

A NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Mary Barba, Assistant Director

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year. As you have heard, there is a new normal defining how we conduct ourselves moving forward. In accordance of district policy, when visiting our campus, all guests are required to go to the STAR desk where you will be required to present identification and receive a visitor's badge. Please allow yourself time to get through the clearance process when coming to pick up your child or attending a meeting. Thank you for your understanding.

Parents, your help is needed... STHS has several School Advisory Committee (SAC) positions available for the new school year. If you're interested in joining, please plan on attending the SAC Parent Elections Meeting this Tuesday, Sept. 4th at 5:00 & 6:35 p.m. before each back-to-school meeting.

Positions available for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:

- 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grade parent representatives
- ESOL, ESE & Gifted parent representatives
- SAF & I-Zone parent representatives

The first SAC meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 5th @ 7:30 a.m. at Sheridan Technical College.

If you haven't done so yet, please complete your online Code-of-Conduct back-to-school forms at <u>"Back to School Online Forms Wizard"</u>. There are 2 steps to this process. Step-by-step instructions have been sent to you via the email account we presently have on file.

As a safety/security measure, we will be conducting monthly code drills, per district mandate. You will be notified via parent link before and after each drill. And parents, thank you for your unwavering assistance with your children's uniform and ID compliance. Your participation has made a difference.

After school tutoring, homework help, and Clubs are in full force. Students are able to take the activity buses home @ 3:15 but must turn in completed (parent signed) "club transportation forms" confirming the appropriate drop-off school before they can ride the bus.

Thank you for all that you do. I look forward to an excellent school year! -MB

DATES OF INTEREST

September 3rd

Labor Day - No School

September 4th

Back-to-School Parent Night

September 5th

SAC meeting @ STC

September 10th

No School

September 17th

Interim Reports Issues

September 19th

No School

Broward Schools 2018/19 Calendars

SENIOR'S MESSAGE

Senior Teachers;

Mr. Richard Berman,

Mr. Ozkan Keskinkaya, Ms. Wendy Payne

& Mr. Peter Wizenberg

Welcome Back...
this time as Seniors!

There are so many exciting things in store for the Class of 2019 – College applications, Grad Bash, Senior Prom and Graduation. The special events of Senior year do have requirements: so please keep an eye on your attendance and grades. Seniors with too many absences or tardies or unsatisfactory grades will not be permitted to attend Grad Bash or Prom. If there is any way your teachers or counselors can help you, please let us know. Speaking of helping: Seniors will be working on Khan Academy in every academic class to help them prepare and improve for the SAT, as well

as AP exams. Stay tuned for important dates and deadlines.

JUNIORS'S MESSAGE

Junior Teachers;

Ms. Nancy Barba, Mr. Jason Cogan,

Ms. Helena Giannini &

Ms. Bethany McAfee

Welcome 11th Graders

Dear Juniors and Families;

The 2020 class slogan is "20/20 vision — we don't see competition." Juniors clearly have a successoriented mindset, and I'm delighted to say they're certainly off to a formidable start this school year. Students — there are now great expectations on your shoulders. You're balancing academic classes, CDE Programs, and preparing to take the SAT. Know that we are here to support and empower you. This includes coaching you through an individualized <u>SAT-Preparation Program via Khan Academy</u>, and offering tutoring almost every day. Check the schedule as dates may be added or change, but as of now dates include:

SAT, FSA, ELA (Monday & Friday)

SAT Math

(Monday & Friday)

Math, Pre-Calculus, Calculus

(Tuesday & Thursday)

Algebra, Geometry (Tuesday & Friday)

Biology, Chemistry

(Tuesday)

Spanish

(Tuesday & Thursday)

Computer Science, Physics

(Friday)

EOC (Saturday dates TBD)

AP US History (Thursday starting in November)

AP Human Geography (Thursday starting in spring)

AP Environmental Science (Monday starting in spring)

On a different note, I'd like to ensure you that safety is a top priority. We expect students to do their part by wearing IDs and uniforms daily (STHS club shirts are allowed on Fridays). Safety also means that if you see "see something, or hear something, then say something." Students and families should have reviewed the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and completed all Back to School Form. Without these, students will not be able to participate in field trips or club activities. Finally, let's keep the lines of communication open. Students, use your voice, tell us how we can help you. Families, you can see your child's grades in Focus, and you can always reach out to us with questions, comments, and concerns. We love hearing from you.

Best wishes for a productive year, Helena C. Giannini, M.S. Environmental and Forensic Science Instructor 11th Grade Team Leader



SOPHOMORE'S MESSAGE

Sophomore Teachers;

Ms. Maria Agudelo, Ms. Ashley Asselta, Mr. Jay Feinstein, Mr. Michael Fisher, Ms. Rita Horton, Ms. Brittney Novotny, Ms. Marisa Santana & Mr. Ruslan Tabachynsky

Welcome 10th Graders

We're happy to announce 10th grade students are starting off the 2018-2019 school year on the right track. Our classroom communities are working as professional learning communities where students are encouraged to learn, explore, and persevere. Following classroom norms and procedures is key to success. Please continue to abide by school and classroom rules, so that we have a positive and productive school year. With continued hard work and commitment, we know this will be a successful school year.

We thank you parents for your continued support and dedication to your child's education. Working together will ensure your child reaches their full potential this school year.

In English II Honors students have been exploring what it means to be a good digital citizen, which is imperative in today's world. Some of the topics we have focused on are privacy and online digital footprints. Parents, we highly encourage you to check out the FamilyTipSheets created by Commonsense media to make certain your child is doing the right thing online.

FRESHMEN'S MESSAGE

Freshmen Teachers;

Mr. Robert Decker, Ms. Renka Friedman,

Mr. Jose Montanez, Mr. Thomas Ogden,

Mr. Kyle Schroeder, Ms. Mariuxi Tinajero,

Ms. Dineen Williams &

Mr. Gregory Wisner

Welcome 9th Graders

We hope you have had a chance to get acclimated to the high school setting and are well on your way to finding success in your classes. If you have any questions or concerns about your classes, talk to your counselor, Ms. Rattray, as well as your teacher. We are here to help!

Club rush took place last week so many of you will be staying after school for your club meetings. Before you can participate you must have all your online forms (& Code completed, so please be sure to get this done right away. Work with you parents... use your school laptop to access the link and knock it out. Please complete by going to Back to School Forms.

After school tutoring has already started. If you need help in a specific subject or want to stay after to complete homework you can take the activity bus home. Before you can do this, you will need to have you Club Permission Slip signed by a parent and including the schools closest to your home.

In 9th grade, we prepare students for their EOC (End-of-Course) Exams. Based on the courses they are taking, students may have Biology, Algebra 1 and Geometry. We encourage all students to be active participant in class and complete all assignments in and out of school; and we ask parents to be actively engaged in their child's education. We will communicate with parents, so please be sure to take our calls and respond to emails or text messages.

Freshmen Dates of Interest

Debate - First after school tournament 9/12

Emerging Tech - Microsoft Testing starts in September

Spanish 1 and 3 - Tutoring starts in September, Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15 - 10/15

GUIDANCE ADVICE

Ms. Felicia Rattray, Freshman Counselor

Florida Shines

The following planning resources will assist your students in discovering more information to guide them as they make decisions about their graduation program of study and develop their college and career goals:

The <u>College and Career Planner</u> will help your students make informed decisions about their educational choices, so they can make a postsecondary plan that fits their needs.

The Academic Success Worksheets help your students learn how to be more organized, manage their study time and stay on track. Additional topics include the following.

Managing Your Time

Note Taking Skills

Developing Study Skills

Test Taking Strategies

Using Your Planner Effective

The College Checklist allows students to start the year out right by planning for their future. The following checklists are available:

Grade 9: Freshman College Checklist

Grade 10: Sophomore College Checklist

Grade 11: Junior College Checklist

Grade 12: Senior College Checklist

The <u>MyCareerShines website</u> allows students to learn more about themselves, explore careers and plan a path to success!

CAREER DUAL ENROLLMENT LAB

Ms. Henrietta Irizarry-Ortiz & Ms. Zsalé Haghighat, aka Miss Z



We welcomed beginning and continuing students into our Career Dual Enrollment Lab (CDE). Presently we are hosting individuals studying; Information Technology Core, Business Management Analysis, Computer Programming, Network Systems Administration & Medical Coding / Billing. The students work with teachers in person and remotely via Desire2Learn. The students are in the lab for three hour blocks working toward their chosen industry certifications.



Presently the CDE courses STHS offers are; Automotive, Barbering, Cosmetology, Massage Therapy, Business Supervision & Management, Legal Administrative Specialist, Business Computer Programming, Computer Systems and Information Technology, Digital Media/Multimedia Design, Network Support Services, Network Systems Administration, Air Conditioning & Heating Technology, Carpentry & Drafting, Electricity, Plumbing, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Principles of Teaching, Medical Assisting, Medical Coder/Biller, Practical Nursing and Pharmacy Technician. To learn more of about our CDE opportunities, please STHS Technical Programs. We are looking forward to a very stimulating and successful 2018 – 19 school year!



PRACTICAL NURSING

Ms. Emmanuela Desir Practical Nursing Instructor

It is another exciting year for the Sheridan Technical Arts High School Practical Nursing Program! Our seniors are on their final year of

nursing school and there is much to be accomplished. Students will soon be presenting on a medically related topic that they are passionate about in front of a panel of health care professionals from the local community. Students are also advancing in their nursing skills at our clinical facilities. This year students will be providing total patient care from feeding to bathing to administering medications and documenting care. To showcase their skills, students plan to enroll in SKILLS USA for practical nursing. For many, nursing school has many challenges but as topics and requirements are advancing, they have the full support of the instructor and administration.

EXTRACURICULAR CLUBS

Club Rush

We recently held Club Rush where the students were introduced to the many extracurricular clubs STHS offers after school hours. Below is a list of all clubs and their sponsors. To learn more, please see STHS clubs.

Yearbook – Ms. Yvette Katz

Spoken Word – Ms. Zsalé Haghighat

2D / 3D Art – Mr. Michael Fisher

Geek Out – Mr. Michael Fisher

Cheerleading – Ms. Dineen Williams

Ecology – Ms. Brittney Novotny

SECME (Southeastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering) – Mr. Richard Berman

Key Club – Mr. Kenneth Rolle

Mu Alpha Theta – Mr. Ozkan Keskinkaya

Debate – Ms. Renka Friedman

Drama – Ms. Esther Charles

Business / Entrepreneurs – Mr. Robert Decker

VEX Robotix – Mr. Richard Berman & Mr. Ruslan Tabachynsky

Step / Dance – Ms. Tangela Robinson

Student Government Assoc. – Ms. Wendy Payne

National Honors Society – Ms. Marisa Santana

Sports Club Coach (Flag Football, Basketball, Soccer & Volleyball) – Mr. Kyle Schroeder

Men of Vision – Mr. Kenneth Rolle

Women of Tomorrow – Ms. Andie Segal

Take Stock in Children – Ms. Andie Segal

Music - Ms. Dianna Cariello

Teen Readers – Ms. Yvette Katz

Senior Class Sponsor – Ms. Marisa Santana

Junior Class Sponsors – Ms. Esther Charles &

Ms. Renka Friedman

Sophomore Class Sponsor – Ms. Brittney Novotny

Freshman Class Sponsor – Mr. Kenneth Rolle

Academic Competition Sponsors

Language Arts – Ms. Wendy Payne

Math – Mr. Ozkan Keskinkaya

Science – Mr. Richard Berman

Social Studies – Mr. Jason Cogan

Foreign Language – Ms. Maria Agudelo

ANIME CLUB

Michael Fisher Technology Studies 10th Grade



We will meet each 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month

If you love to create, then this is the place for you.

Our club will be working in both 2D and 3D art with various types of media. The plan is to help expand your artistic experiences in as many media as possible. Hopefully you are interested in trying: Painting, Sculpting, ceramics, 3D printing, woodworking, metal working and much more.

We can travel to Classes, Museums and Conferences to learn and network. (Fees will apply). Secondly we will participate in art shows, community events and school wide activities to show our skills. Lastly, we will be working with the Drama Club to help create props and stage dressings needed for their performances.

Dues: New Member \$20 (Includes Shirt).

Returning Member \$10

If you have any questions, see Mr. Fisher in room 107.

CHEERLEADING CLUB

Ms. Dineen Williams Freshmen English

Interest Meeting Tuesday Sept 4 - Tryouts Sept 11 & 18!

Wolves got spirit yes we do, wolves got spirit, how 'bout you!

Are you interested in pepping up school spirit? Can you tumble, jump and shout? Sign up for Wolf Cheer! Try-outs coming soon!



Can't wait to see you in Blue, Silver and White! See Ms. Williams for details!

DEBATE

Ms. Renka Friedman Freshmen Debate

Debate Season 2018 - 19



STHS Debate team will be starting their exciting debate season this month with an after-school tournament on Wednesday, September 12 and their first, weekend tournament on September 22 at Fort Lauderdale High School. Please wish our team luck as they continue to raise their voices to change the world.

ECOLOGY CLUB

Brittney Novotny

Marine Science Honors Teacher



Ready To Get Your Hands Dirty

My name is Mrs. Novotny and I am the Ecology Club Sponsor. The ecology club takes care of the certified monarch garden at the back of the school, maintains the class spirit gardens, we also dabble in hydroponics. Students assist in maintaining the fish tanks in the ILC and in my classroom. The Ecology Club also participates in beach and park cleanups for service hours. We also take care of the recycling bins around the school. So if you are ready to get your hands dirty and make plants and fish alike flourish, as well as take care of our planet join the ecology club.

GEEK OUT CLUB

Michael Fisher Technology Studies 10th Grade



We will meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the Month.

Are you a Geek? Then join us...

We are the group that delve into the unknown, sometimes known and just plain weird and cool.

We will be meeting to discuss and play in various genre of the geek world. Our plans are to have game tournaments, watch movies, play role playing games and more.

We are planning trips to the <u>Renaissance</u> <u>Festival</u>, conventions and local geek hot spots (fees will apply).

Any questions see Mr. Fisher room 107.



SPOKEN WORD

Ms. Zsalé Haghighat, aka Miss Z Career Dual Enrollment Lab Facilitator

Stop by room 159 any 3^{rd} Tuesday, our next gathering is September 1:50 – 3:10p

Our club is about coming together, sharing of poetry, beats and encouraging creative flow. We have partnered with <u>bluapple Poetry</u> & <u>Jason Taylor Foundation</u> to encourage performances at two local open mics; <u>Lyrical Lounge</u> & <u>VoiceBox</u>, as well as the nationally recognized <u>Louder Than A Bomb poetry slam</u>. LTABFLA takes place each spring. The documentary <u>"Louder Than A Bomb"</u> may bring insight to Spoken Word. A club fee of \$25, to cover LTAB entry fee, will be assessed from each member.

Past accomplishments; LTABFLA 2017 we had six individual & two teams of poets compete, both Tannesia & Tiphany competed and gained respect (especially Tannesia for "Black Girl Magic"). Obey Mima auditioned as an individual poet for LTAB 2016 & received a very warm welcome (snap, snap!) for her piece "Suicidal." In 2015 our poet, Sahara received a Blue Ribbon from the City of Davie for a MLK poem.

A poetry slam is a competition in which poets read or recite original work. Poetry slams began in Chicago in 1984 with its first competition designed to move poetry recitals from academia to a popular audience when American poet Marc Smith began experimenting with existing open microphone venues for poetry readings by making them competitive. The performances at a poetry slam are judged by a panel of judges, typically five, and usually selected from the audience, or sometimes judged by audience response. The judges usually give each poem a score on a scale of 0–10 (zero

being the worst and ten being the best). The highest and lowest scores are dropped and the middle three are kept. The highest score one can receive is a 30 and the lowest one is a zero.

Miss Z will be off campus attending bluapple Poetry's Educators Orientation September 26th and will return sharing information regarding this year's open mics, virtual showcases, C.O.R.E. program, Youth Poet Laureate, Ballpoint Podcast, and the upcoming LTABFLA Road Show.

Stay in the know regarding upcoming open mics, meetings and any other poetry options) by joining our <u>"Remind."</u>

SOCIAL MEDIA

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twitter.com/Sheridan Tech

facebook.com/BrowardTechColleges

facebook.com/Sheridan-Technical-College

instagram.com/SheridanTechnicalCollege

DISTRICT NEWS

What's New in the 2018/19 School Year Volume 2



BCPS' first day of school was, Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Below is Volume 2 of What's New in the 2018/19 school year.

Highlights in this edition include:

- Schools welcoming new principals
- International Academy for Newcomer
 English Language Learners
- What's new on the menu
- Back to school online forms
- New and improved E-Store for families

Please view What's New in 2018/19 – Volume 2 to learn more.

THE 'R' WORD

By Roandra Landell, Senior

"Achilles, use your heel"

I am not a big fan of Greek mythology or anything like that. Never read a Percy Jackson book or watched the movies. But I do read a good amount and watch a lot of tv shows and through my 17 years have heard the words "Achilles Heel" quite a bit. The story of Achilles was about a warrior who when he was a baby his mom dipped him in some liquid to protect his body during war. But, she held his ankle to dip him, so it didn't get the liquid and became the only vulnerable spot on his body. Fast forward to him fighting and someone shot him on his heel with an arrow and he died. (RIP Achilles killed by a heel wound).



Even though it's easy for us to laugh and judge Achilles for the way he died, there is much meaning in his story that our generation needs to grasp. How many times did you hold yourself back from doing something beneficial, because you were insecure about your ability to do it? Many times, we have allowed our weak points (insecurities) to control our lives and kill our aspirations. There are many things that can cause teenagers to feel insecure, in their personal lives and academically. Instagram is telling you that you must dress a certain way, always post something funny, get 100 likes in 10 minutes even though you only have 50 followers. Snapchat reminds us of the number of friends WE DON'T HAVE, you want everyone to view your story and respond to you. Sometimes social media can become a mirror that reflects our insecurities. Some of us crave attention which leads us to engage in unfulfilling friendships and relationships that contribute nothing to our personal growth, but we stay because they distract us from the self-hatred we feel. Others can't keep friends for too long or have long-term relationships because they are scared people are going to get too close and will hurt them. The thing that you believe protects you the most is often the thing that hurts you in the end. People can be weaknesses too. Some people in our lives use the love and respect we have for them to manipulate us into situations we wouldn't normally be in. They can somehow convince us that we should accept whatever they do to us, no matter how many times, good or bad because love and respect equals unlimited forgiveness. But that equation is flawed, and you will start to see yourself like how that person sees you, weak.

Like Achilles we go out into the world, to school or around friends and we act untouchable. I don't blame you, no one wants to announce to the world their weaknesses like a badge of honor and you shouldn't have to. But, your weaknesses shouldn't dictate where you start and stop when it comes to accomplishing your goals, when your dreaming about your future or even the small things. Often, we allow the thought that we might get shot in the heel to hold us back, so we don't put much effort in because we are scared. Adding fear to your weaknesses is like trying to extinguish a fire with kerosene oil, only makes it worse. It's important for us to manifest these weaknesses into strengths and have them work for us. Try this by stepping out and doing something you never thought you would be able to do and sometimes you may not get the results the first time, but at least you tried. Don't stop though, keep going and eventually you will see how the thing that used to hold you back becomes a reason for you to push through. No longer is your heel (weakness) constantly worrying you are making you feel inadequate, now you can step out and make your mark on this world. You may be able to inspire someone to work on themselves and make a turn around to become the best person they can be.

Weakness — Strengths

- Find someone to talk to, who listens, doesn't judge and supports you.
- Keep an end goal in mind and don't stop pushing until you meet it.

 Be patient with yourself and understand that nothing happens overnight, and you will eventually be where you want to be.

 Know that by you bettering yourself and you are inspiring someone to get their self together also.

-R.

