



SHEN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Principally Speaking...

JANUARY 2010

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year! I am very excited to begin a new calendar year and to continue the outstanding 2009-2010 school year. The midterm, final and Regents exam schedule is included in this newsletter. Exam week is January 26 to January 29, 2010. More information about the exam dates, times and bus schedule is included.

Course recommendations are being prepared by faculty during January. Students will have the opportunity to select courses for next year using the 2010-2011 Program of Studies, as we enter the second semester. I encourage you to take an active role in helping to determine the best course offerings for your child at the high school.

Please be aware of the following important dates as we begin the new calendar year.

- 1/13 PTSA meeting, 7:00 pm—HSE library
- 1/14 Special Education Dept. Program—6:00 pm, HS West library
- 1/18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—no school
- 1/26—1/29 Exam week
- 1/29 2nd marking period ends.

If you need to contact me regarding questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at flyndona@shenet.org or call me at 881-0310, ext. 61415.

Thank you for your continued support.

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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

One of the most important factors in determining student success is student attendance at school. When students are frequently absent, they miss out on some important activities and student-teacher interactions that typically take place in the classroom. Beginning in the 2nd semester (February 1, 2010) some additional guidelines will be in place to help us monitor and increase our student attendance at the high school.

Students who are frequently absent will be notified that they may not participate in co-curricular activities until improvement is shown in their poor attendance. These events include the junior and senior proms, the class dance, as well as student activities during and after school. Students may earn the right to attend these with improved attendance.

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In addition, students who are habitually tardy to school will also be precluded from attending certain events and will receive more additional consequences. These measures are taken to help motivate students to improve their attendance and to help them to be successful in school.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 25, 2010—last day of regular classes for 2nd quarter
Tuesday, January 26, 2010—Earth Science mid term exam 7:45am
Thursday, February 11, 2010—report cards distributed in homerooms
Friday, February 12, 2010—RESPECT DAY- Rachael's Challenge assembly
Friday, February 26, 2010—Nick Camarata Fundraiser-Rock group
Wednesday, March 24, 2010—School wide field trip- Romeo & Juliet -NYSTI

EXTRA ACADEMIC HELP IS AVAILABLE

Extra help in subject areas is available to HSW students in many ways. They can always see their teacher before school, during free periods or after school. HOMEWORK CLUB is held in HSW rooms 8 & 10 after school on Monday and Thursday from 3-3:50pm. HSW teachers and HSE peer tutors are there for individual help, review or just to provide quiet study. Extra help in Math and Science coursework is available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at HSE. Information on these opportunities can also be found in the Counseling Center.

NEWS FLASH —HSW HAS AN ARC !

The Academic Resource Center is located in room 65 at HSW. Students can receive tutoring help, make up a test or meet with a teacher. This room is available to all students, periods 1-9 every day.

RECOGNIZING -THE BEST "OUTSIDE" HS WEST

HS West is looking to recognize 9th grade students who are involved in activities outside our regular school day that benefit the greater Shenendehowa Community. If your son/daughter is involved in an Eagle Scout /Girl Scout project, helping in charity fund raiser, assisting recognized non-profit organization or volunteering their time and energy to a local agency, we want to recognize them for their efforts. A Best "Outside" HS West Bulletin board is being created for this. Please, contact Mr. Keyser at Ext.62646 or email keysrobe@shenet.org. Please include student name, type of service and any contact person information.

*****EARTH SCIENCE MID TERM EXAM REMINDER*****

On Tuesday, January 26, 2010, all HSW Regents Earth Science students will be taking a midterm exam. Regular bus transportation to school will be operating. The exam instructions start at 8am. All students must be in their testing location by 7:45am. Additional information will be provided students by their Earth Science teacher. There will be bus transportation at 11 am. It will follow the late bus route schedule. HSW students only attend school during Regents week, if they have an exam, workshop activity or have arranged to meet a specific teacher for make up work. Regular school day schedules resume, Monday, February 1, 2010.

SOPHOMORE CLASS OF 2012

The sophomore class dance is scheduled for April 30, 2010.

JUNIOR CLASS OF 2011

Junior Prom is May 22nd, 2010 at the Albany Convention Center.

Junior class rings will be in soon. Please listen to the announcements for information.

SENIOR CLASS OF 2010

The Senior Ball is being held on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the Hall of Springs

GRADUATION:

The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2010 will be held at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center (SPAC) on Thursday, June 24th at 1:30 p.m. A letter will be sent in May that will outline details for the ceremony .

Driver Education Program-Spring 2010

Registration forms will be available on the Shenendehowa website at www.shenet.org and in the High School East Counseling Center beginning **January 11**. The fee is \$382.00 and registrations are accepted in the order that they are received with seniors given preference. All students must be 16

years of age by February 3 and have a valid NYS learner's permit or driver's license prior to the start of the program.

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held 3:30-5:00pm on Wednesday February 3 in the HS East Little Theater. Bell's Driving School will be contacting registered students after the registration period ends with schedules which may include classes after school and/or on Saturdays.

Registration ends on Friday January 29.





Tips for Parents

Many parents ask, “When is my child sick enough to stay home from school?”

This is not always an easy question to answer! We hope that these tips can help!

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. We suggest making a plan for childcare ahead of time so you will not be caught without a comforting place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.

Our school policy states that you should not send your child to school if he/she has:

- Fever in the past 24 hours
- Vomiting in the past 24 hours
- Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Chills
- Sore throat

Medications at school:

The Code of Conduct states that inappropriate use of prescription and over the counter medications is prohibited. If it is necessary for a student to take prescription or non-prescription medication during the school day, a signed note from a parent or guardian and a physician’s written order, must be presented to the nurse. The medication will be dispensed by the nurse through the Health Office. The medication should be in a pharmacy prescription container and be clearly labeled with the student’s name, the name of the medication and the times to be taken.

*Please remember that medications must be renewed each school year. If your child has a physical done, please turn it in to the nurses as soon as possible so your child’s health record can remain current. Forms are available at www.shenet.org or in the Health Office.

10th Grade Physicals:

Physical Exams are required for ALL 10th grade students. Forms are available at www.shenet.org, click on forms. The Sports Physical will fulfill this requirement. Call the nurse with any questions.

Working Papers:

In order for the Health Office to sign off on the working paper application, there must be a physical on file in the Health Office within the last calendar year.

Sports Physicals:

To find out more information about sports physicals, go to the www.shenet.org, click on sports and scroll down to find the link to school sports physical info or call: **SHEN SPORTS HOTLINE: 881-0586**

Leaving school due to illness:

As school policy prohibits the use of **cell phones**, students must call parents from the Health Office.

- Strep Throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school)
- Bad cold, with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night
- Head lice—until your child has been treated according to the nurse or doctor’s instructions

If your child becomes ill at school and the teacher or school nurse feel the child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to come and take him/her home from school. It is essential that the nurse has a phone number where you can be contacted during the day and an emergency contact in the event you cannot be reached. Please be sure that arrangements can be made to transport your child home from school and that childcare is available in case of illness. If your daytime or emergency phone number changes during the year, please notify the nurse immediately. Please call the school’s Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Students MUST contact parents from the Health Office if going home due to illness. A nurse must speak with a parent.

TESTING INFORMATION

SPRING SEMESTER 2010 - COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM DATES

<u>Test</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>
SAT & SAT Subject Test	January 23	December 15	December 30
ACT (no NYS test centers)	February 6	January 5	January 15
SAT (Reasoning Only)	March 13	February 4	February 18
ACT	April 10	March 5	March 19
*SAT & SAT Subject Test	May 1	March 25	April 8
SAT & SAT Subject Test	June 5	April 29	May 13
*ACT	June 12	May 7	May 21

***Offered at Shenendehowa CEEB Code #331-845 ACT Test Center #199690 SAT Test Center #33-328**

- STUDENTS MAY REGISTER FOR SAT TESTS ONLINE @ WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM
- STUDENTS MAY REGISTER FOR ACT TESTS ONLINE @ WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG
- LATE REGISTRATION REQUIRES EXTRA FEES
- REGISTRATION MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COUNSELING CENTER

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAILING REGISTRATION PACKETS BY POSTMARK DEADLINES

Transportation and Cafeteria Schedules for Exam Week 1/26/10—1/29/10

The schedule below lists all regular arrival runs from home to school. Regular dismissal runs have been replaced with a series of time slots to provide transportation for students from school to home that coincide with the ending times of exams. Buses following the **late bus routes** will leave from the front bus port at 11:00 am. and 3:45 pm. Buses following the **regular bus route** will leave from their normal location at 2:45 pm. Copies of the destinations of each of the bus routes will be posted by the North, South, and West Wing offices. **THERE IS NO TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. Pick up during exam week will be at High School East. There will be a late route pick-up at High School West at 11:00am on Tuesday January 26, after the Earth Science Mid-Term.**

All regular bus runs between the High School and the VOTEC Center will operate on these days.

Students who attend VOTEC are expected to attend all regularly scheduled VOTEC class unless they are scheduled for an exam at Shenendehowa.

Transportation Schedule	Tuesday 1/26/10	Wednesday 1/27/10	Thursday 1/28/10	Friday 1/29/10
Arrival Bus Runs	All Regular AM Bus Runs	All Regular AM Bus Runs	All Regular AM Bus Runs	All Regular AM Bus Runs
Dismissal Bus Runs	Dismissal Bus Runs	Dismissal Bus Runs	Dismissal Bus Runs	Dismissal Bus Runs
Morning Dismissal	11:00 am	11:00 am	11:00 am	11:00 am
Early Afternoon Dismissal	2:45 pm	2:45 pm	2:45 pm	No PM exams scheduled
Late Bus Schedule	3:45 pm	3:45 pm	3:45 pm	

Cafeteria Schedule High School East

The east cafeteria will be open for breakfast and limited lunch as follows:

Tuesday 1/26/10	Wednesday 1/27/10	Thursday 1/28/10	Friday 1/29/10
Main Café	Main Café	Main Café	Main Café (Breakfast Only)

JANUARY 26 TUESDAY	JANUARY 27 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 28 THURSDAY	JANUARY 29 FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
RE Living Environment	RE Comprehensive French*	RE in U.S. History & Government	RE in Global History & Geography
RE Mathematics B	RE Comprehensive Spanish	RCT in Reading	RCT in Writing
RCT in Global Studies*	RE Physical Setting/Earth Science	RE Geometry	<i>AP Comp/Sci Mid-Term</i> (Hanley)
<i>RE Earth Science Mid-Term</i> (at HSW) (All Regents classes)	RCT in U.S. History & Gov't.*	<i>AP Physics Mid-Term</i> (Caldero)	<i>Auto-Tech/Construction Sys</i> <i>Mid-Term</i> (Lombardi & DeRubertis)
<i>Health Final</i> (All classes)	<i>Chemistry Mid-Term</i> (All RE Chem classes)	<i>Physics Mid-Term</i> (All RE Physics classes)	
12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	
RE Comprehensive English: Session One	RE Comprehensive English: Session Two	RE Integrated Algebra	Uniform Admission Deadlines Morning Examinations – 10:00 a.m.
RCT in Mathematics*	RCT in Science*	RE Physical Setting/Chemistry	Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.
<i>Economics Final</i> (All classes)	<i>AP Biology Mid-Term</i> (August)	RE Physical Setting/Physics*	
<i>AP Chemistry Mid-Term</i> (Nagle)	<i>AP US History Mid-Term</i> (All AP US Hist classes)		

IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

Anticipated Dates of Distribution
 Report Cards Interim Reports
 February 11
 *April 28 March 11
 *July 1 May 17
 (Report cards & interims are distributed in homeroom on dates indicated)
 *report card is mailed home

January 18 Martin Luther King Day
 Feb. 15-19 Midwinter Recess
 March 26 Superintendent's Conf. Day
 April 2-9 Spring Recess
 May 31 Memorial Day

Jan. 26-29 Regents Week
 March 18-20 Musical—*Anything Goes*
 May 13 9th Grade Recognition Night
 May 19 Underclassmen Awards Night
 May 27 Senior Awards Night
 June 24 Graduation—1:30 pm SPAC