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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

### **Semester Grading System**

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have passed the first six-week grading checkpoint of first semester. Schaumburg High School utilizes a grading system that is like the typical collegiate grading system. The semester grading system allows students 18 weeks to demonstrate understanding and growth in their courses. In-progress grades and teacher comments are provided at both the 6-week and 12-week checkpoints, prior to the final semester grade being issued after 18 weeks at the conclusion of the semester. Most classes at Schaumburg High School also issue final exams. The final semester grade is weighted at 80% for student work during the semester and 20% for the final exam. The final semester grades are the only grades that are listed on the student's high school transcript.

Staying engaged and keeping up with academic work during the middle 6 weeks of the semester can set students up for success at the end of the semester and for final exams. If at any time during the semester you feel your child needs additional academic support, please do not hesitate to reach out to their teachers or counselor. Included in this newsletter is information about where students can



access tutoring both during the school day and after school. In addition to this support, we also have a test makeup room where students can go makeup assessments from when they are absent from school. As a reminder, parents can access course information through Schoology. If for any reason you are having trouble accessing Schoology for a specific course, please reach out to the individual teacher for that course so that they can assist in providing you access. Regularly checking grades in Infinite Campus is a great way to keep up to date on how your student is performing. If you have trouble accessing grade and attendance information through Infinite Campus for your child, please contact student services at 847-755-4630.

Sincerely,

Brian Harlan  
Principal

## **YOUNG HEARTS FOR LIFE**

On Thursday, December 9th, Schaumburg High School is pleased to be participating in Young Hearts for Life. Young Hearts for Life offers free cardiac screenings in the form of electrocardiograms (ECGs) to all students to detect conditions that may result in Sudden Cardiac Death. All screenings will take place during the school day. Participation is optional, but this is a great opportunity for all Schaumburg High School students. Additional information, including a parent consent form for participation, will be communicated closer to the event. We are currently seeking parent volunteers to assist in running this event. To sign up to volunteer for this great opportunity for our students, [please click here](#). More information on Young Hearts for Life can be found on their website, [www.yh4l.org](http://www.yh4l.org).

## **SCHAUMBURG HIGH SCHOOL TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES**

Schaumburg High School offers many opportunities for students to get additional academic support both during the school day and outside of school hours. English, math, and science tutoring are offered throughout the school day in the media center. Please see below for additional tutoring opportunities at Schaumburg High School.

**Math Tutoring:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 2:55 - 3:45 p.m. in the media center

**Science Tutoring:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. in the media center.

**Spanish and French Tutoring:** Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00 - 7:25 a.m.. Spanish tutoring is located in room 3S and French tutoring is located in room 1S.

## **LATE START REMINDERS**

Student late starts are scheduled periodically on Tuesday mornings throughout the year. On these days, the school day for students begins promptly at 8:50 a.m. Please note that the busses depart for their routes at 8:15 am on these mornings. Please see below for the remaining late start dates for the 2021-2022 school year.

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| • September 21, 2021 | • January 18, 2022  | • March 15, 2022 |
| • October 26, 2021   | • February 1, 2022  | • April 19, 2022 |
| • November 9, 2021   | • February 15, 2022 |                  |
| • December 7, 2021   | • March 1, 2022     |                  |

For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please access the following TTD/TTY telephone number: (847) 755-4654.



If you require assistance while visiting our school, please contact the principal's office at (847) 755-4600.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### September 24

Homecoming Football Game  
7:30 p.m. – Stadium

### September 25

Homecoming Dance  
7:00 p.m. – Outdoors

### September 29

Parent Academy  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

### October 5

Early Dismissal – 11:50 a.m. Dismissal

### October 5

College Night  
6:30 p.m. – Palatine H.S.

### October 11

Columbus Day – No School

### October 12

Teacher Institute – No Classes

### October 21 & 22

Variety Show  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

### October 26

Morning Work Session (Late Start) – 8:50 a.m.

Fall Choral Concert  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

### October 27

Parent Academy  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

### October 28

Fall Orchestra Concert  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

### November 9

Morning Work Session (Late Start) – 8:50 a.m.

### November 18, 19, 20

Fall Play  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

### November 24, 25, 26

Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

### November 30

Parent Academy  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

### December 9

Holiday Band Concert  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

### December 14

Holiday Choral Concert  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

### December 16

Holiday Orchestra Concert  
7:00 p.m. – Auditorium

### December 20, 21, 22

Final Exam

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## **211 COLLEGE NIGHT - OCTOBER 5**

More than 200 colleges and universities will be represented at this annual event. This year's College Night will be held at Palatine High School beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5.

## **VERY INTERESTED PARENTS (V.I.P.) BOOSTER CLUB BEGIN A NEW YEAR**

The Schaumburg High School V.I.P. Booster Club assists Schaumburg High School through a variety of fundraising efforts throughout the year to support programs and events that advance our shared vision of "We Are SHS." Programs such as the Prom Fashion Show, the Post-Prom event, Saxon Store, student scholarships and mini-grants are all made possible through the dedication and generosity of our V.I.P. volunteers. We truly appreciate their commitment and dedication to our SHS community as they make a significant difference for our students. What better way to be part of your student's high school experience than by becoming a member and volunteering with the Schaumburg High School Very Interested Parents. Please see the SHS website for membership and contact information. Please join us at one of the upcoming meeting dates listed below at 7 p.m. in the Schaumburg High School media center.

Tuesday, October 12	Tuesday, January 11	Tuesday, April 5
Tuesday, November 2	Tuesday, February 1	Tuesday, May 3
Tuesday, December 6	Tuesday, March 1	Tuesday, June 7

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## **PLAGIARISM**

Plagiarism, especially internet plagiarism, has become a growing problem nationwide. Today's students have grown up using computers, but many are not aware of the ethics of how to use downloaded material and give proper credit for their sources. According to district policy, plagiarism can include "representing the work of others as one's own through verbal, written, graphic, electronic, or other means." Students are taught throughout their high school careers to properly credit researched material, including all internet sources.

Students who are under the impression that anything found on the internet can be freely used are mistaken. As the consequences for plagiarism can significantly impact a student's grade, they need to clearly understand that copying/downloading any material without crediting the source is unacceptable.

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## **PRACTICE SAT TEST FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS**

Schaumburg High School will be issuing a full-length practice SAT test to all Junior students on Tuesday, October 5th. The test will be given during the morning, which is a half day of attendance due to District 211 College Night at Palatine High School. Additional details on the test will be sent directly to Junior students closer to the date of the practice test.

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## **STUDENT OFF CAMPUS LUNCH REMINDER**

Schaumburg High School operates as a closed campus during the school day. The only exception to this policy applies to students who have off-campus lunch privileges. Junior and senior students whose parents have signed off-campus permission forms may leave the school campus only during their scheduled lunch period. Students who have this privilege must exit and enter the building through Entrance 1 or Entrance 4 and return through Entrance 1. While doing so, they must scan their ID card every time they exit and reenter the building. If you are interested in off campus for your junior or senior student, please have them pick up an off-campus lunch permission form in the attendance office.

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## **WHAT CAN PARENTS DO ABOUT FAILING GRADES?**

At one time or another, many teens have trouble keeping up with schoolwork. Most teens get back on track. A few, however, continue to fall behind. Experts say it's important to deal with problems right away. Here are some ways to support your students:

- Talk with your teen. Listen to their fears and concerns. Discuss possible causes of the trouble – along with possible solutions.
  - Meet with teachers. Try to figure out the problem. Then talk about ways you can work together. Meeting with a guidance counselor may also help.
  - Set boundaries. Make sure your teen knows what you expect of them, such as studying for at least an hour a day.
  - Promote after-school activities. Students who feel connected to school may be more motivated to work.
  - Encourage community service. Doing things for others can boost self-confidence and motivate teens.
- (Reprinted from the Parent Institute, Oct. 2001)*

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## **DISTRICT 211 IPAD PROTECTION PLAN REMINDER**

As a friendly reminder, Township High School District 211 offers student iPad protection through the District 211 iPad Protection plan. This plan protects families from the full cost of the iPad in the case of accidental damage (mostly drops or spills), loss, theft, vandalism, fire, flood, and natural disasters. The annual premium for the plan is \$25 provides coverage for a full academic school year plus the following summer. Additional information, including the deductibles associated with repairs, can be found on the [District 211 iPad Protection Plan website](#).