



# HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER 2020

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

## A Message From the Principal

It's hard to believe that the end of the first marking period is quickly approaching. It ends on Friday, November 13, and grades will be available on Friday, November 20. You will be able to access Quarter 1 grades at this time. Also, know that you can log in any time and check on your student's progress.

As you know, we use SchoolTool for grades, attendance, assignments, etc. If you are unable to access SchoolTool please contact the SHS Guidance Office and we can help you get SchoolTool set up. You can also learn more about SchoolTool through the guide attached here. It is a step by step guide that you may find helpful. [SchoolTool Guide](#)

Finally, I want to thank all of you for the support that you give your children and the staff at Solvay High School. This is a challenging year. Students are learning how to best approach their learning while being home most or all of the week, and teachers are working hard to meet their needs. Please remind your student of the importance of doing their work five days a week. Your support is truly appreciated.

Have a safe and healthy November,

Dee Dee Hagemann

## Guidance Corner

We have been sending a weekly “College Spotlight” to senior email accounts, highlighting various two and four year schools. Those highlights are now posted on our webpage so that everyone has full access to them.

The Financial Aid Webinar that was held on October 14 was recorded and is available to hear on the Counseling webpage. The presenter discussed the various forms of aid available to students and walked through the FAFSA, which must be completed in order to receive most all forms of financial assistance including loans. Constantly updated, please check the High School Counseling Office website for additional information.

We are making numerous changes to our High School Counseling & Career Center webpage and are constantly updating and adding new information to it. Please check us out!

### Counselors:

Mr. Guercio A-E

Mrs. Wales F-M

Mrs. DeWaters N-Z

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

November 3

 Staff Development Day  
*No School*

November 11

 Veterans Day  
*District Closed*

November 13

 End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period

November 16 – 7pm

 Board of Education Meeting at District Office

November 20

 Report Cards Available on SchoolTool

November 20

 OCC Advantage Class of 2024 Commitment Letters Due

November 25-27

 Thanksgiving Break  
*School Closed*



# SHS BEST Program

Students are reminded to check out the BEST bulletin boards for afterschool programming. Some highlighted programs for the month of November consist of Cooking and Baking with Ms. Young on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The History Movie Club with Ms. Monaghan on Mondays. Fitness Center workouts on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday with Mr. Beachner, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Acchione. Also coming up in November are two exciting field trips on November 14. Ms. Young is hosting a field trip to the Corning Museum of Glass and Mr. Dean and Mrs. McGraw are hosting a field trip to the VIEW Art Museum in Old Forge, NY. Students interested in these field trips should see the host teacher for a permission slip as spots are limited.

## Athletic Department

Hello Bearcats!

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. Stay tuned into our website and Twitter pages for the most up to date information on Winter Sports!

How to remain active during COVID-19:

- Participate in the BEST Programs that are offered
- Reach out to your coach, Mr. Dippold or Ms. Halloran with any questions you may have
- Prioritize your workouts
- Find the right workout time for you
- Track your workouts and record progress
- Get outside as much as possible
- Keep your workouts interesting
- Try something new

Here's a 4 minute squat challenge to either add to your workout routine or to start one!

### [The Sally Squat Workout](#)

Remember with squats:

- Feet about shoulder width apart
- Keep most of your weight in your heels
- Your knees should not go past your toes
- Squat only as far down as your comfort level

**Remember to mask up when you go out!**



## Thank You from the Math Department

Graphing Calculators have become an essential and vital part of the math curriculum, allowing students to delve deeply into real-world problems and examine functions and models that were not practical with only pencil and paper. Realizing that many students do not own their own graphing calculator, but still wanting to provide a rich learning experience for all of our students, the math department has been working with local companies to secure funds to purchase calculators that we will be able to issue to students.

**We wish to thank John Brusa at Barton and Loguidice, Kevin Riley at Planned Results, Jim Freyer and Jim Stoddard at Haylor, Freyer and Coon, James Olcott at C&S Companies, as well as an anonymous donor for their help with this project.** We hope that the high school math teachers will be able to reach out to their students very soon with details on the deployment of the devices.

## Class of 2024 OCC Advantage Commitment Letters Due

Families of Freshmen students please remember to submit the Class of 2024 OCC Advantage Commitment Letter to the main office by Friday, November 20. You can either have your student drop it off or submit to [shsoffice@solvayschools.org](mailto:shsoffice@solvayschools.org).

[Click Here for the OCC Advantage Commitment Letter](#)



# “Behind the Mask”

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



## **What makes a "good day" at school?**

A “good day” at school is all about the morning for me. I’m a routine kind of girl, so for the day to go well, my morning has to start off on the right foot. I like to get to school somewhere between 7:00-7:05 to give myself time to reflect on the day ahead of me, listen to music, chat with my English peeps in our office, and also to have breakfast (I’m not one of those people to skip eating in the morning...or really ever. Ha!). Of course, some mornings are better than others, and things don’t always go as planned, but even on those “unplanned mornings,” my students and colleagues always seem to make up for it throughout the day in some way or another! Just sharing a smile or a laugh with someone goes a long way - it can make all the difference, and truly make a day go from “good” to “great!”

## **What inspires you?**

For some reason, this was the hardest question for me to answer; so many things inspire me! It also could be because the question asks “what” and not “who,” and the first person who continuously comes

to my mind when I hear the word “inspiration” is my Grandmother. She’s been gone now five years too long, but it’s the simple way she lived her life that truly motivates me every day. When you were around my Gram, all you felt is love! I try my best to emulate her heart, especially when it comes to the way I teach. When kids feel loved, you feel it, too! I feel it when students ask really great questions, or when they get involved in class discussions and suddenly the content becomes more than just English; it becomes something that connects with them on a personal, deeper level. It’s moments like this where the magic happens and I feel inspired...when I feel my Gram right next to me through it all.

## **If you could enroll in any class at Solvay High School, even for a day, which would it be? Why?**

Hmm...I would have to step out of my comfort zone (and by that I mean English wing), and venture down to Mrs. Sherlock’s “Forensics” class I think! I participated in one of her simulation lessons last year where the students had to “investigate a murder,” and I was one of the suspects. She set up the “crime scene” in the auditorium, and all her students were SO into it. I remember thinking, I’d love to be a fly on the wall in this class for a day. (But only for a day...science was never one of my strong suits.)

## **If you could pass on any wisdom to your students, what would you share?**

I would want my students to remember that each and every single one of them matter! High school is not always easy, but if you work hard, step out of your comfort zone from time to time, and stay true to your roots, you’re doing it right! Take every day in moments, and most of all, laugh, be kind, and HAVE FUN!

## **If you could grow up in any decade, which would you choose?**

How fun is this question? I’m considered a “Millennial,” and although the days of jean skirts, AOL instant messenger, and Britney Spears (in her prime lol), are close to my heart, most of my family and friends would call me an “old soul.” Throw on some Motown, Whitney Houston, or Classic Rock...I am all about it! I’m going to have to say the 80’s for this question...



## Stay Connected with School

Please consider downloading the ParentSquare app to stay connected with SHS. Some of the features and tools in the ParentSquare app include:

- Attendance notices
- Daily COVID screening tool
- Easy communication to and from school
- Receive important school news, announcements, and reminders

Also, please remember you can use **SchoolTool** to access your child's grades and monitor their progress. Never hesitate to reach out to teachers, counselors, and administration if you have a question or need support.

[Click Here to Access the SchoolTool Parent Guide](#)

### Download the ParentSquare app today!

Stay involved with your child's learning and activities at school. From anywhere.



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## 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.

### Cafeteria News

- 🐾 New this year: All SHS students receive free breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria. We encourage all students to take advantage of this great opportunity.
- 🐾 Cash is not being accepted this year in the café. Students must have money on their [My School Bucks](#) account to purchase a la carte items.

### 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.

### Google Education for Parents Resource

Please visit the below link for a guide to using Google Education tools.

<https://sites.google.com/cnyric.org/solvay-parent-student/google-education>

## School Nurse Update

Please reach out to Mrs. Krausnick with any questions or concerns regarding:

- 🐾 COVID 19 Symptoms or Illness
- 🐾 Student Medications
- 🐾 School Physicals
- 🐾 Required Vaccinations

