

# SAHS

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It has been a great year! Our students have had many opportunities to do good things for themselves and our school community in general, and they have taken advantage of many of them. Just recently, on April 14th, I was very impressed with our students' level of engagement at our Job Fair. At the fair, we had more than 40 businesses presenting students with experiences ranging from job shadows to actual paid work. I was proud to see so many of our students taking the initiative to engage with the business representatives.

Such mature behavior speaks volumes about the great job that you have done as parents and the mentoring that staff members, K to 12, in SASD have done. I am proud of all of them!

With this being the final newsletter of the year, I would like to thank the Class of 2023, as they have done an amazing job of rebuilding the spirit and community at SAHS, which was challenged with the difficulties of the previous three years. Congratulations to the Class of 2023 as they move forward to hopefully achieve their goals and find happiness.

Have a great rest of the school year and a nice summer break.

Sincerely,

Sam Varano  
Principal

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## SAHS SUMMER MENTORSHIPS

SAHS will be hosting 15 mentorship programs this summer to help students gain a perspective of career fields in which they are interested. Sessions will meet at SAHS, June 14th - 16th, from 8:00AM - 2:30PM. Sessions are filling fast. Don't delay - [register today!](#) Students can earn mentorship credit if they attend and complete all sessions. Programs are offered to current 10th and 11th grade students.

*"You can't be what you can't see!"*

# CALENDAR

## MAY

MAY 6: SATs - 7:00AM  
 MAY 8-10: AP Testing  
 MAY 8: 8th Grade Parent Orientation Mtg. - 6:30PM  
 MAY 12: Senior Prom - 6:00PM  
 MAY 15 & 17: Literature Keystone  
 MAY 15: 8th Grade Mixer - 7:00PM  
 MAY 16: NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service  
 MAY 17 & 18: Choir Concerts - 6:30PM  
 MAY 18 & 19: Algebra Keystone  
 MAY 19: Art Show - 6:00PM  
 MAY 20: Art Show - 11:00AM  
 MAY 22 & 23: Biology Keystone  
 MAY 29: Memorial Day - Schools & Offices Closed  
 MAY 31: Scholars' Banquet - 6:00PM

## JUNE

JUN 3: SATs - 7:00AM  
 JUN 5: Senior Slide Show  
 JUN 6: 5th Block Computer Collection  
 JUN 6: Senior Awards Night - 6:30PM  
 JUN 7: Senior Computer Collection - 10:30AM-3:30PM  
 JUN 7: Senior Checkout A-M - 12:30PM-2:30PM  
 JUN 8 & 9: Final Exams  
 JUN 8 & 9: Computer Collection - 7:30AM-3:30PM  
 JUN 8: Senior Sunset - 7:00PM-9:00PM  
 JUN 8: Senior Checkout N-Z - 12:30PM-2:30PM  
 JUN 8: **Mandatory** Graduation Practice - 3:00PM  
 JUN 12: Early Dismissal - 1:00PM  
 JUN 12: Graduation - 6:00PM  
 JUN 13: Move-Up Day - Early Dismissal - 10:00AM  
 JUN 16: Report Cards Available on HAC



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

## February 2023

|                    |          |                       |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Jacob Konopka      | Grade 9  | Halli Spears-Alderfer |
| Derek Stefanowicz  | Grade 10 | Dara Cohen            |
| Carter Wright      | Grade 11 | Hope Derr             |
| Jonathan Kamaratos | Grade 12 | Anjolie Ware          |

## March 2023

|                 |          |                        |
|-----------------|----------|------------------------|
| Elijah Bleazard | Grade 9  | Hannah Cornes          |
| Sean Godshall   | Grade 10 | Jascely Gusman Aguilar |
| Arturo Rodd     | Grade 11 | Lena Smith             |
| Logan Peterson  | Grade 12 | Angelina Morrow        |



SAHS JOB FAIR

## KEYSTONE EXAMS

### Spring 2023 Keystone Exam Dates

| Test                | Date        |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Literature Keystone | May 15 & 17 |
| Algebra Keystone    | May 18 & 19 |
| Biology Keystone    | May 22 & 23 |

**PASSING KEYSTONE EXAMS IS A  
GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.**

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Additional requirements per Act 158 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Class of 2023 and Beyond.



VIDEO

[Class of 2023 Graduation Requirements Act 158](#)

PDF

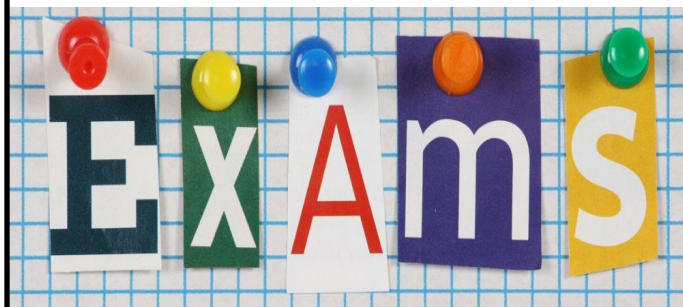
[Ways to Satisfy PA Graduation Requirements](#)

Per Act 158, students must meet the state's graduation requirements. Use the following link for [more information about Act 158](#).

## FINAL EXAMS

In order to provide our students with an excellent testing environment, during exams on **June 8th and 9th**, the sole focus of our school community will be on administering finals. Each of the days will consist of four sessions, with the teachers in each department administering their exams at the same time. Students are not required to attend sessions in which they do not have a final.

Buses will be running on a regular schedule and supervision will be provided for students who are in school.



## SENIOR CHECKOUT

Checkout and cap/gown pick up for seniors will take place in the library as follows:

Last names **A through M**  
**June 7th, 12:30PM - 2:30PM**

Last names **N through Z**  
**June 8th, 12:30PM - 2:30PM**

**All seniors must pay a \$30 fee before they are able to checkout.** This must be paid in 2nd Floor Student Services any time between now and checkout. If you would like to pay by check, please make the check payable to SAHS. Payments can also be made online [HERE](#). Select *Schools, Souderton Area HS*, then *Senior Dues*.

## END OF YEAR COMPUTER COLLECTION

All students must turn in their **computer, power cord, and protective case** (or pay for missing/damaged items) at the end of the year. **Seniors** must turn in their computers, power cords, and cases **PRIOR** to senior checkout or pay for missing/damaged items.

Below are important dates regarding the upcoming computer collection:

**Wednesday, May 24th** - Special 5th Block to inform students about computer collection

**Tuesday, June 6th** - Special 5th Block for all students who wish to turn in their computers

**Wednesday, June 7th** - 10:30AM through 3:30PM - **SAHS Library**  
(computer collection for **SENIORS ONLY** - this is 2 hours prior to senior checkout)

**Thursday, June 8th** - 7:30AM through 3:30PM (Final Exams) - **SAHS Library**

**Friday, June 9th** - 7:30AM through 3:30PM (Final Exams) - **SAHS Library**



Please check the website for replacement costs.



## GRADUATION - CLASS OF 2023

The SAHS Class of 2023 graduation ceremony is on **Monday, June 12th**, beginning at **6:00PM** in Grandview Health Stadium. The ceremony will be held on **Monday, June 12th**, rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved into the Gym. This decision will be made by 9:00AM on **June 12th**. All students will receive 8 tickets for grandstand seating in the Stadium and 4 tickets for Gym entrance in the event of inclement weather. Please understand, a ticket is required for those who sit in the grandstands in the Stadium; a ticket is not needed to enter the Stadium to stand to see the ceremony. Additionally, in the event that the ceremony is held in the Gym, it will be simulcast in various places in the building. The Auditorium will be available for simulcast rain or shine, no ticket required.

**MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE  
FOR ALL SENIORS  
June 8th - 3PM**

Please continue to give the Class of 2023 your encouragement as we move toward celebrating their school careers in the Souderton Area School District.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Therese Tirado

A busy mom of four, Therese has been teaching English at the high school since 1999. Currently, she is teaching Honors English 11/12 and Sociology and Psychology of Literature. She particularly enjoys her Sociology and Psychology of Literature class and delving into the book *Glass Castle*, which is a favorite of her students, and one she highly recommends.

Spending much of her youth playing soccer and basketball at the high school and college level, Therese says that experience, "helped to mold my drive and fight for excellence. Today, I often find myself wanting to help my student-athletes push and excel as well. I feel that sports provide a positive place for children to excel and find their special and unique identities."

Therese spends much of her free time supporting her children in their various athletic and academic pursuits and hopes to one day travel to the birthplace of Shakespeare (Stratford-upon-Avon) and Africa, which is a must see on her bucket list.

*"Mrs. Tirado is an incredible teacher who engages her students to appreciate literature and writing; she taught me to find the beauty in the imperfections of language, attempting to define meaning in the words we use to communicate through all of writing." - Jenny Lam (senior)*



Currently Reading: *The Testaments*

By: Margaret Atwood



*"[Ms. Danner] is a very kind, caring, and sweet teacher. I always go up and talk to her when I am in study hall and she never fails to put a smile on my face. She makes my day." - Ashley Nice (junior)*

### Lou Ann Danner

For over 30 years working as a corporate meeting planner, Lou Ann has planned and attended international events for corporate CEOs in locations such as Canada, Germany, Hawaii, and Italy. Lou Ann started her encore career here at the high school three years ago, as a study hall proctor. "I look forward to going to work, which is a refreshing change from my former corporate environment. The students keep me young! I enjoy interacting with them. I try to make them smile as I know they have a lot going on."

In her free time, Lou Ann likes to entertain, shop, eat, and travel. Most of all, she enjoys spending time with her husband and dog, Hershey, at their second home by the water in Maryland. "Owning a place with a water view has been a childhood dream that became a reality over a year ago. It's my *Happy Place*."

Lou Ann is a sports fan who follows most sports and listens to a variety of music, "which allows for great conversation with the kids." She loves when students see her outside of school and say "Hi!"



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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>  |
|--------------|-------------------|---|
| September    | Art               | 9th - Lily Waldron, Liam Musselman<br>10th - Melody Gehman, Carter Evans<br>11th - Heather New, Phillip Racek<br>12th - Ahna Lomas, Phillip Rychlak             |
| September    | Music             | 9th - Isabel McDonough, Nathan Grebe<br>10th - Wendy Righter, John Updike<br>11th - Anya Hradnansky, Deklan Linthicum<br>12th - Rahela Dolha, Ethan Frattarelli |
| October      | PE/Health         | 9th - Dana Riley, William Cusano<br>10th - Emma Hunter, Ronan Carolan<br>11th - Elizabeth Kline, Benjamin Ekker<br>12th - Emily Bucher, Winday Dawson           |
| November     | Tech Ed           | 9th - Siya Patel, Austin Schanz<br>10th - Elizabeth James, Daniel Thiriot<br>11th - Molly Kregag, Joseph Nase<br>12th - Sophia Tamburrino, Owen Gingrich        |
| November     | Math              | 9th - Vy Pham, Anderson Drakas<br>10th - Claire Jalboot, Giovanni Iervolino<br>11th - Kelly Pernie, Abraham Bleazard<br>12th - Kathryn Murray, Kyle Berdy       |
| December     | Science           | 9th - Alaina Picard, Sean Bagley<br>10th - Marisa Rueger, Connor Massey<br>11th - Kaitlyn Tien, Daniel Levin<br>12th - Ava Beskar, Nate Fickert                 |
| January      | English           | 9th - Alaina Flores, Noah Utain<br>10th - Emma Hedrick, Jayden Bergey<br>11th - Melanie Vincent, Aidan Kearns<br>12th - Amanda Hill, Jared Archer               |
| February     | Business          | 9th - Natalia Lopez, William Lockwood<br>10th - Josefina Tolentino, Zach Hauptert<br>11th - Kaitlyn Guessford, Will Stover<br>12th - Cali Benner, Edward Blair  |
| February     | FCS               | 9th - Miranda Siegfried, Jackson Kelly<br>10th - Samantha Freed, John Dizon<br>11th - Olivia Forbes, Rylan Zuk<br>12th - Abby Long, Eddie Morales-Clamper       |
| March        | World Language    | 9th - Regan Dunlevy, Ryan Davis<br>10th - Sandy Alvarez-Cruz, Victor Salinas Hernandez<br>11th - Emily Rychlak, Jacob Dommel<br>12th - Afreen Ahmad, Levi Lewis |
| April        | Social Studies    | 9th - Charlotte McNeil, Andrew Bouw<br>10th - Paige Frederick, Houston Marshall<br>11th - Cameron Mondor, William Canavan<br>12th - Ava Saydam, Jason Masciulli |