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PRINCIPAL

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## From the principal:



Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! Great things are happening at Schaumburg High School. I hope your summer has been enjoyable and that you share in our excitement about the upcoming school year. It has been a busy summer at SHS. Please "pardon our dust" as we are finishing up the final touches on a massive facility update and renovation project that has improved the overall functionality of our ground floor. These renovations have included renovated locker rooms, athletic offices, bathrooms, cafeteria and our kitchen complex to name just a few of the improvements. Many of these spaces have not been updated or improved since 1970 so the updates have been a welcomed improvement.

Over the past several years, various focus groups including faculty, students and parents met to develop specific collective values that directly support our vision and mission here at Schaumburg High School. We met to discuss our ongoing connection to a vision and mission that asks, "What must our school become to accomplish our mission?" Our vision statement, "WE Are SHS" is founded on the belief that "We" collectively and collaboratively work together throughout the entire school community to ensure that the highest levels of student learning take place. We also met as a community to discuss a connection to a mission that asks the question, "Why do we exist?" In a unified effort, we determined that the following mission statement is our reason for our existence here.

**"Focused on student learning and personal accountability, the Schaumburg High School community is dedicated to fostering a respectful, committed, and collaborative environment that maximizes student success."**

I can assure you that Schaumburg High School and the staff exists for only one purpose: to give your children the best education possible. I believe very strongly that everyone who comes in contact with your son or daughter has a stake in his or her education and future. Therefore, I will continually emphasize the fact that this is our school, not my school. I will strive for open communication between myself and all aspects of the school community.

In addition, we continue to examine the impact that the implementation of the iPads has had on our students and their educational experience. District 211 staff are working together to develop conditions by which all students will be able to optimize the iPad's instructional value while minimizing its potential as a distractor, both in the classroom and at home. Please look for communication about these changes in the coming weeks. I would also like to remind parents that if you have any questions or concerns or would like information on how you can manage your student's iPad use, our technology department will always be happy to assist you.

I can't do anything about a problem or concern if I don't know it exists. Just as I will encourage your sons and daughters to get involved at school, I encourage you to remain involved in your child's education. Just because your child is in high school does not mean that your involvement has to stop. Call your child's teachers. Join the V.I.P. Club. Join the Principal's Advisory Board. Volunteer to work school events. 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 Schaumburg High School a very special place!

"We Are SHS"

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Little, Principal

## Students are Required to Wear Current School I.D. Card

Students are required to carry a current school I.D. card at all times. The I.D. card must be worn at all times during the school day except when specifically exempted on a temporary basis by an authorized faculty member. Only a school-issued lanyard may be used to wear and display the I.D. card. Students may not embellish their I.D. card with any drawing or writing. Students must have their I.D. cards in their possession when participating in, or attending any school-related extracurricular activity. I.D. cards must be surrendered upon request of any staff member, including bus drivers and student supervisors. The card must be shown to the staff member on duty when entering buses, checking out media materials, making up tests, gaining entrance to school activities and athletic events, when entering and leaving the school for any purpose and when accessing certain areas of the building. Students without an I.D. card on a school-issued lanyard must obtain a temporary I.D. and may be charged a \$1 fee for **each** temporary I.D. immediately upon entering the school building. A \$3 fee may be charged to replace a lost or invalid I.D. card or school lanyard. If a temporary I.D. is issued to the student, privileges such as off campus may be revoked. Further disciplinary consequences may apply for failure to properly wear and display the current school I.D. card.

## Off-campus Lunch Permission Forms

Only juniors and seniors are entitled to this privilege. *Off-campus permission forms are due September 1, 2017 in order for this permission to be granted.* Please check your student's schedule to verify your approval of this privilege.

## Parking Lot Traffic Flow for 2017-2018 School Year

To ensure a safe and efficient environment for the SHS parking lot, we will once again have restrictions on traffic flow in the SHS parking lot area. Safety for our students, staff and visitors is of the utmost importance to us. The south parking lot aisle will be one-way eastbound, and the north parking aisle will be one-way westbound. Vehicle drop-off and pick-up points will be marked by a pedestrian crosswalk. This crosswalk will also be staffed by school personnel each morning. Please see the attached map for a visual of the modified traffic flow procedure. Please click on this link to view a map of the new parking lot traffic flow procedure: <http://goo.gl/rcd9z0>

## Helpful Hints:

- **To exit our parking lot and go east on Schaumburg Road:**  
enter the parking lot from the west entrance off Schaumburg Road.
- **To exit our parking lot and go west on Schaumburg Road:**  
enter the parking lot from either the west or east entrance.

## Principal's Advisory Council of Parents

We will be looking for new membership this fall. If you are interested, you may sign up at Open House on August 31, or write the principal a letter indicating interest.

## Early Dismissal Days

A few school days each year are "shortened" to allow for school improvement activities, staff development, and special events. This year these dates are: August 31, October 11, November 3, April 10 and May 18. Students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m.

## Attention Freshman Parents

Don't forget about Freshman Kick-Off for **freshman students** only on August 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register at [www.shs.211.org](http://www.shs.211.org).



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

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

# DATES TO REMEMBER

July 24 – Aug. 9	Walk-in Registration 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
July 28	Walk-in Registration - 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Aug. 3	Walk-in Registration 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Aug. 7	IHSA Fall Sports Begin
Aug. 8	Freshman Kick-Off - 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. <i>Event for incoming freshmen only</i>
Aug. 14	First Day of School
Aug. 16-17	Yearbook Pictures
Aug. 31	Open House - Early Dismissal 11:50 a.m.
Sept. 4	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
Sept. 18	Powder Puff – 6:00 p.m. - Stadium
Sept. 22	Soccer/Football 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - Stadium
Sept. 23	Homecoming Dance – 7:00 p.m. – Gym
Sept. 30	V.I.P. Craft Fair - 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	College Night – Palatine Early Dismissal – 11:50 a.m.

## iPad Distribution

Schaumburg High School will distribute iPads to students during Walk-In Registration July 24 – August 9 from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm. On August 3 from 5:00-8:00 pm and July 28 from 7:30 am - 12:00 pm. All students must complete registration, including the payment of school fees, prior to picking up their school-issued iPad. Receipt of an iPad may be delayed for students who complete registration after August 4th. Each student has the opportunity to obtain optional District 211 iPad Protection Plan at a cost of \$25, which provides repair and replacement cost coverage and protects the iPad on and off school grounds. Information about iPad pickup will be updated on the SHS website before school begins.

## Student Dress Sets a Tone

The student dress code is designed to reduce the likelihood of distraction or disruption and to maintain an academic focus in the classroom and on campus. As a reminder, jackets and headgear (hats, caps, hoods, scarves, etc.) are not to be worn in the building. Reasonable judgment needs to be applied with respect to appropriateness and comfort. Our expectation is that students are covered from shoulders to mid-thigh. Blouses/shirts should be constructed so that the shoulders are covered, that necklines are modest and that waist, hips, or midriffs are not exposed. In addition, pants worn by male students must be worn at the natural waistline. Your monitoring of your student's appearance is appreciated. Additional information regarding the dress code can be found in the student/parent calendar handbook.

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## PRIVILEGE OPTION PROGRAM – POP

During the 2013-2014 school year, Schaumburg High School implemented a privilege based system. When students demonstrate appropriate behavior and academic success, they create the opportunity to earn privileges. As students advance through Schaumburg High School, they may earn specific privileges through the Privilege Option Program.

Examples of potential earned privileges include, but are not limited to, unscheduled time, off-campus opportunities, parking passes, and permission to attend dances, social events, and athletic events. Failure to demonstrate appropriate behavior, follow school rules, or meet academic criteria may result in loss of privileges and/or assigned time in the Loss of Privilege Room (LOP). There is certain criteria that students need to meet in order to earn privileges.

Goals associated with the privilege based system: (1) To increase academic success. By increasing time spent in structured academic settings such as a study hall and/or the STAR lab, students will have additional academic remediation opportunities. (2) To provide students with the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of our school culture and climate: WE ARE SHS! This will be done through increased contact with staff and exposure to our Saxon PRIDE program. (3) To provide additional structure for incoming freshmen in order to create a more successful transition from Junior High School.

### Privilege Option Program

The Privilege Option Program at Schaumburg High School exists to give students a variety of choices as to how they use their study hall and lunch periods. With this freedom, comes responsibility. Students must demonstrate academic achievement and mature use of the privileges.

To earn privileges, each student must: hit minimum Target Score on respective standardized tests, earn a 2.0 or better semester GPA, have 5 or fewer absences per class, have 5 or fewer referrals cumulative and have 0 suspensions (ISS or OSS).

Students who show a lack of general responsibility will be placed in LOP for up to 6 weeks. Freshmen are only eligible for the Privilege Option Program during their lunch periods. The options for freshmen include: The STAR lab, the media center and cafeteria. Sophomore privileges include an option for free period, free travel without a pass to the library, media center, STAR lab and test make up and also access to Exit 2 outside. Juniors and seniors will have the additional option such as showcase hallway, off campus, and parking passes with the proper identification.

### Loss of Privilege Room

Students will be assigned an LOP when they:

1. Violate the Behavioral Expectations of POP.
2. Violate Academic Expectations of SHS.
3. Violate Off-Campus Program rules.
4. Demonstrate inappropriate behavior in the media center, cafeteria or hallways.

### Privilege Option Program Violations

Students who violate the Privilege Option Program will be assigned to the Loss of Privilege Room. Students assigned to the (LOP) during lunch periods report to the room during the first half of the period (4a, 5a, 6a). Students assigned during 7th period lunch will report to (LOP) room the last half of the period (7b).

## 2017-2018 Registration

The mail registration process is well underway for the upcoming school year. If you did not receive information in late June, please contact our switchboard for a duplicate mailing. In order to complete registration, you may choose online, mail-back, or walk-in registration. Online and mail-back options are available between July 1 and August 6. Evening registration will be Thursday, August 3 from 5-8 p.m. For online registration, you will need to establish a parent account in Infinite Campus; you received directions and an activation code in a previous mailing. The parent portal for Infinite Campus is available by visiting [www.shs.d211.org](http://www.shs.d211.org).

## Student Attendance

Regular daily attendance is essential to a student's academic success. The information and experiences that a student loses from a day's absence from the classroom can never be fully recovered. It is in the student's best interest to attend school each and every day. Send your student the message that attending school every day is important. Schedule doctor appointments and other commitments after school hours. Try to take family vacations during breaks or over the summer. Please refer to the student/parent calendar handbook for attendance policies and procedures.

## Saxon Food Service Options

More than 8,000 students participate in the lunch and breakfast programs at District 211 each school day. School lunch is an incredible deal with lunch prices ranging from \$2.35 to \$2.90. A complete lunch includes low fat milk, two cups of fruit and vegetables, whole-grains, and lean protein. A la carte options are available daily. All items served in the cafeteria meet several nutritional requirements that monitor calorie, fat, sodium, and sugar content. Breakfast is served daily for \$1.45. Breakfast is a healthy meal that provides an entrée, milk, fruit, and juice. Menus are available online through the Food Service Department's webpage. <https://adc.d211.org/operations/food-service/menus/>

The food service prepayment option is a convenient way to ensure students have a nutritious lunch every school day. Parents can submit an online prepayment with a credit card through their Infinite Campus account or by sending a check or cash prepayment to the school cafeteria. Account balances for underclassmen are carried over to the fall. Balances may be obtained in the cafeteria or by viewing online prepayment system via Infinite Campus.

A parent or guardian may submit a meal application for free and reduced meals by contacting your school's food service department or by going online to [www.d211.heartlandapps.com](http://www.d211.heartlandapps.com) to fill out a school meal application. The online application for the 2017-2018 school year will be available in late July. A new application must be completed each school year to qualify for meal benefits.

## NEW CELL PHONE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

It is our goal as administrators and teachers to create a learning environment that is distraction-free and supportive of your child's opportunity to learn and grow. As technology becomes integrated into all forms of communication, we as a staff feel that it is a shared responsibility to help foster a greater sense of digital citizenship. Student use of cell phones in the building during class time has become an issue. Our Saxon Solutions Committee, made up of 40 educators, has developed a cell phone classroom rule to help decrease these distractions during classroom instruction. It is our hope to partner with you in this endeavor in order to maximize your child's opportunity to succeed within the classroom environment. The procedures in the classroom are meant to provide students with a clear understanding of when they are authorized to use their cell phones and when they are not authorized to use their cell phones. This classroom initiative adheres to our current District 211 Board of Education Policy. The policy can be found on page 6 of our School Calendar Handbook.