (10 - 12) to a variety of careers in statistics. Through conversations with guest speakers at the high school and field trips, the program will introduce students to careers in statistics in the pharmaceutical industry, health care/insurance industry, academia, and government. This year, students in the Statistics Academy will work with professionals from Johnson and Johnson (Mary Ellen Frustaci, Jessica Behrle, Steven Ascher, and Ken Goldberg), Lumeris (Margaret Mayorga), Merck (Chris Assaud, Sagar Ankola, Adam Polis, Rachel Silverman, Thomas Jemielita, Daniel Holder, Lisa Spring), Villanova University (Michael Posner, Paul Lupinaci), and the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (Robin Hildick).

