

# SHERIDAN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



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#### **Special Note from the Administration**

Hello Parents/Guardians & Students.

It is hard to believe that the 2015-2016 school year is coming to a close. We have achieved so much this year; I am proud of each and every student and staff member at STHS for making this an amazing year and a top-rated school. Thank you!



What a wonderful time we had on the end-of-the-year trip to Islands of Adventure. We were fortunate enough to have beautiful weather and 90 phenomenal students to make awesome memories.

Speaking of memories, please note that your 2015-2016

Yearbooks are on sale now. Included with the yearbook: A Bonus DVD with hundreds of photos from Clubs, Activities, Student Appreciation Day, End of the Year Field, (upcoming) National Honor Society Induction, and so much more!! See the attached flyer for more information.

We will collect all student laptops on Wednesday, June 8th, so please be sure that your child is attending school that day. The laptop memories will be wiped clean, so any information students wish to keep must be backed up in OneDrive or another device of choice.

Parents, we want your child to continue coming to school until the last day, which is Thursday, June 9th. This is an early release day, so students will be released at 12:00 noon. Enjoy your Summer and come back rested and recharged, because in 2016-2017 we will bring STHS to a whole new level! See you next year!

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#### **Dates to Remember:**

Early Release: June 9th

Employee Planning: June 10th

Freshman Orientation: August 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

(Times TBD)

Employee Planning: August 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

School Begins: August 22<sup>nd</sup>



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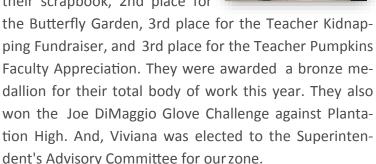
## Congratulations, Mrs. Payne and the Student Government Association (SGA)



Six of the STHS S.G.A. members (Daniel M., Sierra R., Vivianna T., Ryan R., Renee B., and Aisha A. and Ms. Payne, S.G.A. Advisor) attended the Broward County Association of Student Councils (BCASC)

which held its annual convention on Friday, May 20, 2016. The theme of the event was *Leadership: The Music of Life*. High school and middle school students from around the county attended workshops on Time Management, Stress Management, Team Building, and Communications, as well as other skill-based trainings. Workshops with information on various local service organizations such as the Humane Society, HANDY and Joe DiMaggio were also available for students to learn more information.

During the convention, awards were presented to students across the district spotlighting exemplary activities conducted throughout the year. Sheridan Tech's S.G.A. won first place for their scrapbook, 2nd place for



# STHS Students Shine in District Literary Fair Competition

Congratulations goes to our Literary Fair District-Wide Winners ... **Angie Benitez-Garcia** - Won first place for both Haiku and Ekphrastic and

**Sheyla Hernandez** - won 2nd place for Free Verse.





Angie Benitez-Garcia

Sheyla Hernandez

#### National Honor Society (NHS) Induction

Congratulations are in order to the 24 students from the class of 2018 that have been chosen to participate in the National Honor Society. These students have a GPA of 3.7 or higher and have shown a tremendous effort in high school thus far. Students will be inducted to the Nation Honor Society June 2nd, 6:30—8:00 p.m. Students receiving this honor may invite two guests. STHS is very proud of these students!

# 2015-2016 Academic & Character Awards (Term 2, Semesters 3/4)



September 2016 (Date TBD)

### BCPS EdSurge Teach360° Tech for Schools Summit May 6 - 7, 2016



L to R: Portia D., Kathy R., Tiphany C., Anne U., Xaida M., Milanie S.



L to R: Abeeda L., and Aisha A.

The BCPS EdSurge Teach360<sup>0</sup> Tech for Schools Summit, held on May 6 – 7, 2016, was designed to provide a hands-on interactive experience for administrators and teachers to dive deep and explore the newest technology to support teaching and learning.

Students from STHS volunteered their time for the event greeting and registering participants as they entered. They also managed the table where raffle tickets were distributed as teachers provided feedback and reviews to vendors following round table discussions. These students were greatly appreciated and represented STHS with dignity and pride!

## STHS Wolves RUL



#### (CTE) Parent/Student Night

~ By Sean McConnell, Sophomore

The CTE event for 10th graders provided a lot of needed info on what we're going to do for the next 2 years. We got to take a look at our upcoming technical courses, allowing us to get a better understanding on what we plan to do for half of our Junior and Senior years. It was much needed as we didn't really get a time to talk about them until the event (besides one meeting), and with this event, our parents/ guardians were able to get more information on these courses as well.

Overall, I'm glad that we had this event; it really came as a benefit for our 10th graders heading into the next grade. Sean McConnell expressed the fact that the instructors "seemed very enthusiastic about their field of study giving us a brief overview of their program and what we will be doing ... not to mention the refreshments and cookies, providing an added incentive for attending the event."











#### **Teaching & Learning Spotlight**

#### Spanish II Presentations Powered by PechaKucha, Ms. Agudelo, Spanish II Teacher

Spanish II students prepared group presentations on a South American country. These presentations, however, were like no other ... the delivery of their presentations followed a *PechaKucha* format. *PechaKucha* 20x20 is a simple presentation format where students show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. The images advance automatically and they talk along to the images. That meant students had to speak from images only, no text!

Students were given 6 minutes and 40 seconds to present the results of their research project and what they learned about Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. More importantly, the group showed the connections or relationship between a country's history, geography/physical attributes, government, economics, education, health and the arts, identifying the impact one aspect had on another. Additional points were awarded if students presented in Spanish, which many elected to do.

In addition to this project meeting the Spanish II curriculum objectives, it also fulfilled the following multiple Florida's literacy standards: students apply strategic thinking & complex reasoning through the research process; present information with supporting evidence in a clear, concise and logical way; and strategic use of digital media (e.g., graphical, audio, and visual elements), which enhanced their audience's understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence while adding to the project's visual and audio appeal.









#### **Teaching & Learning Spotlight**

#### **DEBATE-Mock Trial Unit**

~ Indiana Aleman, Speech & Debate Teacher/Coach



In May, our "Mock Trial" Unit introduced students to an overview of jury trials as we discussed the mock jury process, and the roles of those participating in a mock trial. The Mock Trial Unit also covered the different kinds of evidence presented in trials and the rules in regard to presenting testimony and physical evidence. Students understood a trial's opening procedure, direct and cross-examination of witnesses, summations to the jury, and how a

mock trial is judged.

Working in teams of prosecution or defense lawyers, a fun assignment the "Trial Of students was SpongeBob engaged SquarePants," where 'SpongeBob SquarePants' went on trial for the murder of 'Mr. Krabs'. During the trial, students evaluated and analyzed crucial crime scene evidence and suspect evidence, along with the sworn statements from key witnesses. Students also created evidence-based arguments that helped prove their case. One by one, characters took turns giving their testimonies on the witness stand. As 'Plankton', 'Patrick Star', 'Squidward', and 'Sandy Cheeks' went under direct and cross-examination by both the prosecution and the defense teams, the randomly selected group of jurors listened carefully and took notes on the case and the evidence items. Once both sides finished presenting their closing arguments, the jurors conferred to reach a verdict. Jurors in all classes reached a unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty", as they felt the defense team did a better job of proving their client innocent beyond a reasonable doubt. Judge Aleman presided and kept an orderly court.









Upon completing this unit, students were able

to understand the American judicial system, understand the steps in the trial, recognize the burden of proof, understand good citizenship and fairness, present information in a logical and articulate manner, and contribute, listen, and respect each other.

Be sure to check out the information below on the flyers attached on pgs. 11-12.

- Speech & Debate Summer Camp 2016
- 2016-2017 Broward County Debate Tournaments Calendar

#### **Teaching & Learning Spotlight**

#### **Environmental Science NEWS Broadcasts**



A myriad of topics in environmental science constantly surround you every day. Students in A.P. Environmental

Science classes are hard at work developing news broadcasts to make current environmental stories from around the world come alive.

Over the last month, groups have studied live news broadcasts, selected current news stories, painstakingly researched all relevant aspects of said stories, written scripts, crafted detailed t-

scripts, and scouted filming sites to plan out productions. They have gotten creative in developing real and imag-



ined weather segments and commercial products to feature in their broadcasts.

Students are enhancing their digital story telling



via mock interviews with eye witnesses and subject -matter experts, "live" reports from out in the field, among other things.

Armed with digital cameras, props, and audio equipment, students are currently filming

throughout the school. Editing software will be used to incorporate multimedia and weave segments into finished products.



#### **Hispanic Heritage Month Contest**

Once again, Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott are hosting the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and have invited all Florida students to par-

ticipate in the art and essay contests. Students in grades K-3 have a chance to win a cash prize by submitting artwork, and students in grades 4-12 can earn a 4-Year Florida College Prepaid



scholarship through the essay contest.

This is not only a great chance to broaden our students' understanding of Florida's vast history; these prizes could transform the lives of three students and their families by ensuring their in-state college tuition will be fully funded.

See Contest Details & Guidelines via the STHS Media Center Website (National Hispanic Heritage Month – TAB)@ <a href="http://browardschools.libguides.com/">http://browardschools.libguides.com/</a> sths mediacenter

#### Website of the Month

"Find a Book" Tool @

https://www.lexile.com/fab/fl/



The "Find a Book" tool helps students match their interests with

their reading level! Once they have discovered just the right match, "Just Take 20," and engage in 20 minutes of real-time reading daily throughout the summer and beyond! Establishing a "reading routine" will help form the positive habits, attitudes and dispositions that result in lifelong learning and productive citizenry.

Stay tuned... APES is bringing you the news!

#### **Counselor's Corner:**

Mrs. Rattray (Gr. 10) & Mrs. Schiling (Gr. 9)

#### Preparing for



An ACT Study Guide, accessible at <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">http://www.actstudent.org</a>, is intended to help students do their best on the ACT and includes the following:

- Full-Length Practice Tests, including a Writing Test
- Information about the Optional Writing Test
- Strategies to Prepare for the Tests
- What to Expect on Test Day





#### **Bulkofficesupply.com Scholarship Opportunity**



The \$1000 short essay scholarship is open to all high school students--as well as college freshmen and sophomores--who have an interest in pursuing art,

teaching, or owning a business. Here is the link to the scholarship with additional information:

http://www.bulkofficesupply.com/scholarships-innew-york

The scholarship application process is simple and to the point:

- 1. Where are you planning on going to school?
- 2. What is your desired major?
- 3. How did you develop your interest in teaching, art or opening your own business?
- **4.** How will the scholarship help you attain your goals?
- **5.** Essay should be about 500 words but not to exceed 600.

Deadline: February 1, 2017.

## Worth the READ! ... Private Colleges Offering Record Tuition Discounts to Lure Students

http://finance.yahoo.com/news/privatecolleges-offering-record-tuition-100015418.html

Amid all the grim news about the skyrocketing price of a college education, here's something

to celebrate: Colleges are asking students to shoulder less of the costs.





It has come to our attention that many of our students are interested in completing a Driver's

Education program in efforts to obtain their driver's licenses. As a school we are always looking for ways to cater to our students' needs through unique and innovative opportunities. While Driver's Ed is offered through FLVS and select schools in the district, we have taken the initiative to provide our very own Driver's Ed program for Sheridan Technical High School students **ONLY**!! Spots are limited, so contact Ms. Schiling at your earliest convenience if you wish to register.

#### **FREE Individual & Family Counseling!**

If you feel that your child and/or family may benefit from counseling, please know that our district's Student Services Family Counseling program will be offering **FREE** counseling throughout the summer. There are offices conveniently located at a number of schools throughout Broward County. *Please see the flyer on page 10 for information*.

#### **Book Bytes & More**

#### Michele Rivera, Digital Learning Specialist

Twitter: @ STHSReads



#### Career Placement Students Explore ILC's **Digital Resources**



Ms. Golden and Ms. Judd's Career Placement students have enjoyed learning about the ILC's many print and digital resources. On recent visits they have

learned where and how to access our online collection of books through Destiny.

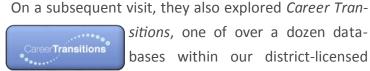
One resource they especially enjoyed was the resource, TumbleBooks, a collection of animated talking

picture books, books in English, French and Spanish, readalongs, non-fiction books and National Geographic Videos, as well as educational games



and puzzles. TumbleBooks is accessible through our Broward Enterprise Education Portal (BEEP) at

http://beep.browardschools.com .



sitions, one of over a dozen databases within our district-licensed resource, GALE. Career Transitions

provides valuable resources for students, including how to write a resume and a cover letter. A section of

helpful Tips & Advice is useful throughout the career planning and employment preparation process. Also, included is a career interest assessment that identifies career inclinations while helping students learn what criteria and requirements they should follow in exploring and comparing career options.



#### Get ready for the Big Win @ Broward County Library!



Enjoy a summer of fun and events for all ages during the 2016 "Big Win! Summer Learning for Mind, Body, Heart" Program. Everyone from preschool children to adults is invited to explore all things sports and reach reading/learning goals. The Big Win encourages participants to "go for the gold" with a whole body/mind

approach to learning and having fun.

The program begins June 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through August 20<sup>th</sup>. Sign up to register now at: <sup>®</sup>http:// www.broward.org/Library/Summer/

#### Free Summer Food and Fun!

From June 13 through August 20, 2016, Broward County Libraries Division, in partnership with Broward Meals on Wheels and funded by the



Florida Department of Agriculture, will present "Free Food and Fun at Your Library" this summer.

Through the Summer BreakSpot program, kids ages 18 and under can enjoy a free lunch and/or an afternoon snack. Served on a first come, first served basis, the free meals/snacks will be served at 28 Broward County Library locations. Ask your branch librarian about time and days at your branch.

# Student Appreciation Day

May 26<sup>th</sup> proved to be a fun-filled day for students and teachers following the last couple of months of state assessments, end-of-course tests and AP exams! The cheerleading team and drama club members kicked off the morning with performances in the cafeteria. Students then participated in a variety of activities such as wacky field events, kickball, Frisbee tic-tac-toe, a hula hoop contest, volleyball and basketball games, just to name a few. Students also elected to engage in arts & crafts such as design a magnet and create recycled steps for our butterfly garden. All in all ... a great day to show students our appreciation for their hard work throughout the year!



# Summer Strain with NEWSELA



Keep your child's reading skills sharpened throughout the summer with engaging and current informational text from world-class news publications.

FREE @ https://newsela.com/

## Ruined Chernobyl nuclear plant to remain a threat for 3,000 years



Unlock Curiosity with articles at 5 adaptive reading levels

# FREE INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY COUNSELING Spread the word!

Student Services, Family Counseling Program is offering students and families free services throughout the summer of 2016.



Offices are conveniently located at a school near you

> Beginning June 13, 2016

Services are available in English, Spanish and Haitian-Creole.

Help Starts Here!

Call our intake department for information or to schedule an appointment

754-321-1590

#### STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Family Counseling Program Administration Office 1400 NW 14th Court Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

browardstudentservices.com/familycounseling-services

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## Sheridan Technical High School's

# SPEECH & DEBATE INTRO SUMMER CAMP



June 13th-17th, 2016

WHO: All Students Interested in Joining the STHS Debate Team in 2016-2017!

WHAT: Learn to write excellent speeches, construct arguments, conduct research, use forensic techniques, and

participate in real debates! This program will also focus on the techniques of effective public speaking in

the areas of oral interpretation, oratorical, dramatic interpretation, and extemporaneous speaking!

WHERE: Sheridan Technical HS @ The Innovative Learning Center (ILC): 3775 SW 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

WHEN:

LEVEL	DATES	LOCATION	TIMES
Beginners &	Monday-Friday:	STHS at The ILC	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Advanced	June 13 <sup>th</sup> – June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Office: 754-321-7450	

INSTRUCTOR: Mr. Logan Spence, Nova High School alumnus, Marshall University student, and award-winning

Speech and Debate Multi-National Semi-Finalist; coaching STHS students on professional techniques for writing, performing, and winning Speech competitions. Students from the award-

winning STHS Debate Team will be acting as seminar interns.

FEE: FREE! \$0 COST! LUNCH INCLUDED! Vending machines for drinks may be available.

**SCHEDULE:** 

Monday	Group Introductions, Warm-Ups, Interest Survey, Intro to Events, Break into Event Groups, Research
Tuesday	Warm-Ups, Break into Event Groups, Research and Practice
Wednesday	Warm-Ups, Break into Event Groups, Research and Practice
Thursday	Warm-Ups, Break into Event Groups, Event Practice for Mock Tournament
Friday	Mock Tournament



RSVP ASAP! Contact Ms. Aleman to reserve your space: <a href="mailto:indiana.aleman@browardschools.com">indiana.aleman@browardschools.com</a>
For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.sheridantechnicalhighschool.com">http://www.sheridantechnicalhighschool.com</a>

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