

# First Quarter Newsletter

## Welcome Back!

Mr. Farheed Khan, Assistant Principal

Stakeholders,



Welcome to the 2021-22 school year that is well underway. All signs are pointing to an incredible and productive school year. Teachers have been unpacking the new ELA and Math standards while students are focused on learning and growth. It was great meeting all the 9th and 10th grade parents at the orientation meeting on Saturday August 7. Over 350 parents and students attended in-person and enjoyed checking out school uniforms, acquiring school issued ID and being welcomed by staff. Also, special thanks to parents who have

demonstrated patience and courtesy with the staff and fellow parents during drop-off and pick-up. Your commitment to building a welcoming and inclusive community where students are celebrated promotes the learning environment that we all strive for.

When we see our students, it is easy to be inspired and motivated to give them our best. They are focused on their goals while remaining courteous and safety conscientious smiling underneath their masks throughout the day. Students keep pushing forward knowing that the entire wolf pack stands with you.



Finally, special thanks to all the non-instructional staff who have been the o-dark-thirty heroes. These men and women have been a tremendous help to me preparing our school for daily orderly parent drop off. Their willingness to arrive at school by 6:15 AM to welcome students and provide supervision sets the stage for a safe learning day, every single day.

Friends, it has been a great start to the school year because of your allegiance to the community that we are building together. Thanks again for your dedication.

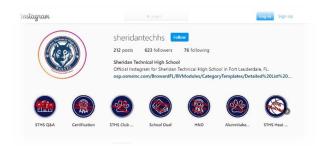
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To reach our website simply click here or the logo above.

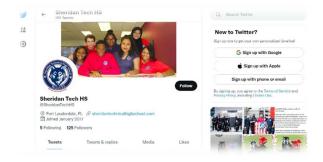


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For more current STHS updates please follow us via the <u>STHS website</u> and/or social media; <u>Instagram</u> & <u>Twitter</u>.



# **Important Dates**

Labor Day No School – September 6 & 7

Open House – September 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

No School – September 16

English Learning Assessment (ELA) Writing retakes 11 & 12 grades September 21



English Learning Assessment (ELA) Reading retakes Session One, select 11 & 12 grades September 28

English Learning Assessment (ELA) reading retakes Session Two, 11 & 12 grades September 29

Homecoming Dance – September 29, 7-10:00 p.m. Sheridan Technical High Café



# **Guidance Department**

Mrs. Pristine Pulley & Mrs. Andie Segal



Coming back after a year and a half of virtual instruction, there was only one thing we in Guidance were sure of: We had no idea what to expect. Now, well into our first full week of school, we find ourselves quickly settled back into "normalcy." Yes, we are wearing masks and there are other adjustments we've made while we continue to deal with the pandemic conditions, but there is a newfound appreciation for being together again. We've heard this from both students and staff.

We've had some big changes in the Guidance Department. We now have 2 counselors: Ms. Pulley and Mrs. Segal. Ms. Pulley takes care of grades 9 and 11. Mrs. Segal is the new Guidance Director and takes care of grades 10 and 12. Alongside our support staff, we continue to prioritize the needs of all students, cultivating strong social-emotional skills that benefit our students academically, socially, and professionally. We look forward to a safe and productive school year.

### Marine Science Honors

Ms. Brittney Novotny, Instructor

I am Brittney Novotny the 9th grade biology teacher. Students are getting back into a routine when it comes to school. In biology students are engaging in rigorous learning and soaking up all the information like sponges. They have started to master our learning management system, D2L and they are logging in and checking out their gradebook called FOCUS. The students in Biology will be tentatively taking their End of Course exam (EOC) on December 8th, this means that students need to be attending class regularly and if they are absent should be logging into D2L to complete any assignments they may be missing. I look forward to working with all these students this term.

# **Biology Honors**

Mrs. Brittney Novotny



In Biology Honors students are quickly moving through the course. Students performed a lab about

biomagnification in class using cups, salt, and beads. Students enjoyed getting their hands "dirty" with the lab. Tutoring and review for Biology will be occurring every Tuesday and Thursday after school with Mrs. Novotny. It is open to all Biology students and free! Please make sure students have turned in their transportation form and Covid-19 release form. I look forward to seeing all the budding scientists there!

# Math Department

Algebra I Honors, Geometry Honors, Algebra II Honors, AP Statistics, Pre-Calculus Honors, Calculus Honors, AP Calculus

Mr. Ozkan Keskinkaya, Mr. Joshua Lewis, Mr. Kyle Schroeder & Mr. Ruslan Tabachynsky



The Math department is excited to embark on the new school year and prepared to face the challenges

of meeting our students where they are both academically and emotionally. I believe most teachers will agree that this batch of students appear eager to learn and are on task without much need for prompting and re-direction. From this perspective, we look forward to an exciting and productive year for our students. The Department is working on various initiatives this year including possible development of Asynchronous courses for remediation and to help keep students engaged with practice during those terms when they do not have math on their schedule. We have also launched a Vertical Team with Mrs. Charles' leadership to strengthen the goals of ensuring that at all levels Teachers are hitting the critical content that students must cover in order to be successful at the next level. We are also working on a SAT initiative with an eye on improving student scores.

Lots of ideas and exciting opportunities coming this year, and I know I speak for all Math teachers that we are excited to see the results of our efforts.

## **Tech Studies**

Mrs. Patricia Michaud, Instructor



It's great to have our students back on campus at STHS. My name is Pat Michaud, and I am excited to be teaching the Tech Studies class this year. The students are currently exploring career options. As the course moves ahead, they will learn about the

specific career and technical programs available to our students. Students will also be working toward industry certifications in <u>Microsoft Office Suite</u> and <u>Adobe</u>. I look forward to challenging my students to grow as students and citizens as a result of their time spent in Tech Studies class.

# **Emerging Technology**

Mrs. Nicole Rowntree, Instructor



A big welcome to my 56 new Emerging Technology students! We spent the first couple of days getting to know each other, making folders on our computers for our classes, and learning about Microsoft Outlook by creating professional emails with professional signature lines. We then reviewed our Internet Etiquette, Internet Safety, and our Digital Footprint. After that, we took some time to learn about our personal Learning Style. Ask your son or daughter if they are a Visual, Auditory, or Tactile Learner!

We have now begun working on our first Industry Certification: Microsoft Word 2019. Students will spend the next several weeks studying and completing MS Word lessons, projects, and skills

that will allow them to sit for an industry-certified exam. Students who earn MOS certifications have been shown to earn higher GPAs, graduate at a higher rate, and get higher-paying jobs.

We will also begin our first project this quarter. They will be researching three career choices and creating a formal Word document to highlight them and to showcase their newly acquired Word skills.

I am looking forward to a fun and productive semester!

## Extracurricular Clubs

Here at STHS we offer many extracurricular clubs for your enjoyment.

You may click here to view our site and each club's descriptions.

<u>Please click here to view our Clubs Calendar</u> <u>for 2021-22.</u>

We welcome you to get social, involved and expand your high school experience! The Club's schedule is on the last page of the newsletter.



#### Mental Health Club

Mrs. Christine T. Campbell, Sponsor

Come check out the Mental Health Awareness Club during "Club Rush" on, September 2, 2021 (during lunch). Meet our officers and sign up to join!

An opportunity for discussion, education and supports. Mental health is a vital part in establishing your overall well-being.

- Create new support systems
- Further develop your Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Gain new coping skills
- Increase a growth mindset

#### **Student Government Association**

Mrs. Wendy Payne, Sponsor



Shown: Eduardo Pinto, Ashely Acero Rodriguez, Alan Vazquez, Mishellie Flores

Members of Student Government (S.G.A.) spent the summer planning and getting ready to bring fun and spirit back to Sheridan Technical High School.

Members attended the virtual National Student

Council Convention as well as the South Florida

Leadership Training Camp. On August 2, SGA and other class and club officers attended Camp BCASC in person to interact with student leaders from other Broward County high schools and make a "plan of attack" for the 2021-2022 school year.



Shown: Joshua Padilla, Alexis Carlo, Alan Vazquez

S.G.A. members also pitched in the week before teachers came back to school to create Welcome Back gifts for the faculty and staff. While small, the gifts were heartfelt, and the faculty and staff members of the Wolfpack seemed to really appreciate the thought. For the first time, SGA included a raffle with the Welcome Back gifts and the winning teachers had fun picking from an assortment of prizes.

S.G.A. has lots of fun events and projects planned so keep your eyes and ears tuned to <u>Sheridan Tech's Instagram account</u> for more information. Or, to be part of the fun – you can become a part of S.G.A. by coming to our meetings every Tuesday after school in Room 161. Join the <u>Remind</u> with the join code: 0c544d to be notified of upcoming meetings and events.

#### College and Career Readiness Club

Mrs. Barbara DiAlberto, Sponsor

First meeting: September 9 in Cafeteria 2 p.m.

We focus and aid on:

- Scholarships
- Letters of Recommendations & resumes
- Career selection
- College Selection & application process

Join our bi-weekly meeting in the school's cafeteria.

#### Contacts:

<u>Brielle Jean Baptiste</u> Mrs. Barbra DiAlberto

## Key Club Broward Advisor for Continuing Education

Mrs. Barbara DiAlberto, Sponsor



On behalf of Key Club, we would like to invite all students to the first meeting on September 13, 2021 from 1:45 p.m. -3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Every student is welcome, and we encourage you to join us as we start the year off right! This club gives you the opportunity to make a difference in your school and community, as well as gain service hours and build up your resume for college, scholarships and/or work.

We are already planning community service. This year, we will be cleaning our beaches, helping with Haunted Trail for <u>UNICEF Neonatal Program</u>, raising money for freshwater wells in other countries, participating in Relay for Life for the <u>American Cancer Society</u>, making Hygiene Bags for the homeless,

making sock puppets for children at <u>Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital</u>, taking care of the street we adopted in Ft. Lauderdale, helping with Davie Elementary School's Holiday Party, beach cleanups, helping disabled children at <u>Horses for the Handicapped</u>, and so much more! If you have any questions, feel free to contact myself or any of the officers below.

Sincerely, Joshua Padilla, President

Feel free to contact Mrs. DiAlberto, our faculty advisor!

#### Crime Watch Club

Officer Richard J. Matos, Sponsor

Friday, September 10 has been designated as <u>World Suicide Prevention Day</u>, and an opportunity to raise awareness of suicide and to promote action through proven means that will reduce the number of suicides and suicide attempts globally.



Please join <u>Broward County Public Schools</u> and STHS Crime Watch Club in supporting student mental health and empower them with coping skills. Please encourage your students to wear yellow in honor of suicide prevention and awareness, this Friday, September 10.





#### **Ecology Club**

Ms. Brittney Novotny, Sponsor

With the assistance of Marine Science Honors students, we maintain the fish tank in our classroom as well as the butterfly garden outside, which needs a little love. I look forward to adding many new members to the club. Come check out the Ecology Club during "Club Rush" on, September 2, 2021 (during lunch).

professional certification commands industry respect and a higher professional wage.

Please click the following links to learn how achieving certification can affect holder's income.

<u>Salary improvement of achieving Microsoft Office</u>
Suite (MOS) certification.

<u>Salary improvement of achieving Adobe Design</u> <u>Associate (ADA) certification.</u>

<u>Salary improvement of achieving National Association</u> of Legal Professionals (NALS) certification.

We at STHS have encouraged 21-century skills since inception. This year our students can earn MOS certifications; Word (including Expert), PowerPoint, Excel (including Expert) also ADA certifications; Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Animate, Premiere Pro & After Effects, also offered is a certification in Entrepreneurship.



# **Industry Certifications**

Microsoft, Adobe, Unity, Certified Legal Professional Associate & Entrepreneurship

Ms. Zsalé Haghighat, Certiport Proctor

Our Industry Certification department enables our high school and career dual enrolled students to earn valuable Industry Certifications. An Industry Certification is an industry recognized third-party or governing board administered assessment, examination or licensure that measures occupational competency and validates a knowledge base and skills that shows mastery in an industry. Each

Please note a 2021 – 22 MOS/ADA software bundle consists of:

MOS Bundle; Word Expert, PowerPoint, Excel Expert

ADA Bundle Web Design; Photoshop, Animate

ADA Bundle Video Design; Premiere, After Effects or Photoshop

ADA Bundle Visual Design; Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign

Last year's students even with the pandemic, remote learning and testing averaged two certifications each.

During the 2020-21 school year our students earned certifications in Microsoft; Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Adobe; Photoshop, InDesign, Premiere Pro, Unity Programming and Accredited Legal Professional (NAL ALP) exams. This year with face-to-face learning we foresee even more certifications being achieved!



## **BRACE Office**

Broward Advisor for Continuing Education
Mrs. Barbara DiAlberto, BRACE Advisor

Welcome or welcome back to STHS!

I am Mrs. Barbara DiAlberto, your BRACE (College) Advisor. I handle everything that has to do with helping you get where you want to go after high school, whether it is college, technical school, the military, or the workforce. I can help you with the following: career exploration, how to do a college search to find colleges that are right for you, what colleges are looking for in applicants, when to take the <u>SAT</u> and <u>ACT</u>, what extra-curricular activities and <u>community service</u> you need to get into the college of your choice, how to fill out college applications, college and scholarship application essays, letters of recommendation, questions to ask at college fair

and/or college visit, financial aid, scholarships, and everything post-secondary.

Keep an eye out for dates for parents and students in each grade level for Tips on College Nights (evenings – parents invited), College Fairs (evenings – parents invited), college presentations for seniors and juniors (during school), and more! Also keep an eye on your emails, both in <u>Outlook</u> and <u>Naviance</u>. I send out a lot of info for all grade levels, but it is important to your future!

Seniors, if you would like an appointment with me, please email your school schedule to me so that I can "pencil you in."

You may sign up for the <u>UCF</u> visit now, either in the BRACE Office or by email to Mrs. DiAlberto. Please provide your name, class and teacher for that period, grade, and cell phone number. You may sign up until Sept. 19. Keep an eye out for emails, as more colleges will be presenting in Sept. and Oct. Sign-ups for <u>FSU</u> and <u>UNF</u> will be announced.

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#### Tips on College Night for Seniors and Parent

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There will be many college presentations that seniors and juniors may sign up for in Sept.

Seniors and Parents, you are invited to Tips on College Night virtually on Wed., September 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Check your Outlook and Naviance emails, and please listen to announcements.

Seniors & Juniors may attend the following college presentations:

Thurs., 9/23 - 7:45-8:30 am - <u>University of Central</u> <u>Florida</u> Presentation - Cafeteria

Tues., 10/5 - 7:30-8:30 am - Florida State University

Presentation — Cafeteria

Mon., 10/11 – 6:00-8:30 pm – <u>Broward County</u> <u>College Fair</u> virtually for students and parents. Sign-up information to follow.

Wed., 10/13 - 8:30 am - <u>University of North Florida</u> Presentation – Cafeteria

Fri., 10/15 – Discovery Center internship paperwork due – check your <u>Naviance</u> email for details.





## 2021-22 Standard Aptitude Test (SAT) Test Dates

Test Date October 2, 2021 Registration Deadline September 3, 2021 Late Registration Deadline September 21, 2021

Test Date November 6, 2021 Registration Deadline October 8, 2021 Late Registration Deadline October 26, 2021

Test Date December 4, 2021 Registration Deadline November 4, 2021 Late Registration Deadline November 23, 2021

Test Date March 12, 2022 Registration Deadline February 11, 2022 Late Registration Deadline March 11, 2022

Test Date May 7, 2022 Registration Deadline April 8, 2022 Late Registration Deadline April 26, 2022

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Test Date June 4, 2022 Registration Deadline May 5, 2022 Late Registration Deadline May 25, 2022

The <u>CollegeBoard</u> has discontinued SAT Subject Tests in the United States and internationally.



2021-22 American College Testing (ACT) Test Dates

Test Date September 11, 2021 Registration Deadline August 6, 2021 Late Registration Deadline August 20, 2021

Test Date October 23, 2021 Registration Deadline September 17, 2021 Late Registration Deadline October 1, 2021

Test Date December 11, 2021 Registration Deadline November 5, 2021 Late Registration Deadline November 19, 2021

Test Date February 12, 2022 Registration Deadline January 7, 2022

Late Registration Deadline January 21, 2022

Test Date April 2, 2022 Registration Deadline February 25, 2022 Late Registration Deadline March 11, 2022

Test Date June 11, 2022 Registration Deadline May 6, 2022 Late Registration Deadline May 20, 2022

Test Date July 16, 2022 Registration Deadline June 17, 2022 Late Registration Deadline June 24, 2022

# Free Tutoring

Mr. Wisner, Ms. Novotny, Mr. Tabachynsky, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Keskinkaya, Ms. Williams, Mr. Schroeder, Mr. Ogden & Mr. Cogan

STHS is happy to offer free tutoring to all our students, from 1:45-3:15 p.m. on select days. Please click here for the complete schedule.

Subjects include; Chemistry, Biology, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Calculus, Geometry, English Language Arts (ELA), AP Human Geography & AP U.S. History.



## Partner In Education



Ms. Zsalé Haghighat, Business Liaison

Partners In Education is <u>Broward County Public School's</u> premier school-business partnership program. Your participation as a business/community partner will influence students, the future leaders of our community. For partners, the rewards are both immediate and long-term because a better education system translates directly to economic success right here in Broward County If interested in partnering your business with our STHS community, we would be happy to hear from you! Please call 754-321-7450 or email, <u>Zsale.Haghighat@browardschools.com</u>.

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- (1) a school recruits a partner from the business community, or
- (2) a prospective partner contacts either Partners In Education or an individual school.

# **FortifyFL**



FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The application was named by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Download the app on your phone today!



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# Extracurricular Clubs Schedule

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First Mondays – Chess, College Readiness, Drama & Sports*
First Tuesdays – SGA, SECME, NHS, Sports*, Art & STHS Crime Watch (mornings)
First Wednesdays – Faculty meetings, no clubs
Frist Thursdays – Spoken Word, Debate, Sports* & STHS Crime Watch (mornings)
Frist Fridays – Ecology, GSA, Class of 2024 & Sports*
Second Mondays - Chess, Key, <u>Drama</u>, <u>Sports*</u> & Geek Out
Second Tuesdays - SGA, Robotics, Mu Alpha Theta, Sports*, Art & STHS Crime Watch (mornings)
Second Wednesdays – Faculty meetings, no clubs
Second Thursdays - Spoken Word, Debate, Brain Bowl, Sports* & STHS Crime Watch (mornings)
Second Fridays – Ecology, Spanish, Class of 2023 & Sports*
Third Mondays – Chess, Club College Readiness, Drama & Sports*
Third Tuesdays – SGA, SECME, NHS, Teen Readers, Sports*, Art & STHS Crime Watch (mornings)
Third Wednesdays – Faculty meetings, no clubs
Third Thursdays - Spoken Word, Debate, Sports*, Mental Health Awareness Club* & STHS Crime Watch (mornings)
Third Fridays – Ecology, GSA, Class of 2022 & Sports*
Fourth Mondays - Chess, Key, Drama, Sports* & Geek Out
Fourth Tuesdays - SGA, Robotics, Mu Alpha Theta, Sports*, Art & STHS Crime Watch (mornings)
Fourth Wednesdays – Faculty meetings, no clubs
Fourth Thursdays - Spoken Word, Debate, Multi-Media, Sports*, STHS Crime Watch (mornings)
Fourth Fridays – Ecology, Spanish, Class of 2025 & Sports*
* No Sports club first quarter. Will begin in January.
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We welcome you to get social, involved and expand your high school experience!