

September 2022

THE DRAGON NEWS



The Monthly Newsletter of Silver Creek High School

Important Dates

Picture Retakes	Oct 19
Senior Trip 1st Payment Due	Oct 21
PSAT/eLearning	Oct 25
Teacher Workday (no school)	Oct 28
Venture Trip (NYC)	Oct 31 to Nov 4
Veterans Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 23 to Nov 25

Important Links

SCHS website: www.scsc.school
[SCHS Facebook](#)
[Silver Creek High School PTO](#)
[Silver Creek School Corporation Website](#)
[Silver Creek School Corporation Facebook](#)
[Free/Reduced Lunch Form](#)

PSAT October 25

The PSAT will be given to all sophomores and juniors as well as to freshmen that sign up to take the test on October 25th. October 25th is also an eLearning Day for the rest of our students. We will have an adapted eLearning schedule for the students that are not testing. Each block will be 65 minutes with a required 30 minute Google Meet. Students that are testing will also have a schedule after testing is complete.

Students may leave with parent permission after the testing is complete. The permission form will be sent out this week along with more details.

Welcome Mrs. Fanning!

I am very pleased to announce that our new severe needs teacher is Mrs. Mary Fanning. Her first day is October 17, 2022. Mrs. Fanning formerly taught at Silver Creek Middle School. Please make her feel welcome!

Report Cards

Grades for the first nine weeks will be finalized and posted on Infinite Campus on Friday, October 21st.

Semester Exam Schedule

Mon. December 12	B1 and B4
Tue. December 13	O1 and O3
Wed. December 14	B3
Thu. December 15	O2 and O4
Fri. December 16	Make Ups

Anonymous Tipline

[Securly Tipline Link](#)

School Safety Conference: Fentanyl Warning

The Indiana Advanced School Safety Conference recently met for training. One particular alarming session covered drug trends in high schools and particularly, the rising incidents of Fentanyl laced products that has led to many recent deaths of high school students. Fentanyl is odorless, tasteless, and colorless which makes it very hard to detect. Fentanyl is also much cheaper to produce than counterfeit opioids. Fentanyl laced products include: candy (Skittles), look-

a-like rugs (oxycodone, Percocet, Xanax, Adderall, Tylenol), and Vape pens. Please let us know if you have any questions. I have included an Early Warning Signs of Teen Substance abuse at the bottom of this page. We also plan to show the following video to our students during FLEX one day this week: <https://youtu.be/UvtuVX627ow>.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

We want you safe!

One Pill of Fentanyl Can Kill



Resources

<https://www.dea.gov/onepill>

https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/Fentanyl%20Used%20in%20Vape%20Pens_PRB%20FINAL.pdf

Early Warning Signs of Teen Substance Use

One of the most challenging aspects of SUD, is that it is a progressive disease making early warning signs hard to spot, allowing unhealthy patterns to develop into full blown SUD quickly. Teens already experience mood swings due to changing hormones as a natural part of adolescence. Pay attention if your teenager is experiencing mood swings in conjunction with changes in behavior or appearance such as the following, as these could be signed of medication misuse or drug abuse:

- Loss of interest in activities they previously enjoyed.
- Dropping old friends for a new friend group.
- Acting despondent, aggressive, or angry.
- Sleeping more or less than usual.
- Breaking rules at home and/or school.
- Exhibiting physical changes like sudden weight loss, frequent nosebleeds, bloodshot or watery eyes, or shakes and tremors.

Knowing your teenager's passions, interests, and habits can make the early warning signs more apparent. Casual use can quickly spiral out of control if you ignore problems, rationalize teenage drinking or smoking marijuana, or avoid having open and honest discussions with your child. The earlier intervention happens, the more effective prevention and treatment efforts will be. For more early warning signs of substance use, check out [this article](#) by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation.

Source: <https://www.in.gov/health/overdose-prevention/resources-for-the-public/>