

Souderton Area High School

January 2012

Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that everybody had a great break and that you have experienced an excellent start to 2012! 2011 was a great year for Souderton Area High School, and it is my hope that 2012 will be even better!

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As we wrap up the First Semester, culminating with final exams, we are also very quickly turning our attention to the very important task of students' course selection for the 2012-2013 school year. We are helping students to focus on selecting their courses by starting the process with assemblies for 9th through 11th grade students during the week of January 2nd. The Program of Studies is now updated and on the high school website, as is a PDF version of the course selection sheets that the students will be completing. Please be sure to refer to your students' appropriate graduating class for the specific graduation requirements, which are currently different for all classes in the high school.

For those students who have done very well in the First Semester, the Second Semester is a chance to continue their success. Among the beauties of block scheduling is that for those students who are not satisfied with their academic performance during the First Semester, the Second Semester provides a great opportunity to turn things around. Please encourage your students to take advantage of their situations.

Happy New Year and I wish you the best as we enter the second half of our academic year.

Sincerely,

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



Calendar

<i>Cocoa & Cram</i>	<i>January 12, 3:00-5:00 PM</i>
<i>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY—NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>January 16</i>
<i>Final Exams</i>	<i>January 19-20</i>
<i>End of Marking Period 2/Semester 1</i>	<i>January 23</i>
<i>Parent Participation Meeting</i>	<i>January 26, 9:00 AM</i>
<i>Report Cards Available on HAC</i>	<i>January 30</i>
<i>FAFSA Completion Night</i>	<i>February 1, 5:00-9:00 PM</i>
<i>Winter Ball</i>	<i>February 4, 7:00-10:00 PM</i>
<i>VEX Robotics Tournament</i>	<i>February 11</i>
<i>FBLA Babysitting</i>	<i>February 11, 5:30-8:00 PM</i>
<i>Teacher Flex Day—NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>February 17</i>
<i>PRESIDENT’S DAY—SCHOOLS CLOSED</i>	<i>February 20</i>
<i>Parent Participation Meeting</i>	<i>February 23, 9:00 AM</i>
<i>Big Red Band Boosters Indoor Show</i>	<i>February 25</i>
<i>Act 80 Day—NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>February 29</i>
<i>Zumba Arrowhead Fundraiser</i>	<i>March 3, 10:00AM</i>
<i>Prom Fashion Show</i>	<i>March 7, 7:00 PM</i>
<i>SATs</i>	<i>March 10, 7:00 AM-1:00 PM</i>
<i>Reading and Math PSSAs</i>	<i>March 15-22</i>
<i>Parent Participation Meeting</i>	<i>March 22, 9:00 AM</i>
<i>FBLA Pancake Breakfast</i>	<i>March 24, 7:00AM-1:00 PM</i>
<i>MCIU Reading Olympics</i>	<i>March 27, 4:30-9:00 PM</i>
<i>Spring Musical—“West Side Story”</i>	<i>March 29-31, 7:00 PM</i>
<i>End of Marking Period 3</i>	<i>March 30</i>
<i>Easter Egg Hunt—Student Council</i>	<i>March 31, 9:00 AM</i>
<i>Spring Musical—“West Side Story”</i>	<i>April 1, 2:00 PM</i>
<i>SPRING BREAK– NO SCHOOL</i>	<i>April 5-10</i>
<i>Report Cards Available on HAC</i>	<i>April 11</i>

CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATION PROJECT PORTFOLIO

On January 9th or 23rd, 9th grade 5th Block classes will be reporting to computer labs. The purpose of these sessions will be to facilitate the students’ uploading of portfolio submissions for First Semester and encouraging students to complete the REFLECTIONS. Please see the rubric with the criteria for the students’ REFLECTIONS on the high school website.

FINAL EXAMS

Final exams for the First Semester will be given on Jan. 19 and Jan. 20, 2012. Final exams are worth 20% of a student's final grade. Final exams will be administered 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. We will be providing supervision for students who need to be in school at times when they do not have exams scheduled. NMTCC students need to report to their scheduled Final exams.

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. Please check with your student to ensure that he/she submitted the permission form. **The form is available in the school offices and on the website.**

Fall Semester – Jan. 19 & Jan. 20			
Session	Times	Day One	Day Two
1	7:40 – 9:20	English	Science
2	9:30 – 11:00	Social Studies	Math
Lunch	11:00 – 11:30		
3	11:35 – 1:05	World Language	Business
4	1:15 – 2:45	Tech. Ed.	Make-Ups

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.

*In the event of school cancellation(s), the final exam dates may change.
Exams may be postponed one day for each day of school cancellation.

SOUDERTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

11-12 END OF MARKING PERIOD DATES

Parents/Guardians can continuously monitor student progress on the Home Access Center (HAC)			
Quarter	2	3	4
End of Quarter	01/23/2012	03/30/2012	06/08/2012
Report Card available on HAC	1/30/2012	4/11/2012	6/15/2012

Seniors graduate 6/7/12

THE 2011-2012 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



NOVEMBER 2011

Grade 9 - Boy	Sean Richardson
Grade 9 - Girl	Tatiana Haberle
Grade 10 - Boy	Frederick Rahmer
Grade 10 - Girl	Victoria Bateman
Grade 11 - Boy	Ryan Molyneaux
Grade 11 - Girl	Franqui Raffaele
Grade 12 - Boy	Gunnar Bergey
Grade 12 - Girl	Miriam Doepner

DECEMBER 2011

Grade 9 - Boy	Ryan Booz
Grade 9 - Girl	Alexandra Tomasevich
Grade 10 - Boy	Rick Young
Grade 10 - Girl	Susannah Rogers
Grade 11 - Boy	John Atiyeh
Grade 11 - Girl	Elizabeth Wetzler
Grade 12 - Boy	Ryan Grzywacz
Grade 12 - Girl	Christina Harris

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT WINNERS

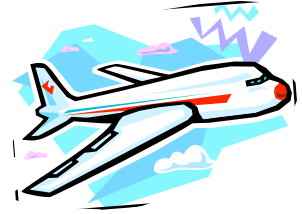
Student Spotlight winners are selected each month by designated departments to recognize students who are committed to working hard, who display excellent character traits, and who are a composite of the best of Souderton's Pride. We are proud to feature these students and to recognize their accomplishments. These winning students' pictures and interviews can be found in the display case near the Lower Road Entrance.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Student Winners</i>
November	Music	9 th – Julie Pham 9 th – Jason Dietrich 10 th – Natalie Robertson 10 th – Gil Gonzalez 11 th – Allie McCloud 11 th – Malachi McMullen 12 th – Julie To 12 th – Dan Barber

EDUCATIONAL TRIP APPROVALS

Please make requests for approval of educational trips as far in advance as possible to your **student's grade level principal**. The grade level principals are as follows:

9th grade – Mrs. Sykes
10th grade – Mr. Longacre
11th grade – Mr. Haines
12th grade – Mr. Coddington



COCOA & CRAM—FINAL EXAM REVIEW SESSION

One of the most effective ways for students to prepare for final exams will be to attend the “Cocoa and Cram” final exam review session, sponsored by LINK Crew. The event will take place on Thursday, January 12th in the High School Cafeteria from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Students who plan to attend should bring study materials with them including an exam study guide if one was provided from the teacher. Free food and hot drinks (\$.50 per cup) will be available during the review session.

