

Take a Look at Schaumburg High School



Schaumburg High School has a tradition of excellence, pride and school spirit. The facts below are just some of the many reasons for “Saxon Pride!”

- Schaumburg High School has an enrollment of **2,170** students for the 2019-20 school year.
- The average daily attendance at SHS for the 2018-19 school year was **96%**.
- **91%** of the class of 2019 is attending a college or university, earning over **\$8.2 million** dollars in merit-based scholarships.
- **86%** of the Class of 2020 have enrolled in at least one dual credit or an Advanced Placement course during high school.
- **1,437 Advanced Placement** exams were taken at SHS in 2019.
- Schaumburg HS had 29 students from the Class of 2019 who were recognized as **Academic Scholars**, earning a minimum 3.90 regular grade point average or a minimum 4.70 weighted grade point average at the culmination of the seventh semester.
- Schaumburg had 82 **Illinois State Scholars** in the Class of 2019.
- 14 Schaumburg HS students earned commended recognition for the **National Merit Scholarship Program** for the class of 2019.
- Schaumburg HS had one senior student named to the **Northwest Suburban Daily Herald Leadership Team**.
- Two SHS students were nominated as “**Youth Volunteer of the Year**” by the Village of Schaumburg.
- **Saxon PRIDE** represents what SHS students aspire to be every day! Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, Everyone. Over 140 students were nominated for Saxon PRIDE awards by staff members in 2018-19 as our students exemplified Saxon PRIDE in and out of the classroom.
- The **Principal’s Advisory Board** promotes Saxon PRIDE through ongoing communication between our principal, students and faculty members.
- **The Parent Advisory Council, The Very Interested Parent Boosters Club** and the **Band Boosters** work in partnership with SHS to foster and support amazing programming for our students.
- The Parent Advisory Council held their third annual student-focused job fair, “**Opportunity Knocks**” in April 2019. With over 300 students in attendance, 40 employers provided work opportunities for SHS, CHS and HEHS students.
- SHS will hold its 5th bi-annual **St. Baldrick’s** event on Friday, March 13, 2020. Thanks to SHS students, staff and community, we have raised over \$430,000 with over 800 participants to support cancer research through the St. Baldrick’s foundation.
- In honor of Veteran’s Day, students and staff sent letters to veterans and raised \$3,000 to support Honor Flight Chicago which is dedicated to honoring America’s most senior war veterans by flying them to Washington D.C. to tour the memorials built in their honor.
- Through a student-initiated effort in their Business Management course, SHS students promoted Autism Acceptance. They implemented a week-long event to include spirit, education and fundraising. By bringing students and staff together, they raised over \$1,200 which supports our own SHS Autism program.
- In 2018, more than 1,200 SHS students took part in a free cardiac screening to detect conditions that may cause sudden cardiac death. ECGs were conducted by **Young Hearts for Life**, and SHS will be offering this program to all students on **October 17, 2019** during PE classes.
- Schaumburg High School recognized Susan Converse as our **2018-19 Distinguished Graduate (Class of 1977)**. Susan enjoyed success in the journalism field prior to changing careers to become a special education teacher. She received the Those Who Excel Team Award, The Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award, and most recently, the Illinois State Board of Education 2019 Teacher of the Year.
- The **ESL Department** currently has 119 students from 20 different countries, with 19 different first languages spoken by our students.
- **Foreign Exchange Program** offers study abroad opportunities, with 14 SHS students visiting either Ecuador, Canada or Germany this summer. Students immerse themselves in the culture by taking classes, staying with host families, and exploring sites within the country. In addition, SHS hosted 9 students from Germany in April.
- 3 SHS students participated in the **MCTA Chinese Speech Contest**. One student won a Gold medal in level 5 and two students won Silver medals in Levels 1 and 3.
- 26 junior and senior students earned the **Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy** by proving their proficiency in English and at least one other language.
- SHS has active student participants in the art community by participating in the **Harper Regional Art Show, Building Steam Art Show** presented by the **Prairie Center for the Arts, Moonwaltz Film Festival, Screen Test Student Fest**, and the **Illinois High School Art Exhibition (IHSAE)**.
- At the Harper Art Show, A Senior **SHS student** won “Best in Show” for a second time. This was the first time a student has won “Best in Show” twice in the history of the Regional Art Show.

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- At the ISHAE senior show 5 students from Schaumburg High School were selected to showcase artwork at the exhibit. The total senior scholarship amount earned for Schaumburg High School was **\$544,544**.
 - **National Art Honor Society**, a service based art club, was founded last year at SHS. The active participants created a mural for the Schaumburg Teen Center that showcased the city from a teen perspective.
 - **Schaumburg High School’s Music Department** has been recognized as a “Grammy Signature School” since 2004.
 - The **Saxon Marching Band** was named “Outstanding High School Marching Band” in the 2018 Septemberfest Parade.
 - The **SHS Choir and Orchestra** programs traveled to and performed in New York City.
 - The **SHS Jazz Ensemble** performed with the Jazz Consortium Big Band at Durty Nellie’s and the Mark Colby Quartet at the Jazz Showcase.
 - The **SHS Band** raised over \$1,600 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention through their annual Band-Aid Concerts.
 - Six SHS students were selected for the **Illinois All-State Music Ensembles** for band, choir, and orchestra.
 - Seventy-two SHS Music events received Division I “Superior” Ratings at **IHSA Music Solo and Ensemble Festival**. Five events received “Best of Day” honors.
 - SHS had 63 students selected for the 2018–2019 **District 211 Honors Music Ensembles**.
- Saxons 2018-19 Clubs and Activities**
- At the freshmen state level, SHS **Debate** finished 1st in Lincoln Douglas and 2nd in Congressional Debate. At the IHSA Varsity Tournament, SHS finished 3rd in Public Forum, 4th in Lincoln-Douglas, and 9th in Congressional Debate and qualified four debaters to the Speech and Debate Association’s Nationals.
 - **SHS’s Freshman Math Team** took 4th place in their division last year. The calculator team took 3rd place in the regional competition with 5 individuals competing in the Illinois State Competition.
 - **SHS Chess Team** finished in the top half of the MSL conference during the season. By playing well at Sectionals, the team qualified for the State tournament where they finished in 42nd place, which is the highest state ranking in SHS history.
 - **Engineering Club** participated for the third year in the Township High School District 214 Robot Rumble taking 1st place. Our students built the champion, “*Another Menacing Robot Name*” last school year. Returning this year with the same robot would be cutting our club’s namesake short, so this year we will be building an even better bot to return with.
 - **Business Professionals of America (BPA)** had over 50 SHS students compete at the state competition, with fifteen students placing in the top ten of their events. Three students placed in the top five and one student placed first in the nation at our national competition in Anaheim, California, May 2019.
 - **Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)** successfully completed their second year, with 29 students competing at the Illinois State Conference and one student qualifying for Nationals.
 - **SHS Flags** participated in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit hosting a tournament at SHS, hosting over 36 teams across the Midwest.
 - **Poetry Club** and **Slam Team** put on the 7th annual April Poetry Month Showcase at SHS. The Slam Team participated in Louder Than a Bomb in Chicago, the largest teen poetry slam competition in the world.
 - During 2018-19, over 300 students performed in **plays, musicals, and other stage performances** including Improv Night, SHS Variety Show, *Tartuffe, James and the Giant Peach, Anything Goes*, and our SHS Dance Show.
 - Students and staff participated in two annual blood drives and the Schaumburg Township’s Adopt-A-Family program with support from NHS students.
 - **Student Council** partnered with Bernie’s Book Bank and collected over 1,900 used books from students and staff. These books will provide 167 children with 12 books this upcoming school year. Bernie’s Book Bank’s goal is to distribute 3.6 million books to the 300,000 children in need throughout the Chicagoland area.
 - SHS participated in the annual D211 **Operation Snowball** event with over 300 students and staff participating. D211 Operation Snowball Chapter was named by OS, Inc. as the 2018 Outstanding Snowball Chapter.
- Saxons 2018-19 Athletics**
- **Girls Swimming:** 2 State qualifiers and a Sectional Champion and State Medalist
 - **Girls Tennis:** 3 State qualifiers and a Sectional Champion
 - **Competitive Cheer:** State Qualifying Team
 - **Boys Basketball:** Regional Champions
 - **Girls Bowling:** MSL Conference, Champions, Regional Champions, Sectional Champions, 7th place in state and 3 State Medalists
 - **Girls Gymnastics:** Individual State Medalist
 - **Boys Wrestling:** 2 State Qualifiers
 - **Boys Gymnastics:** MSL Conference Champions, Sectional Champions, 6th place in state and 2 State Medalists
 - **Girls Track and Field:** State Qualifier
 - **Boys Lacrosse:** MSL Conference Champions
 - **Girls Badminton:** Sectional Champion Doubles Team and 4 State Qualifiers