12th Grade

SAHS Guidance Newsletter

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CEEB Code 394635

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WELCOME BACK CLASS OF 2027!

Your Senior year has finally arrived . . . . . and before you know it, graduation will be right around the corner! This will be a busy year with many anticipated events and perhaps some stressful moments. To help students, Mr. Darcy, our career counselor, will be available to all seniors who may be preparing for trade school or planning to enter directly into the workforce after graduation. Students wishing to meet with Mr. Darcy should email him directly at mdarcy@soudertonsd.org to make an appointment.

For those looking to go on to college, Mr. Overberger, our college counselor, will assist in guiding students through the college search and admission process. Mr. Overberger can be found in the College Center or students may email him directly at toverberger@soudertonsd.org to set up an appointment. To help keep those students on-track, a senior timeline appears later in this newsletter providing benchmarks for each month.

This is sure to be a memorable year. Take it one step at a time, and enjoy everything as it comes. Your teachers and guidance counselors are here to support you.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
9/1

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
For Parents!
9/2
6:30PM-7:30PM

BLACK LIGHT DANCE
9/11
7:00PM-9:00PM

Who is my counselor?

Students With Last Names	Counselor	Counselor Email
A-Cl	Alison Kircher	akircher@soudertonsd.org
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Mrs. Pichler

Mrs. Trout

Mrs. Micciche

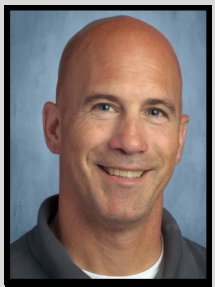
Mrs. Hardgrove

Mr. Brown

Mr. Glatts

Mr. Overberger

Mr. Miller


Mr. Haines

11/12 Student Services

The 11/12 Student Services office is located on the Halteman Road side of the building, **SECOND FLOOR**. This office houses our 11th grade principal, Mr. Miller, and our 12th grade principal, Mr. Haines. Among other things, this office leads Link Crew, manages school clubs, and handles student parking.

11th Grade Principal	Jeremy Miller	jmmiller@soudertonsd.org
12th Grade Principal	Matt Haines	mhaines@soudertonsd.org
Administrative Assistant	Kelli Nonemacher	knonemacher@soudertonsd.org

2026-2027 Bell Schedule

STANDARD DAY

RED ZONE 7:25AM - 8:05AM

1st BLOCK 8:12AM - 9:36AM (Attendance taken at 8:12AM)

2nd BLOCK 9:43AM - 11:09AM

3rd BLOCK 11:16AM - 1:14PM

*A LUNCH 11:16AM - 11:46AM

(Class 11:50AM - 1:14PM)

*B LUNCH 12:00PM - 12:30PM

(Class 11:16AM - 11:57AM & 12:33PM - 1:14PM)

*C LUNCH 12:44PM - 1:14PM

(Class 11:16AM - 12:40PM)

4th BLOCK 1:21PM - 2:45PM

MONDAY BLOCK 2.5

RED ZONE 7:25AM - 8:05AM

1st BLOCK 8:12AM - 9:28AM (Attendance taken at 8:12AM)

2nd BLOCK 9:35AM - 10:52AM

BLOCK 2.5 10:59AM - 11:19AM

3rd BLOCK 11:26AM - 1:21PM

*A LUNCH 11:26AM - 11:56AM

(Class 12:01PM - 1:21PM)

*B LUNCH 12:05PM - 12:35PM

(Class 11:26AM - 12:02PM & 12:38PM - 1:21PM)

*C LUNCH 12:51PM - 1:21PM

(Class 11:26AM - 12:46PM)

4th BLOCK 1:28PM - 2:45PM

Lunch is based on your **third** block class.

You Have...	If your 3rd Block is:
A Lunch	Math, Science, PM NMTCC, ESL, Support Room, McGinley, Newlin, Szatkowski
B Lunch	English, Social Studies, Business, World Language, Dickerson, Maran, Ozeni, Stauffer
C Lunch	Wellness, Study Hall, Tech Ed, Art, FCS, Music, Aronow, Deitsch, Garrett, Lavely, Tirado

*PLEASE NOTE: This schedule is tentative and may change once the school year begins.

High School Breakfast FREE
High School Lunch $3.60

Families, regardless of income, are encouraged to complete and submit a short, confidential Free and Reduced Meal Application. This application needs to be completed each school year. Please visit the Free and Reduced Price Meals section of the Food Services web site to access the online or paper application for the 2026-2027 school year.

Seniors are expected to attend Block 2.5 and are responsible for all information regarding senior projects and graduation shared with students during this time.

PACAC — Tuesday, October 13th - North Penn High School

This year, SAHS is pleased to partner with the broader college counseling community and encourages students to attend the Montgomery County College Fair, organized by the Pennsylvaina Association for College Admission Counseling. Due to its size and scope, this event provides our students access to a larger and more diverse group of colleges/universities. This year's fair is being held at **North Penn High School** on **Tuesday, October 13th**. All students and families are welcome. The event is **FREE** but students are asked to sign up for a barcode at www.StriveFair.com. Show your barcode to colleges who will scan it and send you more information about their schools. The day after the fair, you will receive a report with information about each college that you allowed to scan your barcode. To view the colleges/universities that will be attending the fair, CLICK HERE.

THE REPS ARE COMING, THE REPS ARE COMING

In the fall, college admission counselors visit SAHS to meet with students in our college center. Meeting with an admission counselor can help students gain insight into a particular school and their admission process. It allows students to have questions answered and make an all important first impression. Keep in mind, the admission counselors you meet are the same ones reading your application and deciding on your admission. We also hold an Instant Decision Day (IDD) at Souderton. Meaning, admission reps will meet with students, review their application and render a decision on the spot. **IDD 2026 will be held on October 15th.** More information will be coming soon but in the meantime, be sure to keep checking Naviance to sign up for college admission counselor visits. Questions? Talk to Mr. Overberger.

Meet Me in the College Center . . .

The College Center is available for students to work on their college applications, essays, or any college related task. In addition, Mr. Overberger will be holding small group information sessions on topics such as Applying to Highly Selective Schools, Essay Writing, and The College Search. A calendar of events is available on your Block 2.5 Schoology page which will be updated at the beginning of the school year.

SAT / ACT

SAT - The SAT is a standardized test used by colleges to help make admission decisions. The content areas covered by the SAT are math and evidence based reading and writing. Most students take the SAT in the spring of their junior year and again in the fall of their senior year. There is no limit to the number of times you can take the test but it is recommended students take it no more than 3 times. Registration for the SAT is through College Board at https://www.collegeboard.org/. At the time of the exam, students will have the opportunity to send their scores, free of charge, to 4 schools. After this, there is a fee to forward scores. *SAHS does not maintain student scores. Scores are held by College Board and forwarded directly to the educational institution.* When colleges consider scores they will consider your single highest score **or** allow for superscoring, taking the highest result for each section of the test regardless of test date. Check the college website to see which method is used. The SAT is based on a 1600 point scale. The national average for 2025 graduates was 1029.

ACT - The ACT is another standardized test, much like the SAT, that colleges use to make admission decisions. There are a few difference between the two tests and students should take the test that best suits them. Your guidance counselor can help you make this decision. The content areas covered by the ACT, English, math, and reading are mandatory while science and writing are optional. ACT scoring is on a 1-36 scale. An above average score is 21 or higher. For elite schools, a score of 30+ is required. Students should register for the ACT at www.act.org. As with the SAT, students can request their ACT scores be sent to four schools or scholarship agencies at the time of the test for free. After that, there is a fee.

Test Optional - If a school is "Test Optional" it means the school does not require scores from the SAT or ACT. These schools focus on the applicant's high school academic performance as criteria for admission. ***Many colleges/universities have chosen to go Test Optional.*** For more information, consult the individual college website or click here.

TECHNOLOGY

Students will receive their laptops during the first few days of school in 5th block. For computer support, our Tech HUB is available to assist students during school hours and is located in the Student Center on the right hand side. Students can also fill out a Help Desk Ticket Form and a technician will get in touch with the student to resolve the issue.

Additional information can be found on the school website HERE.

TECH HUB CAN HELP YOU WITH:

*COMPUTER PICK-UP/RETURN
*HARDWARE ISSUES
*COMPUTER LOGIN
*GOOGLE (PATHWAY MANAGER, NAVIANCE, SCHOOLOGY)

FOR HELP WITH:

*HOME ACCESS - GO TO GUIDANCE OR STUDENT SERVICES

notes from the

CAREER COUNSELORS

- Senior should be focusing on their **Senior Project**
  - Review the Senior Project Rubric in pathwayMANAGER
  - When available, register for **ONE** of the presentation dates - **November 3rd or November 23rd**
  - Ambassadors will be around during Block 2.5 to help students sign up
  - Students who don't sign up, don't get a date
- View the sample videos listed on the SAHS website
- Upload the **"Culminating Reflection"**
  - This reflection is for students to reflect on themselves as a whole. It is your opportunity to look back at your earlier reflections and experiences and refine what you want to say about them.
  - **Bring your resume to the senior Project Presentation**
- Complete a Mentorship and submit **all paperwork by October 15th**
  - Paperwork:
    - Proposal
    - Turn in Contract to Mrs. Tarlo in A112
    - Submit Mentorship Reflection

pathwayMANAGER

- -CLICK HERE- -

Mr. Darcy
Career Counselor

SENIORS *- If you have yet to complete your job shadow or mentorship* ***AND NEED HELP****, please reach out to Mr. Darcy (Job Shadow) or Mrs. Tarlo (Mentorship)* ***IMMEDIATELY****.*

Students can schedule an appointment with Mr. Darcy by emailing mdarcy@soudertonsd.org OR Mrs. Tarlo by emailing atarlo@soudertonsd.org

Mrs. Tarlo
Mentorship/Transition Coordinator

SENIOR YEAR - *College Planning Time Line*

August/September

- Meet with counselor to discuss college applications
- Update resume and complete application essays if needed
- Continually communicate with your parents about college/career plans as well as cost
- Register for ACT/SAT if necessary
- Attend college visits and open houses, meet with college admission reps
- Attend college visits/Instant Decision Days held in guidance, register on Naviance
- Attend Montgomery County College Fair at NPHS - October 13th, 6:00PM-8:00PM
- Finalize college choices with parents
- Request teacher and/or counselor recommendations through Naviance if needed (must complete student profile in Naviance)
- Decide on early decision/action strategy, calendar all deadlines and be attentive to those dates

It is highly recommended you apply to colleges with a specific deadline no later than 1 month before deadline to ensure all material are received by deadline date.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

- Once applications are completed, request transcripts through Naviance

October/November

- Take ACT/SAT if necessary
- Depending on application deadlines, you may still be working on August/September timeline
- Have SAT/ACT scores sent to schools you applied to - SAHS does not retain or send these scores
- Stop into guidance or email your counselor with any questions
- ALL college applications are strongly recommended to be submitted by Thanksgiving
- If required by a school, complete CSS Profile

December/January/February

- FAFSA available in December - HERE
- If required by a school, complete CSS Profile
- Keep parents and guidance counselor posted on college decisions (accepted, denied, waitlisted)
- Record college decisions on Naviance
- Continue visiting and gathering information on schools you applied to
- Once first semester grades are finalized, request counselor send mid-year transcript if needed
- Keep looking for and applying for scholarships
- Write thank you notes to teachers/counselors who wrote you a recommendation

March/April/May

- Continue to update parents, counselors, and Naviance on college decisions
- If you receive a wait-list decision, don't lose hope, stop into guidance to see your counselor
- Once you receive all decisions, compare financial aid packages
- Discuss college choice and finances with parents
- Send in deposit to final choice college not later than May 1
- Take AP exams, if appropriate, and request scores be sent to the school you attend

June

- Once you have chosen the school you are attending, select that school in Naviance. This is how we know where to send your final transcript. Final transcripts are sent **after** grades are finalized. If after graduation your plans change, please call guidance so we can send your transcript to the appropriate school.
- Senior check out and Graduation!!!