



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 2021

"WE DEVELOP CONFIDENT, CONTINUAL LEARNERS WHO ARE CARING COMMUNITY MEMBERS."

A Message from the Principal

We are looking forward to having so many of our students back in the building 4 days per week beginning on Monday, April 12! It's been a long year and we can't wait to have the school building have a more "normal" feel to it! All of the classrooms have been prepared for the increase in students and our staff is truly looking forward to having more students in person.

When students return to school they should bring their Chromebooks with them to class. We have a few extra Chromebooks in each room, but not a full class set. Students should also bring any textbooks they have and the usual school supplies.

Please remember to continue to complete the daily COVID screening that we send through ParentSquare. With the increased number of students beginning on the 12th the more families who complete the screener at home the faster we will be able to get students into the building on a daily basis.





If you have any questions feel free to reach out to us. We will be happy to help in any way we can.

Regards,
Dee Dee Hagemann

Return to In-Person Instruction Four Days a Week

We are excited to welcome back our students back to four days of in-person instruction a week on April 12th!


Please remember:

-  *Bring your Chromebook and charger to school everyday*
-  *Bring any necessary textbooks/materials for classes*
-  *Arrive on-time and ready to learn*
-  *Complete your ParentSquare COVID Screener at home*



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES


April 12

-  SHS Students Return to Instruction 4 Days Per Week (M, T, Th, F)


April 19

-  Board of Education Meeting – 7pm
Virtual Meeting

April 20

-  End of 3rd Marking Period

April 26

-  Report Cards Available on School Tool



April's Character Strength: Integrity



WHAT DOES INTEGRITY MEAN?

You are honest and speak the truth. You present yourself genuinely and sincerely.

Integrity is doing the right thing when nobody is watching. People with integrity practice what they preach and maintain a consistent pattern of behavior aligned with their values. They have the courage not to follow the crowd if it means going against their beliefs. Integrity is closely aligned with the terms of honesty and authenticity. People with integrity tell the truth and have alignment in their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. A person who lacks integrity could be described as pretentious, hypocritical, or insincere. They are pretending to be something that they're not or they're saying one thing and then doing another. It is important to be able to change your mind (and be open-minded), as you learn and grow. However, the main distinction comes in the intention. Is the person intending to manipulate another? A second important facet is self-awareness. It's tough to be true to yourself, if you don't know who you are.

Why does it matter?

Integrity is vital to individual growth. It is correlated with a multitude of psychological well-being measures. Harmony in your feelings, thoughts, and actions makes you better able to personally grow and achieve goals. Authenticity, and a lack of pretense, also makes you more likable and trusted by others, meaning your relationships will benefit. On a group level, integrity is a cornerstone of high functioning and sustainable teams, organizations, and societies. If you're constantly wondering about your coworkers' intentions, you will have a hard time working with them. This is why we look for politicians and leaders with integrity. We need to believe that they'll keep their word – or at the very least, readily admit it when they must break a promise. If they don't, trust and performance fail.

Guidance Corner

SUNY College Fairs

[Thursday, April 22, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM](#)

[Saturday, April 24, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM](#)

[Saturday, May 22, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM](#)

The fair will include representatives from nearly every SUNY campus. During the fair, students will be able to communicate with campus representatives using text and video chat.

Juniors and their families will register

at www.suny.edu/attend/events/virtual-college-fair/

The National College Fair

More than 500 colleges and universities will present more than 1,500 Zoom sessions for high school students on April 10, 20 and May 2. This is a great way to explore, ask questions, and demonstrate interest... all without leaving home. You can start by signing up at

<https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>

For additional information, go to the Solvay Counseling and Career Center's webpage at:

<http://www.solvayschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=370>

A recording of the **Junior Parent & Student Night** may be accessed on our webpage.

The New SHS Library is Open for Business



The High School Library is completed and open for business! Students may sign out of their study halls to come to the library to work, borrow books, print and conference with Mrs. St. Laurent. She is always ready to help with research and book recommendations! If you are not in the building, you can reach her at kstlaurent@solvayschools.org, and the library website is available 24/7 at shslc.weebly.com with databases, ebooks and links! We are excited to open this new "chapter" of our mission to support students in becoming savvy, independent and passionate lifelong learners!



“Behind the Mask”

This month’s “Behind the Mask” spotlight is on Mrs. Littles.



What makes a ‘good day’ at school?

I consider a ‘good day’ to be one where I am able to assist anyone who has a request or need. It would also include completing tasks or projects (without too much error) and hopefully a good amount of lighthearted laughter.

What are your “trapped on a desert island” books or movies?

I really like reading. I always bring my book of faith with me on all getaways, so that’s a given. The rest of my backpack would be filled with books on Naturopathy, Nutrition and History and I would hope that I had a how-to book on “being trapped on a desert island.”

How do you remember all of your student’s names?

I am finding it difficult to do that! I apologize. With me being new to this school and able to only see half of people’s faces I am finding it a real challenge. In an attempt to put names with faces I have been studying last year’s Yearbook. It is helping.

Bearcat Athletics Update



Fall 2 Sports are under way!

Spring Sports will start April 19, these sports will be baseball, softball, track and golf.

[Please register through Family ID](#)

[Home Athletic Events are Live Streamed Here](#)

[Follow Bearcat Athletics on Twitter!](#)

Important Information

COVID Screenings

- 🐾 All students must complete their COVID screening on ParentSquare at home before arriving at school.
- 🐾 If you have not been screened **you must** enter through the main entrance.

Student Arrival Time

- 🐾 All students should be in their Period 1 classes no later than 7:30am to avoid being marked late for school.
- 🐾 Students with multiple lates to school may be subject to the SHS Code of Conduct.

Remote Learner Material Pick-up

- 🐾 Remote learning students should stop by SHS to pick-up materials from their teachers.

