

Souderton Area High School
Parent Participation Meeting
January 25, 2024
9:30 AM, Student Center

14 parents were present.

Program:

- **Student Support Advisor** – 9th grade principal, Michelle Noga, explained the very important work that Breanne Dickerson, who is in a new position as student support advisor is doing, primarily working with 9th and 10th grade students. Breanne is helping many students on their executive functioning skills (e.g., study skills, prioritizing, etc.) Breanne is also facilitating our Peer Tutoring Program in as many subjects as we are able to provide. All of this good work occurs in the Student Center (Library).
- **New Guidance Counselor** – Current learning support teacher, Jen Pichler, will become the new school counselor as soon as her replacement as a learning support teacher has been hired. In the meantime, Jen will continue as a learning support teacher. Morgan Croak will be the substitute counselor, as current counselor Bryan McKeever is leaving for another district. Sam Varano thanked Bryan McKeever for the great job he has done at Souderton Area High School in the short amount of time he has been here.
- **Course Selection Timeline** – The Course Selection Timeline is posted on the high school homepage. Most importantly, students have until February 6th, to enter their course requests in Home Access Center (HAC). It is important that they review the recommended courses for their current chosen careers in pathwayManager. Counselors will be meeting with students individually in their social studies classes beginning on February 7th.

Events:

- **Winter Ball** – Sam Varano explained that the postponement of the Winter Ball had to occur early in that there were many moving parts contributing to the success of the Winter Ball, including large food orders and set-up, that should not wait until 9:00 AM on the morning of the dance.
- **Red and White** – With excitement, Sam Varano explained the new Red vs. White competition on April 4th and 5th, at Souderton Area High School. Information for sign-ups is on the website.

Miscellaneous:

- **Stop Signs on Campus** – At a previous Parent Participation Meeting, parents expressed concerns about stop signs not being in some places on campus where they are needed for safety. Sam Varano indicated that the necessary signs should be up in the near future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Student of the Month Breakfast	January 26, 7:25 AM
Winter Ball	January 27, 6:30 – 9:30 PM
FAFSA Completion Night	January 30, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, Student Center
Back to School Night	February 1, 6:30 PM
No School – President’s Day Break	February 16
No School – President’s Day Break	February 19
Parent Participation Meeting	February 28, 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted by,
Sam Varano