

# Just for the incoming Class of 2011 (current 8th graders)

Welcome to South High! For those of you families that are new to our school, we have listed a few pieces of information to help your transition to SHS be a successful one.

## Registration

- ✎ In early August, an envelope from SHS will arrive in your mail. Inside will be detailed instructions about Registration. **Freshmen will register on Tuesday, Aug. 21st.** This packet will also contain all the forms that have to be turned in on that day. If your child will not be able to attend Registration, a friend or relative may come in his or her place, *but please make sure he or she has a signed note from you granting them permission to register.*
- ✎ To ensure your child's first Registration goes smoothly, please take care to ensure all the forms, including those from the Athletics office as applicable, are completely and properly filled out.
- ✎ On Registration Day, students will get their student ID card, textbooks, and locker assignment. It is important that students carry their ID card with them at all times throughout the school year. It is required every time they check out library and textbooks (during the year, their English class will be checking out different novels).
- ✎ SHS Planners will be available for purchase for \$7.00 during Registration. They provide a handy way to keep track of schoolwork and campus events, and also include the bell schedules, important policies, and key campus contact information.

## First Day of School

- ✎ School starts on Thursday, September 6th, and will be in session for the entire day (8:08 a.m. start time with the dismissal at 3:00 p.m.). If your child is enrolled in a "zero period" class, it will start meeting the following morning.
- ✎ Students will initially report to their homeroom. These are assigned alphabetically by grade level and will be posted throughout campus that day. There, students will get their official class schedule.

## Communications

- ✎ At the August registration, your child will get a large manila envelope containing important fall dates to remember, District-wide policies, and other information from various campus organizations.
- ✎ The *SHS Program Book*, referred to as "The Green Book," will be sent home shortly after school is back in session. This book contains a wealth of

information on SHS's policies and activities.

- ✎ The School's website is at southhighschool.org. It also contains much of this information. Because it is updated on a daily basis, it is one of the best sources for getting the latest information on campus activities.
- ✎ Of special interest is the *Daily Bulletin*. Every office and organization at South uses it to communicate its announcements. It is read in class each day and is also available online at the School's website.
- ✎ There is a combined Principal's and PTSA newsletter, the **SPARTAN SCRIBE**, that is published six times throughout the academic year. It is mailed to each SHS household.
- ✎ You can have the student newspaper, the *Sword & Shield*, mailed to your house for a nominal donation. Copies are also available on campus.

## Other Information To Know

- ✎ Ms. Chris Iacono is the counselor assigned to work with each Freshmen class. She will hold a special orientation for parents of freshmen in October. The meeting date and time will be listed in the Green Book and posted on the Daily Bulletin. Even if you have other children currently enrolled at South, it is important you attend this meeting since any recent policy changes will be discussed.
- ✎ If you will be driving your son or daughter to school, check out the "Morning Drop-Off Procedure" on the School's website for hints on how to avoid the morning crush on campus.
- ✎ If you need to keep prescription or over-the-counter medications at school for your child, please complete the "Authorization for Medication At School" form and bring that to the Health Office along with the medications in their originally labeled bottle. This form is available on the SHS website.
- ✎ We have two specialized offices on campus: In F-1 is our Athletics Office, where questions about the sports program and forms to participate in them are available. In K-1 is the Activities Office. Tickets to any campus-sponsored events are sold there; information about all campus activities is also available from this office.