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PRINCIPAL

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

### Welcome to 8th Grade Parents

With this issue you will begin receiving our monthly parent newsletter for the remainder of the year. We would like to officially welcome you to our Schaumburg High School family. Incredibly, your sons and daughters are only one semester away from entering high school. As you can see from the contents of the newsletter, we try to provide pertinent information for parents and take some time to recognize student accomplishments.

The registration process for incoming freshmen has already begun. To date, the following items should have been submitted to our Student Services Department: proof of residency, original birth certificate, and master enrollment form. Your student should have also taken the PSAT 8/9 Placement Test and the Career Cruising Matchmaker Activity and received results for both, as well as have



identified elective courses which complement their identified Career Clusters.

If you have questions about any aspects of your student's transition to SHS, feel free to contact the Student Services Department at (847) 755-4630. We welcome your questions. Providing a quality education is best achieved with a unified effort of parents, teachers, students, and staff. I encourage you to join us in this partnership. Together we will continue the tradition of excellence that makes great things happen at Schaumburg High School!

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Little, Principal

## SEAL OF BILITERACY

Township High School District 211 students have the opportunity to earn the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating high levels of proficiency in English and an additional language. Interested students should pick up an application in the Student Services Department to find out school-specific testing details. Applications are due Friday, February 22, 2019 to the Student Services Department.

Illinois public universities will accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to 2 years of foreign language coursework taken during high school if a student's high school transcript indicates that he or she received the State Seal of Biliteracy. Current languages available are Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Thai.

Students interested in taking the APPPL or STAMP exam will take it the week of March 11 - 22, 2019 during the first half of the school day. There is a \$20 fee associated with the administration of this exam. Payment and registration will need to be submitted by the end of the school day on Friday, February 22, 2019. For more information on how to earn the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy please go to <https://adc.d211.org/Page/6681>.

Please contact Ms. Yassi Delgado, Director of Student Services at 847-755-4626 with questions.

## VIP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO SENIORS!!

Seniors, whether you are planning to attend a 2- or 4-year university, or a technical/vocational school, the V.I.P. Club is offering scholarships that can be used for the pursuit of higher education to the SHS Class of 2019. You could pay tuition, buy books, or whatever else you need, plus the check is made payable to YOU, not your parents or the school! Check out this year's scholarships being offered:

Academic Scholarships: One \$1,250.00 Academic Scholarship, three \$1,000.00 Academic Scholarships, and five \$750.00 Academic Scholarships will be awarded to students who have demonstrated their success at Schaumburg High School and in the community.

Jean Bajko Volunteerism Scholarship: One \$1,000.00 Volunteerism Scholarship will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated their volunteerism at Schaumburg High School and in the community.

Special Education Scholarship: One \$1,000.00 will be awarded to an outstanding special education student who has demonstrated their success at Schaumburg High School and in the community. Students may apply for more than one category of scholarship; however, they can only be awarded one scholarship.

To be eligible for these scholarships, a senior's parent or guardian must be a member of the SHS VIP by December 1, 2018. Membership applications will be available on the SHS website under the Parents tab. Scholarship applications will be available online on the SHS website Friday, November 16, 2018. All completed applications must be submitted online no later than Friday, February 15, 2019. Please contact Michelle Tunquist, [mtunquist@gmail.com](mailto:mtunquist@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs,  
Sonya Mortell & Michelle Tunquist



# dates to remember

January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
January 22	Late Start Classes – 8:50 a.m.
January 31	Winter Play – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
February 1	Winter Play – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
February 2	Winter Play – Auditorium – 2:00 pm
February 5	Late Start Classes – 8:50 a.m.
February 16	Winter Formal – Main Gym – 7:30 p.m.
February 18	Presidents' Day (No School)
February 19	Late Start Classes – 8:50 a.m.
March 5	Late Start Classes – 8:50 a.m.
March 15, 16	Orchestrations Show – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
March 19	Late Start Classes – 8:50 a.m.
March 25-29	Spring Break

## SIGNIFICANT SAXONS

Congratulations to the following Saxon Pride winners:

Montserrat Acosta	Kyra Lewis
JJ Agustin	Cheyann Morrison
Shane Andres	Corina Najjar
Devante Appling	Cameron Nicks
Ara Bolivar	Jamie Parks
Justin Chin	Lily Pasquarelli
Ameera Common	Devanshi Patel
James Drink	Sarah Patel
Alex Flowers	Dhanvi Patel
Khushi Gopani	Tarek Samara
Gavyn Hampton	Giancarlo Sarasti
Mary Hilgart	Jenna Scrip
Kelly Horwath	Carmen Thomas
Pavan Kannan	Julie Vargas
Jacob Kaput	

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

October senior of the month

**Kavee Dodampahala**

November senior of the month

**Sam Hessian**

December senior of the month

**Olivia Swiech**

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## SENIOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION

District 211 will again allow graduating seniors to exempt from their second semester final exams if they meet the following criteria:

- have at least a "C" average in the course
- have less than six absences from the class
- have no truancies from the class
- have not been suspended from the class
- are not incomplete on required assignments

Seniors not qualifying for the exemption will be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies but will not receive a diploma on that day. Senior finals will be administered on May 22, 23 and 24. Diplomas will be given following the processing of final grades.

## BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Blessings in a Backpack is a nonprofit program that partners with schools across America to ensure impoverished students are fed on the weekends throughout the school year. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance have all been attributed to the success of this program.

Schaumburg High School and Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates partnered in 2013 to start the program at Schaumburg High School. We are currently in our fifth school year in partnering with Blessings in a Backpack. We have the capacity to serve 40 students. Students are selected one of three ways: McKinney-Vento homeless status, free and reduced lunch program eligibility, and staff referrals.

### How you can get involved:

Food donations can be brought to the Student Services Office.

- Granola and fruit breakfast bars
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Beefaroni, Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Mashed potatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned fruit
- Bottled drinks like Gatorade and Vitamin Water
- Fruit Snacks
- Cheese and crackers, Goldfish crackers
- Snack pack pudding
- Pasta
- Instant Rice
- Variety pack potato chips

\*\*Please note food items must be new and unopened. Expired food cannot be accepted.\*\*

If you have any further questions please contact  
Kristal Smith, School Social Worker, at [ksmith@d211.org](mailto:ksmith@d211.org) or (847) 755-4630.

## GOT JOBS? IF NOT, COME TO "OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS"

Mark your calendars and save the date! On **Thursday, April 4th, 2019** from 4 – 7 p.m. in the front showcase hallway, The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is organizing a job fair entitled "**Opportunity Knocks**" for all Schaumburg High School students. Local Schaumburg Businesses are looking for Schaumburg High School students for part time and Summer work employment. "**Opportunity Knocks**" brings over 25 businesses to SHS so students have direct access to potential job opportunities! Some of our early committed business partners include, AMC Woodfield, Culvers, Jewel Foods, Bike Connection, Corrigan Moving, Home Depot, Kohl's, McDonalds, Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA), Schaumburg Library, District 211 (SHS), Schaumburg Park District, Target, and Walgreens to name a few. The organizing committee is led by parents, Dan Alberth and Ed and Kathy Pizza. For additional information contact:

Dan Alberth, Principal's Advisory Council "Opportunity Knocks" Co-Chair  
Email: [dan.alberth@athenaprivatewealth.com](mailto:dan.alberth@athenaprivatewealth.com)

Ed Pizza, Principal's Advisory Council "Opportunity Knocks" Co-Chair  
Email: [Edward.Pizza@aa.com](mailto:Edward.Pizza@aa.com)

Tim Little, Principal, Schaumburg High School Email: [tlittle@d211.org](mailto:tlittle@d211.org)  
Phone: 847-755-4610

"Opportunity Knocks" is a great opportunity for our students, so stay tuned for more information on this exciting event.

# ***FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS TEST IN APRIL***

## ***Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors Test in April***

### **SAT**

The Illinois State Board of Education's required high school level assessment, The College Board Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT), will be administered throughout Illinois on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. High School juniors must take the SAT on this date to be eligible to receive a regular high school diploma, unless eligible to take the alternative assessment which would exempt them from testing. The assessment measures student knowledge related to state standards with respect to examination purposes. This state-funded SAT can be used as a college or university entrance exam score.

Students can choose to take an additional SAT on a national test date to improve test scores. This option may be discussed with your child's school counselor to determine the benefits of additional testing and to receive information about national SAT tests and the dates and costs. You can find detailed information about the SAT online at <http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>. Fees charged by College Board for testing on national test dates are the responsibility of the individual students and/or parents. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students through the student services department.

<b><i>SAT National Test Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Registration Deadline</i></b>	<b><i>Late Registration</i></b>
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 16, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 3, 2019

### **PSAT 10**

Sophomores will be administered the PSAT 10 on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, to measure their progress in reading, writing, language, and math. You can find additional information about the PSAT 10 online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>.

### **PSAT 9**

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, all freshmen will be administered the PSAT 8/9 to measure their progress in reading, writing, language, and math. For more information online about the PSAT 8/9 go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

Performance on these assessments helps District 211 improve curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready upon graduation from high school. The PSAT 9 and PSAT 10 identify areas to strengthen prior to the State-required junior year assessment. Students dismissed following exam. Please mark your calendars. Bus transportation will be available for those who normally use bus service to school and back according to their schedule.

	<b><i>Freshmen</i></b>	<b><i>Sophomores</i></b>	<b><i>Juniors</i></b>	<b><i>Seniors</i></b>
<b>Tuesday, April 9, 2019</b>	Do not report to school	PSAT 10 administration, sophomore students report to school	SAT administration, junior students report to school	Do not report to school
		Students will be dismissed approximately at 12:30pm/1:15pm		
<b>Wednesday, April 10, 2019</b>	PSAT 9 administration, freshmen students report to school. Students will be dismissed approximately at 11:00am/11:55am	Do not report to school	Do not report to school	Do not report to school

### **April 15-26, 2019 Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)**

The Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) is a state required science assessment administered to students enrolled in Biology I (S131, S137, and S138). The assessment is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Visit <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx> for more information. The Illinois Science Assessment will be administered within a single period during a student's regularly scheduled Biology class between the dates of April 15 – 26, 2019.