

# Souderton Area High School

December 2022 Newsletter

## SAHS

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Have a terrific holiday!

As I reflect upon the first part of the school year and the approaching holiday, I continue to be very thankful to call Souderton my work home! I find a ton of examples of how you as parents and our community make teaching our students very enjoyable. Certainly, some of society's divisive issues have filtered into our schools. But, when doing what is best for our students and developing a school environment that is fun for the students and inclusive, I have always found that we are able to focus on those common grounds - - our kids!

Have a great holiday! Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Sam Varano  
Principal

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### *Class of 2023 Graduation*

The date of the Graduation Ceremony will be announced after the inclement weather season.

### Pathway 360°

As part of Pathway 360°, this is the time of year when **JUNIORS** should be looking into mentorship opportunities and reaching out to **Mrs. Tarlo** in A112 or emailing her with questions at [atarlo@soudertonsd.org](mailto:atarlo@soudertonsd.org).

**SOPHOMORES** should be considering job shadows and seeing **Mr. Darcy** in guidance, or emailing questions to [mdarcy@soudertonsd.org](mailto:mdarcy@soudertonsd.org).

## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

JAN 4 & 5: Keystone Exam - Algebra 1  
 JAN 10 & 11: Keystone Exam - Biology  
 JAN 16: NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
 JAN 17: Red Zone Begins  
 JAN 18: Parent Participation Meeting - 9:30AM  
 JAN 21: Winter Ball - 7:00PM  
 JAN 23 & 24: Final Exams  
 JAN 25: NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service  
 JAN 26: End of MP2/Semester 1  
 JAN 28: Winter Ball Snow Date - 7:00PM

### FEBRUARY

FEB 1: Back to School Night - 6:30PM  
 FEB 7: Report Cards Available on HAC  
 FEB 15: Prom Fashion Show - 6:30PM  
 FEB 17: NO SCHOOL for Students and Teachers  
 FEB 17: Evening of Jazz - 6:30PM  
 FEB 20: NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day  
 FEB 22: Parent Participation Meeting - 9:30AM

### MARCH

MAR 6: Spring Sports Meeting - 3:00PM  
 MAR 9: Culture Café - 6:00PM  
 MAR 10: No SCHOOL - Act 80 Day  
 MAR 10: SouderTHON  
 MAR 15: Music in Our Schools Concert - 6:30PM  
 MAR 18: Art & Soul - 6:00PM  
 MAR 20-24: Unified Spirit Week  
 MAR 22: Parent Participation Meeting - 9:30AM



Photo Credit: Shawn Hanrahan

## Students of the Month

### October 2022

Nathan Grebe	<b>Grade 9</b>	Kaitlyn Caldwell
Rishi Dhanasekaran	<b>Grade 10</b>	Cassidy Gulley
Connor Mc Neill	<b>Grade 11</b>	Emily Ulrich
Josh Antill	<b>Grade 12</b>	Jacqueline McCoy

### November 2022

Lincoln Annise	<b>Grade 9</b>	Charlotte McNeill
Samuel Oberst	<b>Grade 10</b>	Alaina Bagby
Arman Khatri	<b>Grade 11</b>	Ashley Paturzo
James Walsh	<b>Grade 12</b>	Mikaela Hart

## 2022-2023 End of Marking Period Dates

Parents/Guardians can continuously monitor student progress on [Home Access Center](#) (HAC)

	End of Marking Period	Report Cards Available on HAC
MP2	1/26/23	2/7/23
MP3	4/3/23	4/19/23
MP4	6/13/23	6/16/23

## Staff Spotlight

### Kathy Perricone

Kathy began her teaching career at her alma mater, Pennridge High School, where she taught for 16 years. Among her favorite students were current SAHS faculty, Tara Weismantel O'Neill and Nick Chiarolanza. After a pause in her career to raise her children, two daughters and one son, Kathy returned to teaching at SAHS 11 years ago, primarily teaching Geometry and Honors Precalc./Trig. Kathy serves as co-advisor to the SAHS Interact club.



A cross stitcher and avid baker, Kathy enjoys making birthday and special occasion cakes, but baking for her four grandchildren is her favorite.

Although a trip to Germany is an item on her bucket list, Kathy is currently planning for a family vacation to Disney World next summer!

*"Mrs. Perricone always has her students' best interests at heart. She puts in so much work to make sure her students succeed, and it is appreciated. She is super caring and approachable, and I always feel welcome in her class. Thank you, Mrs. Perricone!" - Claire Jalboot (sophomore)*



*"I appreciate the constant support and encouragement from our administration. I enjoy the opportunity to help students reach their full potential and to see success in math class." - Kathy Perricone*



*"SAHS has incredible school spirit. Having more than 70 clubs, year-round athletics and musical ensembles, there are endless possibilities to feel that sense of community and belonging, and to get involved. That makes me very proud to work at SAHS." - Kelli Nonemacher*

### Kelli Nonemacher

A graduate of North Penn High School, Kelli is the administrative assistant in our 11/12 Student Services Office and among many other things, responsible for parking at the high school.

A busy mom with two young daughters, Kelli enjoys cooking, baking, and reading. A self professed thrill seeker, Kelli grew up riding horses, racing snowmobiles and participating in "any outdoor activities that got the pulse going!" Not one to say no to rollercoasters, bungee jumping, or free fall rides, Kelli has yet to try her hand at skydiving, but it is on her list.

If Kelli had to choose another profession she would love to be a wedding/event planner! "I just love taking someone's vision and creating it into an experience they will never forget."

*"Kelli brings a high level of energy and creativity into her position. She is always looking to go above and beyond her normal role."*

*-Dr. Coddington (11/12 Vice Principal)*



## Course Selection

The following is a tentative timeline for course selection:

**JAN 17: 10th Grade** Course Selection Presentation (during 5th Block)

**JAN 24: 11th Grade** Course Selection Presentation (during 5th Block)

**JAN 31: 9th Grade** Course Selection Presentation (during 5th Block)

**FEB 1-6: 9th-11th Grade** course request entry

**FEB 7-28:** Counselors meet with students during Semester 2 social studies classes

**MAR 1-MAR 10:** Counselors meet with students not in Semester 2 social studies classes

**MAY 30:** Schedules distributed to students

There is **not a Drop/Add Period** after schedules are released. Instead, students **may change their course requests up until May 1st**, which gives them the opportunity to experience their 4th Marking Period classes. After students receive their schedules, they will be able to change their schedule only if they:

- Do not meet the prerequisite
- Have an imbalance in their schedule
- Want to increase the rigor of their schedule
- Were not able to schedule all of their requests

## RED ZONE IS BACK!

After a very successful and positive pilot program, Red Zone will be back for a second pilot, beginning January 17, 2023. The pilot will run through the 3rd Marking Period. Prior to the end of the 3rd Marking Period, we will collect information, including similar surveys to those that were sent to students, staff, and parents after the original pilot in October/November 2022. If the results of the information collection are similar to the first pilot, which were overwhelmingly positive and in favor of the Red Zone, we will consider continuing Red Zone into the 4th Quarter and into next school year.



### Santa in the Greenhouse

