

Souderton Area High School

November 2022 Newsletter

SAHS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are off to a very spirited start! I really believe there is as much student activity in our school community as there has ever been. Homecoming Week was fantastic, with much student and staff participation in the spirit days throughout the week, culminating in the pep rally and football game on Friday, and a 1,600 student dance on Saturday. The Homecoming Dance was the largest student dance in Souderton history!

During the Homecoming Pep Rally, SAHS's tremendous Student Council announced that we will be holding SouderThon this year. The surprise video announcement was met with great enthusiasm from the student body! The tentative date for SouderThon is Friday, March 10th, into Saturday, March 11th.

A feeling of "belongingness" to a community is of utmost importance. The activities that have occurred and are planned seem to be succeeding in making students and staff feel like they belong!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Sam Varano
Principal

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Course Selection

Course Selection for
2023-2024
will take place during
2nd Semester.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

NOV 10, 11, 12: Fall Play - 7:00PM
 NOV 12: Veteran's Brunch - 11:30AM
 NOV 15: Blood Drive
 NOV 15: Report Cards Available on HAC
 NOV 16: Parent Participation Meeting - 9:30AM
 NOV 16: Orchestra Concert - 6:30PM
 NOV 18: Winter Sports Meeting - 3:00PM
 NOV 21: NO SCHOOL - Senior Projects
 NOV 22: NO SCHOOL - Conferences -
 1:30PM - 4:00PM and 5:15PM - 8:15PM
 NOV 23: NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
 NOV 24, 25: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

DEC 2: Band Concert - 6:30PM
 DEC 6 & 7: Keystone Exam - Literature
 DEC 9: Jazz Concert - 6:30PM
 DEC 12: Club Photos
 DEC 14 & 15: Winter Choral Concerts - 6:30PM
 DEC 19, 20, 21: Winter Workshop
 DEC 23-JAN 2: NO SCHOOL - Winter Holiday

JANUARY

JAN 4 & 5: Keystone Exam - Algebra 1
 JAN 10 & 11: Keystone Exam - Biology
 JAN 16: NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 JAN 18: Parent Participation Meeting - 9:30AM
 JAN 21: Winter Ball - 7:00PM
 JAN 23 & 24: Final Exams

Students of the Month

September 2022

Matthew Embrey	Grade 9	Milan DiLella
Vincent Smith	Grade 10	Elisabeth Coombs
Bryan Wu	Grade 11	Samantha Kriebel
Isaac Halikiopoulos	Grade 12	Alicia Jones



Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd, from 1:30PM – 4:00PM and from 5:15PM – 8:15PM. Conferences will be virtual, by phone, or in person for 15 minutes. If you would like a conference with a teacher, **please email or call that teacher directly** to arrange a time. Teachers may also contact you to schedule a conference.

Staff Spotlight

Kristi Grandy



A graduate of Bucknell (BA) and Cabrini (M.Ed), Kristi is in her 13th year at SAHS, teaching Astronomy, Geology, and Meteorology. She also serves students as the co-advisor of National Honor Society.

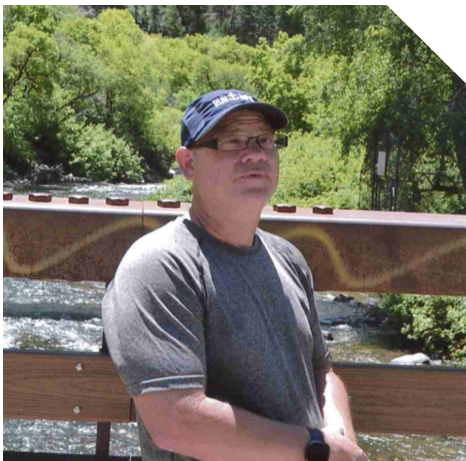
Kristi spends her free time doing crossword puzzles, hiking, and kayaking. She also enjoys a weekly game of pick-up basketball with her colleagues. On her bucket list, exploring all 63 U.S. National Parks.

Kristi's enthusiasm for the subjects she teaches is evident to her students. She's already preparing them for two upcoming solar eclipse opportunities, one in October 2023, and one in 2024.



"I am part of an incredible department of collaborative, thoughtful, and dedicated science teachers. This is one of my favorite things about working at SAHS. " - Kristi Grandy

"I had Ms. Grandy for Astronomy and the life and enthusiasm she brought into the subject was awe-inspiring. The entire class was all the better because she taught it." - Alex Espenship (junior)



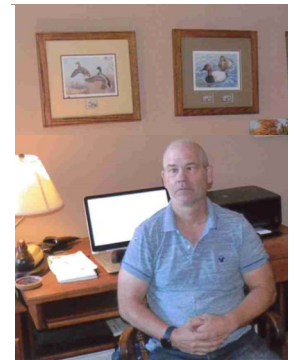
"Gary is one of the best custodians the Souderton Area School District has. His dedication for making our school clean and safe for the students, faculty, staff, and community is what makes him stand out as the best of the best." - Tom Coughlin, Building Facility Manager

Gary Delp

A Souderton graduate himself, Gary has been a member of the SASD custodial staff for the past 38 years, spending the last 35 years at the high school.

Gary is an avid theatergoer and enjoys many hobbies including photography and gardening, but his passion is running. Gary started running in 2011 and to date, has completed 24 marathons in 24 different states! His 25th marathon is coming up in January 2023, in Houston, Texas.

One item on Gary's bucket list, which he hopes to check off soon, is a trip to Hawaii. Could that be marathon 26?



A collector of Duck Stamp Prints, Gary has over a dozen in his collection!

Winter 2022-2023 Keystone Exam Administration

Literature Keystone:

Taken by all students in English 10 during Semester 1

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

Administration dates: December 6 & 7, 2022

Algebra I Keystone:

Taken by all students in Algebra I during Semester 1

Taken by all 10th grade students who were previously not Proficient on the Algebra 1 Keystone and are in Algebra II during Semester 1

Administration dates: January 4 & 5, 2023

Biology Keystone:

Taken by all students in Biology during Semester 1

Administration dates: January 10 & 11, 2023

For Keystone review resources to help your student on the exam, please visit:

[Testing \(AP / Keystone\) - Souderton Area High School \(soudertonsd.org\)](https://www.soudertonsd.org/testing/ap-keystone)

Yearbook

2023 YEARBOOK



ON SALE NOW!

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 make him/her best prepared for the future. The factors are:

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

