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A NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Mary Barba, Assistant Director

Greetings STHS Stakeholders,

December is here ... 2017 has flown right by as we are close to wrapping up Term 1! The arrival of December brought with it, our End of Course Exams (EOC's) in Biology, Algebra 1, Geometry, and U.S. History. Our students, once again, rose to the occasion and I couldn't be prouder!

Final exams for all other subjects will be administered on December 20th & December 21st from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. After exams, students will have lunch, then be released for the remainder of the day to study for their next exam. Release time will be at 10:55 a.m. with District buses picking up and running their normal routes. If your child is a car rider, also plan on that 10:55 a.m. pickup.

Many events have been taking place through our wonderful clubs. Both Mr. Decker's Business Professionals of America (BPA) and Ms. Charles & Ms. Friedman's Drama Club, Troupe 8356, will be heading to their respective State Competitions when we return. The Key Club, sponsored by Mr. Wisner, has been logging hours sorting goods at a food pantry while Ms. Santana's National Honor Society organized a canned food drive that collected just under 6000 items. I said it before and I will say it again...STHS students are amazing!

As our seniors are diligently working through their final year, there are a few exciting events coming their way very soon: Grad Bash - April 13th; Senior Signing Day - May 10th; Senior Awards will be held on May 22nd; and Prom will be the evening of May 25th. Their senior breakfast will be on May 29th, which is also when students receive the cap and gown they ordered. Very Exciting!!!

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 9th.

DATES OF INTEREST

December 23rd – January 8th

Winter Break

January 8th

Teacher Planning, No School for Students

January 9th

Students Return

January 15th

Martin Luther King Day, No School

browardschools.com/calendars

BRACE

Ms. Dahlia Orris, BRACE Advisor

BRACE Newsletter

BRACE November
Newsletter

<u>Please click here to view important news from</u> BRACE/Counseling Offices via SWAY.

Bright Futures

2017 State University Matrix

FAFSA Completion Initiative for Seniors

College-Bound Athletes

NCAA Eligibility HS News

SAT/College Board News

Prep 4 SAT App

Sending your Official Test Scores

ACT News

Prep 4 ACT App

ACT Online Prep Program - FREE to students on F/R Lunch

Sending your Official Test Scores

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GUIDANCE GURUS

Ms. Felicia Rattray, Senior Counselor

Senior News

Financial need should never limit a student's ambitions.

Founded in 1975, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) empowers Latino families with the knowledge and resources to successfully complete higher education, while providing scholarships and support services to as many exceptional Hispanic American students as possible.

As the nation's largest not-for-profit organization supporting Hispanic American higher education, HSP has awarded more than \$550 million in scholarships and provides a range of impactful programs for students, HSF scholars, alumni, and parents.

Don't let your students miss their opportunity to apply for an HSF scholarship. The application opens January 1, 2018 and closes March 31, 2018. Scholarship recipients will be selected in June 2018. For more information, visit hsf.net.

For details about the College Board's other scholarship partners connected to the PSAT/NMSQT® and PSAT™ 10, please see our scholarships page.

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INNOVATIVE LEARNING CENTER



Ms. Michele Rivera,
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Destiny Online Library Catalog

Reading should be fun as well as educational regardless of age. Creating opportunities to motivate young adults to READ is, at times, especially challenging given their rigorous academic schedules (and social) priorities! Choice and self-selection to "lighter reading" not required for school are ways we can encourage and support our students to read more.

With the winter holidays fast approaching, this is a great time to take advantage of the time to read, relax and rejuvenate! One is sure to find Included in our recent purchase are the 2017-2018 Teens Read award winning books. An annotated description of each of the 15 novels can be found here.

Our Teen Readers' club members are vigorously reading as many of these novels as possible in preparation for the annual Battle of the Books competition against 14 other high schools across the district which will take place in the Spring of 2018.

Did you know...

In 2007 the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) found that students who read for fun almost every day had higher reading scores than those who said that they never or hardly ever read for fun.

The average reader reads 300 words per minute. If a teen reads just 15 minutes per day, that adds up to 31,500 words per week. Studies show that for every 100,000 words read, the reader's vocabulary growth is 50%.

In a 2005 online survey via <u>SmartGirl.org</u>, the majority of teens responding said they would read more if they knew about more good books and other materials to read.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY IN BUSINESS

Mr. Robert Decker & Miss Z

MOS Certifications



STHS is proud to be a showcase school for Microsoft again this year. Our freshman students have had eight attempts at Microsoft Office Suite (MOS) certification exams thus far (maximum allowance three per application). We are very proud of our 75 students, 95% have obtained Word, 89% have earned PowerPoint, 23% gained Excel and all have been assisting with beta testing 2016 Outlook (only one student passed), within Gmetrix & Certiport.

A special well deserved "shout out" to *Bryan Hernandez, Yevgeniy Khan & Herdyne Joseph* who have already earned four certifications. The first since the inception of STHS, especially since Excel in not typically taught until Junior year.

The following 14 students also deserve recognition as they are bundle completers

(earning three certifications); Brandon Sanchez, Kevin Garcia, Angie Gomes, Penter Homles, Samuel Nathan, Maureene St. Phard, Omari Sutherland, Brittany Barnes, Nicolas Gazzano, Shambria Williams, Jackson Fisher, Deja Scott, Michael Sibblies & Carrell Welch.

In addition to gaining MOS Certifications our students have been engaged in the following content; Building a Career in e-commerce, Ethical Legal and Social Responsibilities in Business, Business Structures, Revenue Models (analyzing business plans) & Building a Website.

MULTIMEDIA / TV PRODUCTION CLUB

Ms. Michele Rivera, Sponsor



The school's Multimedia/TV Production Club is comprised of two distinct, yet overlapping, components: The Morning Howl — a live news reporting show that broadcasts each morning and The Howler, a student news website created and produced "by the students for the students". This project was brought to life by senior, Dakota Valdes. To accomplish this, he manages a staff of about 10 students, who typically work after school on their own time. Students from each and every grade were recruited to ensure equal representation who cover grade level specific as well as overall

school stories. Collaboration among the team is key as decision on topics and features are continuously made and roles and responsibilities are fulfilled in order to meet deadlines. Throughout the process, students are practicing and applying technology skills while also developing their independence, self-regulation, self-management, teamwork, and organizational skills.

Students are asked to sign up with their student number and create their own personalized password. Passwords can be reset if needed. With their ability to log on, students are able comment on articles if they wish as well as reply to other comments posted by their peers. Comments are vetted to ensure they are appropriate prior to publishing. Given the fact that this is a student news website, there is a 'contact us' page that allows students to submit feedback and suggestions for activities to cover or changes to be considered. The site features lunches for the week, grade-level specific information, clubs, general school news/events, and sports. Be sure to check it out at sthshowler.com! You won't be disappointed!

ATHLETICS

Coach Greenfield, Sponsor

Soccer STHS vs. Atlantic Tech

Great effort by our Soccer Team. They played hard, but fell to Atlantic Tech 5-3. The next soccer game will be against McFatter Tech in January.

SPOKEN WORD

Zsalé Haghighat, Sponsor

Open Mic Opportunities



If you have interest in Spoken Word, please show support to fellow poets at monthly open mics.

The VoiceBox 7P
ArtServe, Fort Lauderdale
Sign up begins at 6:30P

Lyrical Lounge 7P

<u>City of Sunrise Art Gallery</u>

Sign up begins at 6:30P

DRAMA

Ms. Friedman & Ms. Charles, Sponsors

Drama Troupe 8356



Congratulations to our Drama Club, Troupe 8356. This past Saturday, our students competed against hundreds of students in the District competition. We are excited to announce that the troupe has earned a bid to compete in the State competition in March, which is being held in Tampa, FL.

21 acts performed and we walked away with 13 Excellent Ratings and 3 Superior Ratings

Special Congratulations to:

Davanithe Evra who received a Superior for Publicity under the technical category

Lorena Manasturean and Nickolas Garbis who received a Superior in Duet Acting performance

Herdyne Joseph, Janelle Robinson, Keyara Augustine, Leeona Lyons, and Maxie Jean-Pierre who received a Superior for their Pantomime performance

KEY CLUB

Gregory Wisnor, Sponsor

Feeding South Florida



We (Key Club) volunteered at Feeding South Florida this past Saturday December, 16th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. We were given the task of packing radishes into bags and helped clean up afterwards. We packed over 500 bags, containing about 10,000 radishes. We all had fun and were glad to contribute to fulfill the mission of ending hunger in South Florida.

STAFF VS. STUDENTS TEAMBUILDING

Susan Collins, Sponsor

Challenge Accepted



The staff challenged the volleyball team to a match on Wednesday. Great plays and moments were had by all players, but a few of the most notable players were: Daniella Boyd, who dominated the serve for her team, and Ms. Segal, who dominated the serve for = the staff. Amaan Hosang controlled the net for his team, and Mr. Wisner for the staff. Both games were extremely close and competitive, but the staff squeaked out the victories.; 25-22 and 28-26.

Lots of laughs and fun were had by spectators and players. Next challenge, kickball?

WOLVES OF CHARACTER

Andie Segal, Sponsor

October Responsibility



"Emerging Technology in Business would like to recognize Jaeden Perez for cooperation. In just ten days he has made himself knows for cooperating with the communal comfortable classroom ideals that we strive to have. He is willing to assist both fellow students and teacher for the common good. Jaeden is a pleasure to have in Emerging Technology in Business!"

~ Miss Z



"Jaydon Antoine exemplifies everything we want our students to demonstrate daily: consistently reliable, cooperative, kind, and responsible! He is an all-around great kid!"

~ Mrs. Rivera

November Citizenship



"Lucky Baydoun helped a fellow student who was dropped off at the bus depot instead of school...Lucky brought this to the attention of the office staff who helped the student get to school."

~ Mrs. Mueller

