



SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

Hello SHS Students and Families,

March is another busy month at SHS in and outside the classrooms. As our winter sports teams are wrapping up their seasons with exciting tournament competitions, our Drama Club is preparing for the spring musical, "Into the Woods", our Agriscience students are gathering prizes for the Bingo AGstravaganza and our National Honor Society is organizing the annual Volleyball Marathon.

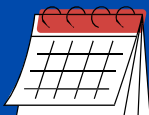


All juniors will be taking the SAT March 20th. Seniors - March is an important time to apply for scholarships - there is money available for all graduates. Remember to check Naviance regularly for a wide range of scholarships; deadlines vary. Also, be sure to complete the [Application for Local Scholarships](#) - deadline is April 21st.

Details on upcoming activities and much more is included in this newsletter. As always, please reach out if you have any questions.

Principal, Carrie Apanovitch

CALENDAR



3/6, 3/7, 3/8 = Parent-Teacher Conferences

3/7 & 3/8 = Early Dismissal Days

3/14 = Bingo AGstravaganza

3/15, 16, 17 = Spring Musical

3/20 = SAT (grade 11)

3/21 = March Concert

3/22-23 = Volleyball Marathon

3/28 = Early Dismissal Day (PD)

3/28 = Last Day of Marking Period 3

Attendance Reminders: Please do NOT send emails to report absences or early dismissals.

To report an absence:

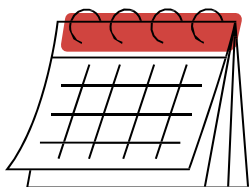
- **Parent/Guardian must call the attendance line: (860) 668-3810 before start of the school day**

To report an early dismissal/pick-up:

- **student must bring a parent-signed note to the main office before the start of the school day & receive a pass for dismissal**

SHS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MARCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 X Modified Bell Schedule Spirit Week Spirit Games	2
3	4 A Class of 27 Fundraiser 6:30 BOE Meeting	5 A Class of 27 Fundraiser	6 A Class of 27 Fundraiser Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:00	7 F Class of 27 Fundraiser 10:45 Early Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences 11:30-2:30 & 3:20-5:20	8 F Class of 27 Fundraiser 10:45 Early Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences 11:20am-2:20pm	9
10	11 A Start of Ramadan	12 B K-12 Vertical Dept Mtg	13 C Full Team Leader Meeting	14 D 6:00 Alumni Bingo Night Fundraiser	15 E Drama Club Spirit Day 6:30 Spring Musical	16 6:30 Spring Musical
17 1:00 Spring Musical	18 A 6:30 BOE Meeting	19 B School Base Meeting	20 C SAT (Grade 11) Team Leader Meeting 6:00 Principal's Advisory Group	21 D 7:00 March Concert	22 E Agriscience Accepted Students Day Volleyball Marathon 7pm - 6am	23 Volleyball Marathon (ends at 6am)
24 Holi	25 A Holi	26 A K-12 Vertical Dept Mtg	27 A	28 F 10:45 Early Dismissal PD Day Last Day of 3rd Marking Period	29 Good Friday No School	30



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SHS Activities
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Date*

Early Release Days:

3/7 = Parent-Teacher Conferences

3/8 = Parent-Teacher Conferences

3/28 = Professional Development

4/12 = Professional Development

5/24 = Professional Development

TBA = Final Exams

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bingo AGstravaganza: March 14

Spring Musical: March 15, 16, 17

SAT (Grade 11): March 20

March Concert: March 21

Volleyball Marathon: March 22-23

Trivia Night: April 5

Spring Art Show: April 11

World Languages Honor Society Induction: April 25

NGSS Testing: May 1

AP Testing: May 6-23

Prom: May 10

FFA Awards Ceremony: May 16

Pops Concert: May 21

Senior Awards & Scholarships Night: May 22

Bioblitz: May 23

District-wide Choral Concert: May 23

Undergrad Awards: May 24

Unified Theater Performance & Drama Awards: May 29

Senior Outing: May 31

Senior Banquet: June 6

Graduation: June 8

March 6, 7 & 8
Parent-Teacher
Conferences



SHS Activities Calendar,
click here

Parent/Teacher CONFERENCES

SHS Parents,

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for March 6, 7, or 8. Please remember to bring a copy of your conferences schedule that includes the room numbers. To view your schedule, log on to the pick-a-time site.

Pick-a-time site:

<https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11608505&event=282517>

If you need to make any changes, please email Eric Hamylak:

ehamylak@suffield.org

To Register (new users only)

1. [Once on the pick-a-time website, enter your email address and click "Login/Create Account".](#)
2. [Fill in the required fields and register.](#)
3. [For each child, enter a student ID \(located on the student schedule, progress report, report card\) and birthdate \(mm/dd/yy\).](#)

**Wednesday,
March 6**

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Thursday,
March 7**

11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

3:20 PM to 5:20 PM

**Friday,
March 8**

11:20 AM to 2:20 PM



The Connecticut (CT) School Day SAT will be taking place on March 20th starting at 7:30 until students finish the test around lunch time. Students will still be provided lunch after the testing is finished. Students do not need to register or pay for the exam. However, Grade 11 students are required to take this exam during the school day. Students will take the exam on a computer provided by Suffield High School in the gym. (Some students who receive approved accommodations from the CollegeBoard will take this exam in a classroom setting.) Students will receive their Admission Ticket the morning of the test and will be seated two to each table for ample room.

Please note that the day of the test if you are trying to contact a school counselor there will be a delay in their response time as they will be proctoring the exam. Also, please know that if any students need assistance from the counseling department during the testing time a school psychologist and our family/school liaison will be available in the counseling department. There will be no other tests or homework given to grade 11 students on March 20th.



SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The SHS School Counseling Department has been implementing many events over the course of the last couple months to support students on their post-secondary planning journey.

- **Beginning the week of February 12th, School Counselors have been reaching out to meet individually with every Junior and their parent/guardian to assist in future planning for after High School. We invite you to come in together for an individualized Junior Planning appointment sometime in the next few months.**
- **To Schedule your Junior Planning Meeting with a School Counselor please reach out to Mrs. Harfouche at harfouche@suffield.org or email your students' school counselor directly.**

Please click on the link below to access the College and Future Planning presentation in advance of our meeting so we can follow up and answer any questions you have when we meet.

[College & Future Planning Presentation - Advisory Lesson.pdf](#)

We are excited to help and support you through this process and look forward to meeting soon.

Respectfully,

**The Suffield High School Counseling Team,
Gina Garfield 6-12 Team Leader
Victoria Deming
Kristina Kochanek
Robert St. Amand**



March 3 - 9



you'RE
AMAZING

Ms. Lee

SHS School Social Worker

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

SPECIAL SERVICES TRANSITION FAIR

March 6, 2024 5:00-7:00

Suffield High School Media Center
1060 Sheldon Street, Suffield

In the auditorium

6:00-6:30

**CT State Asnuntuck
Disabilities Coordinator
presents:**

**Accommodations and
Supports at the
College Level**



In the auditorium

6:30-7:00

**EastConn
presents:**

**Supported
Decision Making**

FAFSA SUPPORT:

**Staff available to provide support for
parents and students**

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:



CPAC



EastConn



Suffield Community Services



DDS



ACC Disabilities Services



BRS Level Up



Goodwill Career Center

For More Info: —————→

Allison Daly, Secondary Transition Coordinator
adaly@suffield.org

What information will the agency representatives be providing?

CPAC: Connecticut parent resources and support

EastConn: Supported Decision Making

DDS: Self-Determination and Transition Services

BRS Level Up: Pre-employment servicing and supports

Suffield Community Services: Community Activities and Supports

ACC Disabilities Services: Support Services at the College Level

Goodwill Career Center: Employment Services

FAFSA Support: Student and parent help in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

DEAR SUFFIELD PARENTS AND GUARDIANS,

Youth Services and Suffield High School are teaming up to host monthly career panels for our students and we need community support to make these events engaging and meaningful.

Our goal with this panel is to provide our students with valuable insights into various career paths and opportunities available to them beyond high school. We believe that hearing directly from professionals like yourselves can greatly benefit our students as they begin to explore different career options and plan for their future.

The career panel will consist of participants sharing what they do, what led them to this career, and what education, requirements, or certifications they obtained. Each participant will be allotted roughly five minutes to present. There will be time for students to ask questions at the end.

We would be honored to have you represented on our panel. Your expertise and insights would undoubtedly enrich the discussion and provide our students with a well-rounded perspective on potential career paths.

If you are interested in participating please complete the Google Form linked below OR contact Kelly Giannuzzi or Allison Daly.

kgiannuzzi@suffieldct.gov ~ adaly@suffield.org

We would be happy to provide you with further details and discuss any questions you may have.

[Career Panel Link ~Click Here](#)



Senior Scoop: March Edition

Class of 2024 Students, Parents, and Guardians:

As the Class of 2024 embarks on their last semester of high school, many exciting events will be taking place. Below is a list of the many activities that will be taking place and opportunities for you to help make the remaining time an amazing experience for the graduates. As always, if you have questions, please reach out to the class advisors, Mrs. Tierney or Mr. Wheeler (jtierney@suffield.org and swheeler@suffield.org).

Dues:

Senior dues are \$50.00. Class dues cover the cost of Senior Outing, Yearbook, Caps and Gowns, Yearbook Picnic Lunch, Rehearsal Pizza, and they help reduce the cost of Prom and Senior Banquet tickets. You may submit your dues online via the Square Link or bring cash/check (payable to

“Suffield High School”) to Mr. Wheeler in room 715. All dues must be paid in order to participate in senior activities and graduation.

Please check PowerSchool for any past due balances.



PAY NOW



Upcoming Events:

Trivia Night - 4/5/24: The Class of 2024 will be hosting its 2nd Trivia Night Fundraiser at SHS. This is the final fundraiser for the Class of 2024 - generating funds through ticket sales and a raffle. We had a great turnout last year and are hoping to have a fun night once again this year. If we can count on you to donate an item (or cash to purchase an item) to our raffle, please complete the Google Form to let us know - Trivia Night Donations!

SENIOR SCOOP - MARCH EDITION CONTINUED

Prom - 5/10/24: Riverview, Simsbury, CT. 6 - 11 p.m. Ticket sales will begin in late March. Please note that students can not purchase prom tickets unless all dues are paid.

Any student/parent interested in financial assistance or to peruse our collection of formal wear, please reach out to School Social Worker, Keely Lee at klee@suffield.org 860-668-3810x3118 or Family Liaison, Alaina DeCesare at adecesare@suffield.org 860-372-7912.

Senior Scholarship and Awards Night - 5/22/24: Suffield High School Auditorium. This is an invitation only event. Invitations will be sent directly to students in the early May.

Senior Outing - 5/31/24: Suffield High School, Outdoor Field Spaces 9:00-2:00 Seniors will enjoy a fun-filled field day at our outdoor field spaces with inflatables, a mobile game truck, and lots of food. Opportunities to volunteer will be available in late winter/early spring. We will also be looking to borrow yardgames!

Senior Banquet - 6/6/24: Crestview Country Club, Agawam, MA 6:00-9:00
Enjoy a casual evening together to celebrate with hor'dourves, a buffet style dinner and dessert. Also enjoy a Senior Slideshow commemorating the Class of 2024's school experience in Suffield. Photos have been slow to trickle in, so we are looking for photos of the members of the Class of 2024 and will accept them through May 15, 2024, but the earlier you can share them with us, the better.

Please submit photos: Senior Slideshow Photo Submission

Graduation - 6/8/24: Suffield High School Turf Field 9:30 AM (Rain Date TBD)



Scholarships: Be sure to log into Naviance and select the tab to review scholarship opportunities. Check frequently!

Also, the [Application for Local Scholarships](#) is now available and due April 21st.

AGRISCIENCE UPDATE



The Behavior & Training Class class had a very successful Doggy SPA day with over 15 dogs scheduled over six days to be bathed, groomed and socialized by students. The students also made, baked and sold doggy treats. The support of this event was incredible and funds will be utilized to enhance the animals in the small animal labs.

On Friday February 23rd, students from Dr. LaFlamme's Advanced Floral Design Class, took part in a challenge to recreate and reimagine a Disney princess dress out of flowers. The students chose to recreate Rapunzel's dress, using a variety of flowers and greens to achieve a purple masterpiece! Overall the dress took about 4 hours to complete however the students worked collaboratively to accomplish the task and get the job done successfully. They have been invited to participate in the Wadsworth Atheneum Floral and Art show on May 3rd - 5th. This will be the first time our students have been invited to participate in this prestigious event.



The Geraniums have arrived! Over 1,200 geranium cuttings arrived on February 9, 2024. The agriscience students mixed soil, planted and spaced the geraniums into the greenhouse. Students will be busy caring for the plants through May so that they are ready for the Suffield Garden Club May Market.

Students will also work with the Suffield VFW to provide flowering geraniums for Memorial day remembrance ceremonies.





On February 15th 47 1st year students earned their Greenhand degree and 50 2nd year students earned their chapter FFA degree. The ceremony was attended by over 200 people. Students explained their degree requirements and each recipient shared a goal they have related to their agriscience program engagement for 2024.

**Please join us on March 14th for the
2nd annual FFA Alumni sponsored
BINGO AGstravaganza!**

**Fabulous prizes and a great night of
fun is planned starting at 6 pm in the
school commons.**



SUFFIELD FFA FAMILY,
FRIENDS AND ALUMNI
ORGANIZATION
PRESENTS:

MUSIC

A Gstraviganza Bingo Night

RAFFLE

FFA MERCH

Thursday, March 14
6:00pm - 8:30pm
First game @ 6:30

SPORTS
TICKETS

\$25 admission for 10 games and a
free raffle ticket.

PRIZES

10 and under Free!

For more info please call:
860-668-3817

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



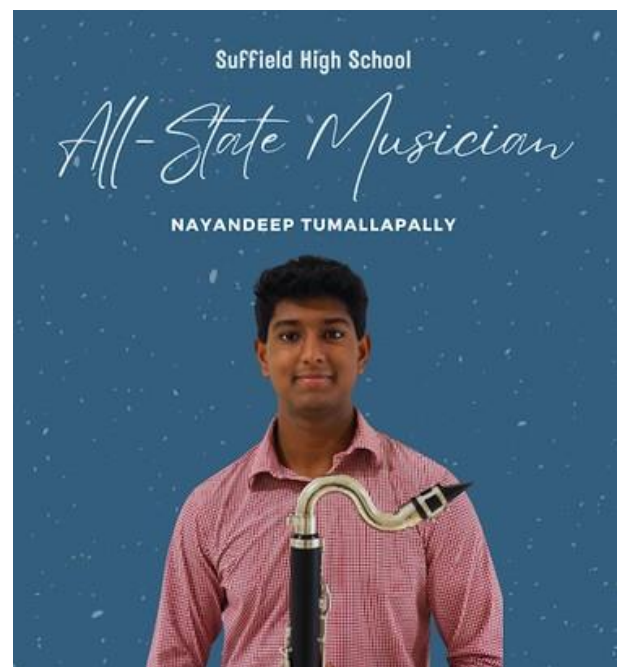
February was highlighted by the SHS Coffeehouse Concert, featuring soloists and small groups in an intimate performance in the SHS Commons, and the District Band Festival. The Jazz Ensemble performed in the community at the Suffield Senior Center and participated in the UConn Jazz Festival where they took part in workshops and a clinic with UConn Jazz Professor, saxophonist, and former Connecticut Teacher of the Year John Mastroianni.



Looking ahead, March is Music in Our Schools Month! We'll be celebrating with numerous performances, field trips, and celebrations of different types of music throughout the month. Students are encouraged to submit music to our Music of the Moment campaign, where staff and students can submit their favorite songs and musical artists to be featured throughout our school this month. There are four scheduled performances this month: the SHS Production of *Into the Woods* on March 15th and 16th at 6:30 p.m., and March 17th at 1:20 p.m., and the March Concert on March 21st at 7:00 in the Auditorium. There are also field trips coming up to the Lincoln Center in New York, and Longmeadow High School for a combined chorus rehearsal.

Student Recognition

Congratulations to Nayandeep Tummalapally, who was accepted into the CMEA All-State Band on the Bass Clarinet! Nayan is a sophomore at Suffield High School where he plays Alto Saxophone in the Jazz Ensemble and Alto Saxophone and Bass Clarinet in the Symphonic Band. Nayan was also cast as Jack in Suffield High School's upcoming production of *Into the Woods*. Beyond music, Nayan plays on the SHS Soccer team.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Upcoming Events:

Combined Choral Rehearsal @ **Longmeadow HS March 6th**

Jazz at the Lincoln Center Field Trip: **March 8th**

SMBA Chipotle Fundraiser **March 9th, 4-8 p.m., Enfield Chipotle**

SHS Musical: Into the Woods, **March 15th, 6:30 p.m.**

SHS Musical: Into the Woods, **March 16th, 6:30 p.m.**

SHS Musical: Into the Woods, **March 17th, 1:00 p.m.**

March Concert: **March 21st, 6:00 p.m.**

Mandatory Disney Trip Meeting **April 2nd, 7:00 p.m., SHS Auditorium**



SHS Jazz Ensemble performing at Von der Mehden recital hall, in clinic with John Mastroianni at the UConn Jazz Festival and at the Suffield Senior Center.



SPS District Band Festival

SHS SPRING MUSICAL



**Suffield High School
PRESENTS**

INTO THE WOODS

Tickets available at door
\$10 Student/Seniors
\$15 General Admission

March 15th 6:30pm
March 16th 6:30pm
March 17th 1:00pm

Come, support the Suffield High School Drama Club in their three performances of the musical, "Into the Woods". Please note the show is about two hour and half hours with a brief intermission. One weekend only in the Suffield High School Auditorium.

Don't miss it!



WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

On February 12th, members of the Société Honoraire de Français gathered to celebrate Lundi Gras and the Carnaval season à la Louisiane. Students decorated masks with paint, feathers and gems. Students also decorated and ate cupcakes (representing the traditional Kings Cake) with the Mardi Gras colors: purple for justice, gold for power and green for faith.





VBM is coming!

Friday, March 22, 7:00pm to
Saturday, March 23, 6:00am

[Click here for all the 2024 Volleyball Marathon
general information and rules](#)



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBM!!!



Things we're looking for...

- ✓ Packaged foods
- ✓ Packaged drinks
- ✓ Plates
- ✓ Bowls
- ✓ Utensils

We WILL NOT accept...

- ✗ Homemade goods
- ✗ Napkins (We already have enough)
- ✗ Caffeinated beverages

*****Please bring your donations in the week of VBM, NOT the day of!*****

QUESTIONS?

REACH OUT TO THE VBM FOOD COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNA WASHBURN
(@ANNA.WASHBURN@SUFFIELDSTUDENT.ORG)

[Parent Chaperones Needed - click here to volunteer](#)

ANONYMOUS REPORTING



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[Say Something Anonymous Reporting link](#) on Suffield Public Schools website.

The reporting tool is for the purpose of notifying administration of matters pertaining to student safety, acts of racism, bullying, and other serious matters that require a prompt response;

Although the tool is intended to be anonymous, investigations into matters are made much easier when the reporting party discloses their name for further follow-up;

The reporting tool is not for reporting routine matters unrelated to the immediate safety and security of students and or staff.

Please remember, if your child is having an issue with a teacher, coach, any other staff member or another classmate that does NOT have immediate danger we encourage students to speak with their school counselor.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Van Tassel, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY GROUPS



Principal's STUDENT Advisory Group

We had a great first meeting and I'm looking forward to our future meetings! We welcome more students to join this group to help provide our administrators with a wide range of student perspectives. If you find yourself with opinions and ideas that you would like to share, please consider applying for a seat on the advisory. This is not a popularity contest! All the meetings start at 6pm in the LMC on the dates listed below. If interested, please complete the [Principal's Student Advisory Group Form here](#). Contact Ms. Apanovitch if you have any questions.

Principal's PARENT Advisory Group

All SHS parents/guardians are invited to be a part of the Principal's Parent Advisory Group which will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 PM in the SHS Library Media Center. These meetings are a great opportunity for parents/guardians to gain information about the high school and also allows the school administration an opportunity to better understand the views and concerns of parents/guardians. Principal, Carrie Apanovitch, leads the meetings as an open forum. Some topics that may be discussed, but not limited to, include: Portrait of a Graduate, academic support, assessment practices, attendance policy, school wide rubrics, and school culture. Please come with any questions, concerns, or feedback you may have to discuss.

~~9/13, 9/27, 10/18, 11/15, 1/24, 2/28, 3/20, 4/24~~

6:00-7:00pm = Principal's Student Advisory Group

7:00-8:00pm = Principal's Parent Advisory Group

in the SHS Library Media Center (LMC)

HERPETOLOGY CLUB



During the first outing of the Herpetology Club to the vernal pool, students located the north, east, south and west points and marked them with poles. SHS students interested in joining the Herpetology Club should contact Mr. Grimard in room 409.



SHS MYSTERY READERS AT SPAULDING SCHOOL



SHS Mystery Readers at Spaulding

On 2/28/24, Suffield High School students were mystery readers at Spaulding Elementary School to celebrate Black History Month! Special thanks to Spaulding Assistant Principal Kupec for coordinating with SHS senior Christina Vega to make this a positive experience for all the students involved.

A STUDENT ABOVE

The Suffield Athletic Department has partnered Jersey Mike's on a new program called "A Student Above". Each week, coaches can nominate a player who has gone well above the CIAC Class Act Standards during a game and/or practice from the previous week. Suffield High School's Sportsmanship Committee reviews each nomination and votes on one winner.

CIAC Class Act Standards are:

- 1. Accept the responsibility and privilege the student-athlete has in representing their school and community by learning and showing teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline in all aspects of the game.**
- 2. Conduct themselves responsibly during adverse or emotional situations.**
- 3. Demonstrate respect for self, coach, teammates, opponents, officials and spectators by exhibiting good character and conducting themselves as a positive role model.**
- 4. Win and lose graciously.**
- 5. Cheer for your team, not against your opponent.**
- 6. Congratulate opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.**
- 7. Refrain from taunting opponents.**



Rylie Baril (Girls Basketball) Rylie's nomination says "that she is very positive and vocal cheering her teammates on during practice and games. She also shows good sportsmanship helping players from other teams and her teammates off the floor when they were knocked down during games."

Quinn Lynam (Boys Basketball) Quinn's nomination says "Quinn works extremely hard in practice everyday. He is kind to his teammates and accepts coaching from all the staff. We can always count on Quinn to cheer on his teammates and give his best effort regardless of the minutes he plays in a game. With 8 seniors on our team, Quinn offered to give up his starting spot on his senior night so some of the other seniors could play in his place. He is a great example of what we look for in a student-athlete."

Sam Ruggieri (Girls Hockey) Sam's nomination states "Consistently, positive on and off the ice, no matter the score. Great mentor for the incoming freshmen, taking them under her "wing". Positive attitude on the bench pumping her teammates up when the chips are down. Always thankful to the coaching staff after every practice and game."

Griffin Mandirola (Indoor Track) Griffin's nomination states "This past weekend, Griffin was not competing in the track meet, however he still can and supported the team. He helped his teammates and the coaching staff during the meet and was a great role model for all of our athletes. Track, unlike other sports, typically athletes do not attend meets when they are not competing, but Griffin gave us 6+ hours on Saturday!!"

WILDCAT COOKING CLUB

Big thank you to Marc, from Valley Fish Company, for teaching Wildcat Cooking Club how to make Lobster Mac & Cheese. We learned how to make a mornay sauce and about laws regarding harvesting lobsters. Did you know it takes about 5 to 7 years for lobsters to reach legal size? Stay tuned, next visit will be about salmon!



SUFFIELD COMMUNITY AID SCHOLARSHIPS



James F. Coggins, Jr. Community Service Award

In memory of our late volunteer and Board member, James F. Coggins, Jr., Suffield Community Aid (SCA) offers a \$1,500 award to a graduating Suffield high school senior who demonstrates selflessness, generosity, and concern for the Suffield community through their volunteer activities. Jim was highly engaged and passionate about the Suffield community and neighboring towns through his involvement with Sacred Heart Church, SCA, the Suffield Zoning Board of Appeals, and a volunteer with the Enfield Food Shelf. He was also an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Applicants for this award must live in Suffield but do not need to attend Suffield High School for consideration (e.g., may attend Suffield Academy, Loomis Chaffee, Northwest Catholic High School, etc.). Applicants are required to submit a 500-word (max.) essay supporting their selection to SCA at 450 South St. Suffield, CT 06078 or by email at daniellea@suffieldcommunityaid.org. The deadline to apply is: Monday, May 6 th by midnight.

Jane Purtil Fuller Scholarship for Nursing or Social Services Candidates

To recognize the many contributions of our past employee and long-time supporter of Suffield Community Aid, the Board of Directors dedicates an annual needs-based scholarship in memory of Jane Purtil Fuller. This \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Suffield high school senior pursuing a nursing or social service field of study (e.g., social work, psychology, criminal justice, counseling, etc.). Applicants must live in Suffield but do not need to attend Suffield High School for consideration (e.g., may attend Suffield Academy, Loomis Chaffee, Northwest Catholic High School, etc.). Applicants wishing to apply are encouraged to complete the application for local scholarships at Suffield High School or call SCA at (860) 668-1986.

Kathy Ostrowski Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Kathy Ostrowski was a beloved Suffield resident and former SCA Board member who had a passion for helping others within and beyond her commitment as a nurse. Since 2022, SCA awards a \$1,500 needs-based scholarship to a Suffield graduating senior, in pursuit of a nursing degree. Seniors who do not reside in Suffield but attend high school in Suffield will be considered (e.g., VoAg Program at SHS, Suffield Academy, etc.). Applicants wishing to apply are encouraged to complete the application for local scholarships at Suffield High School or call SCA at (860) 668-1986.

Suffield Community Aid "Forward Focus" Scholarship

Created in 2024, the SCA Board of Directors established this \$1,500 scholarship to offer graduating Suffield High School seniors financial support as they pursue job and educational goals post-graduation. Applicants must live in Suffield but do not need to attend Suffield High School for consideration (e.g., may attend Suffield Academy, Loomis Chaffee, Northwest Catholic High School, etc.). This needs-based scholarship is offered to seniors who have committed to a trade or vocational school, 2-or-4 year college, or other identified job readiness program. Applicants are required to submit a 250-word (max.) essay supporting their selection to SCA at 450 South St. Suffield, CT 06078 or by email at daniellea@suffieldcommunityaid.org. The deadline to apply is: Monday, May 6 th by midnight.

TEENVAPING PARENT PRESENTATION

Join us for an enlightening evening dedicated to exploring the topic of teen vaping. As vaping continues to rise among adolescents, it's crucial for parents to stay informed and equipped with the knowledge to address this issue effectively.

Join Suffield Local Prevention Council and Dynamic Influence's Robert Hackenson, who will delve into the mechanics of vaping, the dangers associated with it, and the latest trends among teenagers. Gain insights into how to recognize signs of vaping, understand the health risks involved, and learn strategies for having meaningful conversations with your teen about this topic.

Through discussion and practical tips, you'll leave with a deeper understanding of teen vaping and actionable steps to support your child in making healthy choices. Don't miss this opportunity to empower yourself as a parent and protect your teen's well-being.

Date: Thursday, March 14

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Location: Suffield Middle School Media Center

Light refreshments will be provided.

Admission is free. Please RSVP to secure your spot.

Kelly Giannuzzi | Director of Youth Services

Senior Center | Office (860) 668 - 3329 | 145 Bridge Street | Suffield, CT 06078

www.suffieldct.gov | website

kgiannuzzi@suffieldct.gov

A CAN'T MISS PARENT EVENT!

PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS ON TEEN VAPING




Join us for a dynamic and edutaining presentation for parents!

Learn About:

- Why vaping companies are targeting your child.
- Understanding what is behind the teen vaping craze.
- Learn the health effects of vaping on teens.
- Tips on how to talk to your child about vaping.
- What can you do as a parent to prevent your child from starting to vape.
- What to look for as a parent.
- Resources if you find your child is vaping.



**PRESENTED BY:
INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER
ROBERT HACKENSON JR.**

 March 14th, 2024  6:30pm-7:30pm

 Suffield Middle School

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!



Suffield Public Schools

Formal wear donation drive



**We are collecting new or gently used
formal wear and accessories to benefit
any interested high school students**

~formal dresses, purses and shoes

~dress shirts, pants, ties, shoes

Drop off at any SPS school building

Questions? contact Alaina DeCesare,
District Family Liaison
adecesare@suffield.org



SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDS UP TO:
\$400
PER CHILD

SUFFIELD COMMUNITY AID (SCA) HAS CAMP SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE FOR SUFFIELD YOUTH TO ENJOY AN ENRICHING SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

The maximum subsidy made by SCA is 80% of the camp cost, not to exceed \$400 per child per summer. Children can be registered for more than one camp as long as the total subsidy does not exceed 80% of the camp cost or \$400 per child.

To Qualify: The family must reside in Suffield, meet the financial guidelines below, and be able to pay a minimum of 20% toward the cost of the camp(s).

Extenuating circumstances will be considered.

PLEASE CALL SCA FOR MORE INFORMATION: (860) 668-1986



2024 State Median Income Guidelines

Family Size	2	3	4	5	6	7	Maximum Award
Income Level 1 (60%)	\$54,338	\$67,124	\$79,910	\$92,695	\$105,481	\$107,878	\$400
Income Level 2 (80%)	\$72,452	\$89,499	\$106,547	\$123,594	\$140,642	\$143,838	\$300

Examples:

1. A family of 4, with income less than \$79,910 will qualify for a \$400 campership per child.
2. A family of 3, with income higher than \$67,124 but less than \$89,499 will qualify for a \$300 campership per child.



Spring Baskets For Youth

Through the generosity of local Girl Scout troops, churches, and businesses, Suffield Community Aid (SCA) has spring baskets available for your children!

*** and treat bags for older siblings***

Baskets will be available for pick-up at SCA (450 South St.):

Monday, March 25th 8:15 am-4:00 pm

Tuesday, March 26th 8:15 am-4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 27th 8:15 am-4:00 pm

SCA will also provide groceries and gift cards at the time of pick-up.

Financial qualifications do apply and documentation will be required.

Families must live in Suffield.

Interested Suffield families are encouraged to contact SCA to learn more:

(860) 668-1986 or by email at jod@suffieldcommunityaid.org

ALL RSVP'S ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH.

ANNUAL CLASS DUES & CLASS COUNCIL INFO

Class Dues Info:

All SHS Students are required to pay class dues annually. Class dues cover the cost of Senior Outing, Senior Yearbook, Caps and Gowns, Class Gift, Yearbook Picnic Lunch, Graduation Rehearsal Lunch and they help reduce the cost of Prom and Senior Banquet tickets. Dues can be paid using the links below or bring cash or check (payable to SHS) to your Class Advisor. Remember to include the student's name with payment.



Class of 2024

Class Advisors: Mr. Wheeler & Mrs. Tierney

[Senior Privileges Information & Form](#)

[Class of 2024 Dues Payment Link](#)

[Senior Scoop Newsletter](#)

Class of 2025

Class Advisors: Mrs. Daly & Mrs. Shea

[Class of 2025 Dues Payment Link](#)

Class of 2026

Class Advisors: Miss Blais & Dr. Thorner

[Class of 2026 Dues Payment Link](#)

Class of 2027

Class Advisors:

Mrs. Candia-Bovi & Mrs. Tierney

[Class of 2027 Dues Payment Link](#)



[2023-2024 Class Council Info, Click Here](#)

TECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

- + PowerSchool
- + SchoolMessenger
- + MySchoolbucks
- + Chromebook/iPad
- + Emergency Broadband Benefit Program
- + Student iPhone Setup
- + Communications

[Technology Tools](#)



[Tech Support for Student Chromebooks](#)

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Breakfast = Free to all students

Regular Lunch = \$3.25

Premium Lunch = \$3.50



Parents are strongly encouraged to set up a FREE account with <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>

Even if you do not use it to pay for meals, you can track your child's account purchases and balance.

For more information, use this [Food Services link](#).

TRANSPORTATION



Transportation is provided by M & J Bus Company. For more information, [click here](#). Remember a late (activity) bus is available now on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with pick up by the SHS flag pole entrance at 3:45pm.

PARKING & DROP-OFF/PICK-UP INFO



[Student Parking Information & Permit Form: Click Here](#)

[Drop-off & Pick-Up Procedures: Click Here](#)



BELL SCHEDULES



SHS DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

Mon A	
7:30-8:18	1
8:21-9:04	2
9:07-9:50	3
9:53-10:36	4
10:39-11:01	Wildcat Flex
11:04-12:39 11:01-11:31 11:33-12:03 12:09-12:39	5 Lunch
12:42-1:25	6
1:28-2:10	7

	Tues B	Wed C	Thurs D	Fri E
7:30-8:37	1	1	3	1
8:40-9:42	2	2	4	2
9:45-10:47	3	3	5	5
10:50-12:22 10:47-11:17 11:20-11:50 11:52-12:22	4 Lunch	4 Lunch	6 Lunch	6 Lunch
12:25-1:05	5	Wildcat Advisory	Wildcat Flex	Wildcat Flex
1:08-2:10	7	6	7	7

[To access all bell schedules, click here](#)



Daily Bell Schedule

Early Release Schedule

2 Hour Delay Schedule

First Week Bell Schedule



[Lunch Schedules, click here](#)



ATTENDANCE

To report an absence:

- **Parent/Guardian must call the attendance line: (860) 668-3810 before the start of the school day**



To report an early dismissal/pick-up:

- **student must hand a parent-signed note to the main office before the start of the school day**

Please do not send emails to report absences or early dismissals.

SHS INFORMATION RESOURCES & COMMUNICATION

Suffield High School website:

<https://shs.suffield.org/>

- **for continuous updates and information.**

[SHS Student Warehouse: Click Here](#)

- **internal website for student resources, info & forms**
- **bookmark this site for reference throughout the year**



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Board of Education and school communication.