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A NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATION

MS. BARBA, INTERN PRINCIPAL

Greetings STHS Stakeholders,

December is upon us and very soon, so is 2020!

The arrival of December means we are in the home stretch of Term 1. December 10th-13th we have our End of Course Exams (EOC's) in Biology, Geometry, and U.S. History. The week after, December 18th-19th, students will complete their final exams, prior to winter break.

Students will be receiving their exemption form the week of the 9th for your approval and signature. Please note that all students will be released after lunch on the 18th and 19th. Release time will be 10:50 a.m. District buses will be picking up early and running their normal routes. If your child is a car rider, plan on a 10:50 a.m. pickup. There is school on Friday, December 20th, which is an Early Release Day. The 20th is the last day of Term 1 and a good opportunity for students to make sure they have all work turned in and completed all exams. When students return in January, they will start Term 2 and a new set of classes.

STHS students are phenomenal! Seniors are diligently working through their final year, completing college applications and preparing for their SAT or ACT exams. Parents, please ask your child if they have completed the required number of service hours to graduate. If they have

DECEMBER EVENTS

- DECEMBER 4TH Teen Readers host Barnes and Noble book fair 4:30pm to 7:30pm
- DECEMBER 7TH EOC prep sessions begin 8:00am
- DECEMBER 10TH Biology EOC Exam
- DECEMBER 12TH Geometry EOC Exam
 Day 2
- DECEMBER 13TH U.S. History Exam
- DECEMBER 11TH 6-8pm FAFSA Lab for junior and senior parents who bring in all their materials to do FAFSA
- DECEMBER 17TH 6-8pm Naviance Workshop, John Mullins Aquatic Center, 2000 NW 55 Ave., Lauderhill 33313
- See BRACE news for scholarship deadlines
- DECEMBER 20TH Early Release and Winter break begins
- JANUARY 6TH Teacher Planning
- Classes resume January 7th, 2020

not, ask them to take advantage of the free time they have during winter break and log those volunteer hours. Juniors 8amare working hard on their academics and technical programs. They will take an in-school SAT exam on March 4th at no cost to students. Sophomores will be choosing their technical programs between March and April and Freshman have acclimated to the high school setting and are preparing for winter EOC's and Term 2 classes.

As we close in on winter break, I wish you and your loved ones a Happy, Healthy Holiday and will see you all back at STHS on Tuesday, January 7th..

Mary Barba, Intern Principal

CLASS OF 2020

Hey, Class of 2020, mark your calendars with these important senior dates:

- Senior Awards Night Thursday, April 9, 2020
- Grad Bash Friday, April 24, 2020
- Final Exams Monday and Tuesday, May 18 & 19, 2020
- Last Day for Seniors Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- Prom Thursday, May 21, 2020
- Senior Breakfast Tuesday, May 26, 2020
- Graduation Rehearsal Thursday, May 28, 2020
- Graduation Friday, May 29, 2020

Payment deadlines:

- Grad Bash The 2nd Grad Bash payment of \$100 will be available on the e-store through January 12, 2020.
- Prom Deadline is January 31, 2020 for Prom payment of \$50.



CLASS OF 2021

Dear Juniors,

The end of this term is almost upon us — you're almost there! Congratulations on the hard work thus far. On top of balancing academic classes and CDE Programs you're preparing for exams including the EOCs and the SAT. Know that we are here to support and empower you. This includes coaching you through the SAT Bootcamp Program as well as offering tutoring almost every day. Check out the schedule for dates and subjects.

The US History EOC will take place on Friday December 13th. Students are required to attend one Saturday review session. You may choose to come

either on Saturday 11/30 OR Saturday 12/7 from 8am-12pm. The SAT will take place in March 2020. That seems far away, but a long-term preparation plan is crucial to your success. PSAT scores are usually available mid-December, so stay tuned. Tutoring on SAT test-taking strategy is still being offered every Thursday by Mr. Cogan in room 160. Tutoring on SAT math is still being offered every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday by Mr. Lewis in room 168.



Be sure to check your Outlook e-mail daily. For one, you'll find emails from Ms. DiAlberto at the BRACE office, with valuable information on college visits, scholarships, applications, and internships. Be on the lookout for those, as well as opportunities for involvement with your very own Class of 2021. If you're interested in re-testing to earn Adobe or Microsoft Office certifications, e-mail Mr. Decker, as he's hosting testing sessions on Monday 12/9.

Now may be a good time to start thinking about supplies for the courses you're taking next term. Owning a pair of earbuds is a good idea so you can listen to educational content including Algebra Nation and Khan Academy videos. Remember you can get free binders from Ms. Giannini's binder recycling program. If you're taking higher level math or science courses or plan on taking the SAT/ACT, consider getting a scientific or graphing calculator. If you're taking Physics you will need a scientific calculator. If you're taking English, you will need the following: one pack of printer paper (if your last name is A-F), 2 poster boards (if your last name is G-M), tissues (if your last name is N-T), or one pack of loose leaf paper (if your last name is U-Z). As always, don't feel pressured if you are in financial need. Please reach out to a teacher or guidance counselor for alternate arrangements.

On a different note, remember that safety is a top priority. We expect you to do your part by wearing IDs and uniforms daily, and if you "see something, or hear something, then say something." Finally, let's keep the lines of communication open. Students – let us know how we can help you. Families – check your child's grades in Focus and don't hesitate to reach out to us with questions, comments, and concerns.

Best wishes for a successful end of term.

- The 11th Grade Team (Mr. Cogan, Ms. Giannini, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. McAfee)



CLASS OF 2022

As the end of the semester is fast approaching, students need to prepare for End of Course Exams and Final Exams. Please continue to be focused on academics for a strong finish. The Spanish classes have been working on projects about the culture of different South American countries. In addition, as part of a professions, employment, and organizations unit, students have researched how to set up nonprofit organizations. Students conducted research and made presentations on their individual organization's purpose and goals to solve problems affecting the community. Have a wonderful and restful winter break!

CLASS OF 2023

We are pleased to announce that all 9th grade will be attending a field trip on December 17, 2019 to see a live performance of "A Christmas Story!" The field trip is at no cost to students and transportation will be provided.

All of 9th grade will be taking the reading/writing portion of the PERT exam Friday December 13, 2019. The test will be proctored during the school day. Students/parents should speak to guidance for questions regarding results/retesting



Upcoming dates:

Biology EOC: Dec 10, 2019Geometry EOC: Dec 11-12, 2019



KEY CLUB

Key Club has had a successful November and is looking forward to a productive December. Key Club's November events were: Alzheimer's Walk and our first ever Key Club Garage Sale. It was so successful that we plan on having another one next year. Looking to continue with our success, Key Club will be doing multiple events in the month of December including: Adopt-a-Street cleanup (date tbd), Help with a Toy Drive at the Davie Elementary School from 4-6 pm on Wed., Dec. 11 and Thurs., Dec. 12, continued help w/Toy Drive at Old Davie School House on Sat., December 14 from 8am-2pm , Horses for the Handicapped event on Sat., Dec. 14 from 8am-12pm, A

Domino's Pizza Card Fundraiser from December 2 to December 16, and a Key Club Holiday Party on Dec. 16 for all our members who wish to attend. As you can see, Key Club is preparing for a very productive month to round out the year and to bring us into the next year, which will be the most productive year yet.

Submitted by: Jose Mendez

Key Club President



BRACE NEWS

Mrs. DiAlberto, BRACE Advisor

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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 11 6-8pm FAFSA Lab for junior and senior parents who bring in all their materials to do FAFSA
- Dec. 17 6-8pm Naviance Workshop, John Mullins Aquatic Center, 2000 NW 55 Ave., Lauderhill 33313
- Feb. 13 6-8pm College Fair at STHS for all grade levels and parents

- March 4 SAT Day at STHS for juniors
- March 10 6-8pm Financial Aid Night, John Mullins Aquatic Center, 2000 NW 55 Ave., Lauderhill 33313
- March 11 ACT Free Practice Test for juniors

Information for Seniors

- 1. Please give me either a copy of your acceptance letter, bring in the original and a copy will be made, or scan and email a copy to me.
- 2. Please make sure that I have a copy of your merit scholarships from the colleges.
- 3. Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship due Dec. 6, 2019
 - a. Have demonstrated commitment to community service
 - b. Outstanding qualities in character, integrity, and leadership
 - c. Plan to enroll full-time at two- or four-year college or university in US
 - d. Have minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
 - e. Demonstrate financial need f. Go to: www.comcastleadersandachieversscholarship.com
 - f. Awarding 800+ scholarships. If selected, will receive \$2,500 award. Select number of awardees may receive awards of \$2,500+.

CAH Science Ambassador Scholarship - due 11:59 pm on Dec. 9, 2019

Go to: sas@cardsagainsthumanity.com

- a. Female
- b. Seek undergraduate STEM Degree
- c. Full-tuition scholarship

Miami Heat Scholarship (there are 3) – due Dec. 13, 2019

- a. Be US citizen or permanent resident
- b. Have 3.2+ cumulative GPA by end of 1st grading period of senior year
- c. Community service
- d. Official transcript from Counselor
- e. Copy of SAT and/or ACT scores
- f. Have unmet financial need submit household's W2 form(s) and a copy of last tax filing (i.e., 1040 form) for all household members

- g. 2 letters of rec. (current high school teacher or administrator) on school letterhead verifying community service and hours performed
- h. Writing sample
- i. College Acceptance Letter
- j. For 1 of the 3 scholarships, letter from High School Athletic Director or Coach on school letterhead verifying candidate's participation in a high school sport

6. Sheridan Technical College Scholarship – due Dec. 19. 2019

- a. Plan to continue your education at Sheridan Technical College
- b. Good moral character
- c. Community involvement
- d. 2 letters of rec. from instructor, counselor, family friend, or employer

7. Emerald Society - due noon, Jan. 31, 2020

- a. Essay: The Fenian Invasion, was it a folly or a true attempt at Irish independence?
- b. Submit essay in Word, type, double space, min. of 500 words, max. of 600 words
- c. Do not include graphics, photos, or resume d. Submit by email to: emeraldftl@gmail.com with subject line: Scholarship

8. Broward County Chiefs of Police Association Scholarship – due March 13, 2020 (postmarked by)

- a. Be dependent/sibling of an employee of Broward County law enforcement agency who is active, retired, or vested
- b. Live in Broward County
- c. Scholastic Achievement
- d. Financial Need
- e. 3.0+ GPA
- f. Community involvement

Information for Juniors

The Coolidge Scholarship – due 5:00 pm, Thurs., Jan. 16, 2020

- a. American citizen or legal permanent resident
- b. Academic excellence

- c. Interest in public policy
- d. Appreciation for the values Pres. Coolidge championed
- e. Humility
- f. Service
- g. Gives room, board, expenses for 4 years at any accredited Amer. Univ. h. Go to: www.coolodgescholars.org Information for Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen

1. Carson Scholars Program – due Dec. 5, 2019

- a. Have minimum3.75 cumulative gpa for this school year (report card)
- b. Be actively involved in community service activities
- c. Essay: 650 word minimum, 750 word maximum
- d. Select one of these essays:
- 1. If you could be any superhero, who would you be and why? Discuss 3 of your admirable qualities and why those qualities are important to you. How might these qualities help you achieve your future goals?
- 2. What is an educated person responsible for in his/her life? In what ways should he/use use that knowledge to impact society?
- e. Essay must not be hand-written.
- f. Essay must have your name and grade on it.
- g. Attach a copy of your last report card.
- h. Give to Mrs. DiAlberto in the BRACE Office (room 115) by Thurs., Dec. 5.

Information for All Grade Levels

Christopher Columbus Essay Contest – due Dec, 10, 2019

- a. Christopher Columbus' first expedition set off in August, 1492. He and his men explored the Caribbean for 5 months. Imagine you are a sailor who accompanied him on this voyage and now have returned to Spain. Describe your impression of Christopher Columbus and perception of the purpose of the expedition. Talk about your experiences on the voyage, detailing the places and people that you have encountered, and what you see as the significance of the discoveries made.
- b. Title of Essay: "A Sailor's Experiences as Part of Christopher Columbus' First Expedition to the Americas"
- c. Length: between 800 and 1,200 words
- 2. Soroptimist of Davie Youth Leadership Award due Dec. 13, 2019
- a. Ages 14-18
- b. Be female

- c. Have demonstrated initiative in identifying a problem and in trying to solve it through volunteer action
- d. Leadership qualities e. Application in BRACE or go to: www.sidavie.org to request one
- f. 2 cash prizes: \$500 for student who wins; \$250 for charity of your choice
- 3. Department of Defense SMART Scholarship-for-Service Program due Jan. 17, 2020
- a. Write original and creative essay that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in

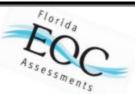
Profiles in Courage.

- b. Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a US elected official who served during or after 1917. The essay may focus on an issue at the local, state, national, or international level.
- c. Use at least 5 varied, reliable sources (books, articles, personal interviews). You are encouraged to use primary source material, such as letters, speeches, and government documents.
- d. Essay must be minimum of 750 words and max. of 1,000 words
- e. John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Edward M. Kennedy are not eligible subjects for essay
- f. 15 Awards: \$100-\$10,000
- g. Go to: JFKLibrary.org/essaycontest

TESTING INFORMATION



Sheridan Technical High School 3775 SW 16th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312 754-321-7450



EOC Prep Session

Saturday • December 7

U.S. History, Biology & Geometry

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Prepare for your Winter EOC's:

Dec. 10 - Biology EOC Exam

Dec. 11 - Geometry EOC Exam • Day 1

Dec. 12 – Geometry EOC Exam • Day 2

Dec. 13 - U.S. History Exam







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