



# SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

**Hello SHS Students and Families,  
Happy Spring!  
Congratulations to our recent North  
Central Connecticut Chamber of  
Commerce Kindness Award Winners:  
Carolyn Ducharme, Ava Taylor,  
Bobby Padykula, Quinci Milledge,  
Cayden O'Brien, Nathan Head and  
Devon Root-Blanchfield.**



**Please note for the second week of April there is no A day. The bell schedules are shifted one day as shown below. Be sure to check the [Activities Calendar](#) to keep up with lots of important dates.**

8	<b>B</b>	9	<b>C</b>	10	<b>D</b>	11	<b>E</b>	12	<b>F</b> 10:45 Early Dismissal
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**Congratulations to our Aces High Robotics team and good luck at the world competition later this month! Good luck also to all our spring sports teams as they start their competitions for the season.**

**Don't miss the district wide art show April 11th, 5 to 7 PM in the SHS Commons. We're also looking forward to the World Language Honors Society Induction Ceremony, April 25th and Trivia Night April 26th sponsored by the Class of 2024.**

**Juniors - remember to be well rested for the NGSS testing on Wednesday, April 24th.**

**Seniors - this is the month that most scholarship applications are due. Don't wait until the last minute. Here is the [Senior Scoop for April](#).**

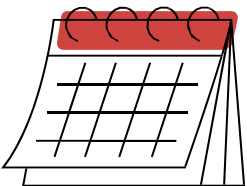
**The 4th marking period is underway and we're looking forward to a wonderful end of the year.**

**SHS Administration**

# SHS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

## APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1 A</b> 6:30 BOE Meeting	<b>2 B</b> Faculty Meeting	<b>3 C</b> Team Leader Meeting 8am-6pm Ag Expo	<b>4 D</b> 8am-4pm Ag Expo	<b>5 E</b>
<b>8 B</b>	<b>9 C</b> K-12 Vertical Dept Mtg FFA Europe Trip	<b>10 D</b> FFA Europe Trip  End of Ramadan	<b>11 E</b> FFA Europe Trip Music Disney Trip 5-7pm Spring Art Show	<b>12 F</b> 10:45 Early Dismissal PD Day FFA Europe Trip Music Disney Trip
<b>15</b> No School Spring Break FFA Europe Trip Music Disney Trip	<b>16</b> No School Spring Break FFA Europe Trip	<b>17</b> No School Spring Break FFA Europe Trip	<b>18</b> No School Spring Break FFA Europe Trip	<b>19</b> No School Spring Break
<b>22 A</b> 6:30 BOE Meeting	<b>23 B</b> 1st Day Passover School Base Meeting	<b>24 C</b> NGSS Testing 2:15 World Lang. Honor Society Induct Rehearsal Team Leader Meeting 6:00 Principal's Advisory Group 6:30 Ag Consulting Comm	<b>25 D</b> 12:25 Student Senate  6:30 World Language Honor Society Induction	<b>26 E</b>  <a href="#">Trivia Night</a> <a href="#">Class of '24 Fundraiser</a>
<b>29 A</b>	<b>30 B</b> K-12 Vertical Dept Mtg			



[SPS Calendar,](#)  
[Click here](#)

[SHS Activities](#)  
[Calendar, click here](#)

### Don't Forget:

- 4/12 = Early Dismissal Day (PD)
- 4/15-19 = Spring Break (No School)
- 4/24 = NGSS Testing (grade 11)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

[SHSActivities Calendar, click here](#)

Prom tickets on sale: April 2-5

[Ag EXPO: April 3 & 4](#)

[Spring Art Show: April 11](#)

[Principal's Advisory Group: April 24](#)

World Languages Honor Society Induction: April 25

[Trivia Night: April 26](#)

NGSS Testing (Grade 11): April 24

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

Unified Theater Performance & Drama Awards: May 29

Senior Outing: May 31

Senior Banquet: June 6

Graduation: June 8

Last Day of School: June 13



SUFFIELD ARTS  
PRESENT

# A Slice of Art

The Suffield Art's teachers will be highlighting the Arts in Suffield this April 11th from 5-7pm in the Suffield High School Commons. Work from each of the schools will be presented, sharing some of the exciting projects the arts provided in Suffield. Please feel free to stop in, admire the work, chat with one of the art staff and enjoy this creative night.

**Suffield High School Commons**

**April 11th. 5-7 pm**



# Scholarship Information



There are a wide variety of scholarships available to you, no matter your future plans (community college, large university, military, trade school, etc.). It is YOUR responsibility to find the scholarships best suited for you and complete the necessary requirements to apply for them. Below is a list of some scholarships, both local and national that may interest you. Pay close attention to the criteria, deadlines and application requirements, as they vary greatly. Some require a hand-written application to be mailed; some require an application be completed online; some require the Application for Local Scholarships; some require various supporting documentation, like transcripts, community service logs, financial records, essays, recommendation letters and/or signatures from your parents/guardians. Reach out to your school counselor if you have any questions. [Transcript Request for Scholarships](#)



## [Hartford Foundation for Giving Scholarships](#)



- [The Amiel and MaryZak Scholarship](#) \$4,000 deadline: April 15, 2024

## [Rockville Bank Community Foundation Scholarships](#)



- [Academic Scholarship Application](#)
  - [Agricultural Award Application](#)
  - [Vocational Award Application](#)
- Return to SHS counseling office  
by April 5, 2024



## Local Scholarships



Complete the [Application for Local Scholarships](#) by April 21, 2024 to be considered for one or more of the following:

Danny Seymour Scholarship	\$300
Deborah Halladay-Pierce Scholarship	\$500
Edna Mann Social Justice Award	\$1,000
Frances Bogdanski Fazzino Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
H. Clyde Taylor Scholarship	\$1,000
Helen Christian Scholarship	\$500
Horace Halladay Memorial Scholarship	\$500
Jacqueline Stafford Award	\$500
Margaret Drakeley Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
National Honor Society Scholarships Nicholson-	\$1,000
Carmon Funeral Home Scholarship Patrick	\$750
Formanek Scholarship	\$500

Rotary Club Award in Memory of Ralph "Nick" Mickelsen III	\$1,000
Rotary Club Elaine O'Brien Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
Rotary Club Scholarship Award - Vocational	\$1,000
Rotary Club Scholarship Award in Memory of Dr. Alfred Stafford	\$1,000
Rotary Club Scholarship in Memory of Warren Packard	\$1,000
Rotary Club Scholarship in Recognition of the Founders	\$1,000
Samuel J. Orr Memorial Scholarship to UCONN	\$3,500
Suffield Booster Club Scholarships	\$200
Suffield Community Aid: Jane Purtill Fuller Memorial Scholarship	\$1,500
Suffield Community Aid: Kathy Ostrowski Memorial Scholarship	\$1,500
Suffield Sportsman Jim Hixon Scholarship	\$500
Suffield Woman's Club Scholarship - Community College	\$1,500
Suffield Woman's Club Scholarship - Trade School	\$1,500

[Criteria for these local scholarships](#)



# Other National/Local Scholarships

[Naviance](#) is a great resource to find an extensive list of available scholarships. The criteria, application requirements & deadlines vary greatly. New scholarships are added throughout the year.

Be sure to check Naviance often.



Name of Scholarship	Deadline	Award \$
<b>100 Years of Women Scholarship</b>	<b>3/22/24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Granby Horse Council Scholarship</b>	<b>3/31/24</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Glenn Moon Scholarship</b>	<b>3/31/24</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Workers' Memorial Day Scholarship Essay Contest</b>	<b>4/1/24</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Bruce E. Douglas Scholarship for Overcoming Adversity</b>	<b>4/2/24</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Valley Press Club Scholarships</b>	<b>4/5/24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Red Sox Foundation's New England Service Scholarship</b>	<b>4/12/24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>The Suffield Garden Club Scholarship</b>	<b>4/12/24</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Amiel &amp; Mary Anne Zak Scholarship</b>	<b>4/15/24</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Community Scholarships</b>	<b>4/15/24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Dare Greatly Foundation Scholarships</b>	<b>4/15/24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Dennis Malone Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>4/19/24</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
<b>Application for Local Scholarships</b>	<b>4/21/24</b>	<b>Varies</b>
<b>CT Criminal Justice Ed &amp; Charitable Assoc. Scholarships</b>	<b>4/26/24</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Pioneer Valley Women's Running Club Scholarship</b>	<b>4/29/24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Suffield Travel Basketball Scholarships</b>	<b>4/30/24</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Knights of Columbus Council 6281 Scholarships</b>	<b>5/1/24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Nikolis Family Vocational/Trade/Culinary School Scholarship</b>	<b>5/1/24</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Women's Auxiliary Scholarship</b>	<b>5/1/24</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>5/1/24</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>
<b>Sifford Golf Management Scholarship</b>	<b>5/1/24</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Sifford HBCU Scholarship</b>	<b>5/1/24</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Suffield PMC Kids Ride Community Service Scholarship</b>	<b>5/1/24</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Suffield Soccer Club Scholarship</b>	<b>5/1/24</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Suffield Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship</b>	<b>5/3/24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Barry Bascove Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>5/6/24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>James F. Coggins, Jr. Community Service Award</b>	<b>5/6/24</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Suffield Community Aid "Forward Focus" Scholarship</b>	<b>5/6/24</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Suffield Firefighters' Association Scholarship</b>	<b>5/10/24</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Dustin Doyon Scholarship</b>	<b>5/15/24</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Max Cares Foundation Culinary Arts &amp; Hospitality Scholarship</b>	<b>5/15/24</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>



## SHS Senior Awards & Scholarships Ceremony

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 6:30pm in the SHS Auditorium  
(award/scholarship recipients & their families will be invited)



Scholarship questions: contact Mr. Hamylak in the SHS main office or email: [scholarships@suffield.org](mailto:scholarships@suffield.org)

# SHS LIBRARY NEWS



**March was a busy month at the library! Award-winning author Jarrett Krosoczka visited several classes to lead creative writing and illustration workshops. His visit was made possible by a generous grant from the Suffield Foundation for Excellence in Schools. Students learned about word building, character development, and illustrating graphic novels. Mr. Krosoczka also shared insights on the publishing world, and the book writing process from start to finish.**

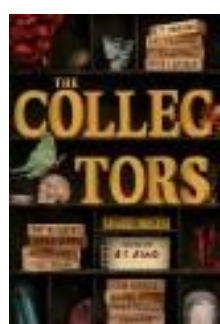
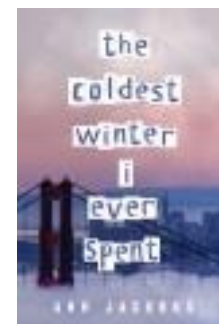
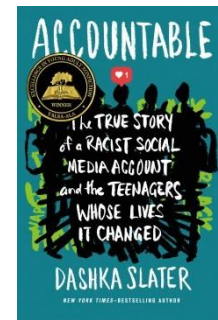
**Did you know that April is School Library month?? To celebrate, our Library Club is planning events and a contest. Watch the Morning Update for more information! And make sure to stop by the library to say hi to Mrs. Casinghino!! She always loves to hear about your latest reading adventures and recommendations!!**

**Lots of new books have just come in and are ready to be checked out!!**

**Here are a few of the reasons to love your teacher librarian and your school library (from The National Association of Secondary School Principals):**

- **Librarians are experts in inquiry, inclusivity, collaboration, curating resources, exploration, innovation, and engagement. They help students to think, create, share, and grow.**
- **Libraries specialize in student choice and student voice.**
- **Libraries specialize in establishing cultures of literacy and inclusiveness by exposing students to invaluable new perspectives.**

**What is YOUR favorite thing about your library?**



**And last but not least, April will see the return of our Friday Maker workshops! Watch for announcements on Morning Update and posts on the Student Warehouse.**

# CANDIA-BOVI WINS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

## Ms. Candia-Bovi wins the UCONN Early College Experience Instructor Award for Excellence in Course Instruction



**Ms. Kyle Candia-Bovi has been teaching the UCONN Early College Experience first year writing course at Suffield High School for the last five years. The Excellence in Instruction Award is a respected professional achievement and a testament to Ms. Candia-Bovi's dedication to Suffield students, Suffield High and the UConn Early College Experience Program.**

**With a community of over 1,800 UConn ECE Instructors, there is a very competitive nomination pool every year, and the review committee is challenged to identify the top candidates. Ms. Candia-Bovi stood out as a top teacher among this pool of candidates.**

**Congratulations to Ms. Candia-Bovi!**

## ACADEMIC QUIZ TEAM

**The Academic Quiz Team appeared on As Schools Match Wits on Saturday, March 23rd.**

**Watch the match on Saturday, April 27th at 7PM on New England Public Media, Springfield and Western New England's public television station!**

**SHS students MaryKate Mormino, Daniel Gleason, Sarah Swenson, Anthony Pierce and Nayandee Tummalapally represented SHS in the competition.**





# DRAMA CLUB



**Thank you to all of the staff, families, organizations and businesses who have supported **SHS Drama Club** in this year's productions.**

*Into the Woods* **was a smashing success!**

**SHS Drama continues with one more production - the Unified Production!**

**Save the date - Wednesday, May 29th @ 6pm in the SHS Auditorium.**

# HERPETOLOGY CLUB

**Herpetology club found their first amphibian eggs of the survey. Join the classroom with the code FFE35NH to stay updated with our progress and to participate! Learn more about vernal pools here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ld8QPIhckN4>**

**Recently we went back out to the vernal pool to check on the eggs we saw last week. The egg sacks had almost doubled in size! We have found large groups of fresh eggs and they're growing fast! Here is our largest group of wood frog eggs that will hatch in only a few weeks!**



**This is what we believe to be a Jefferson Salamander egg mass. Jefferson Salamanders are on the threatened to locally common end of the endangered species list. Similar to the Spotted Salamander, Jeffersons will breed with several different species of salamanders so finding a pure Jefferson would be amazing.**

# WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY



The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica held its Cascarones fundraiser celebrating Pascua, or Easter, with mystery plastic eggs. Cascarones are a Mexican tradition in which hollowed-out eggs are painted and filled with colorful confetti. Then they are smashed on the head of a friend or family member, giving the recipient good fortune for the rest of the year. The SHH's eggs were filled with candy or small toys instead of confetti and sold for \$1.



The Societe Honoraire de Français held its March meeting in the Culinary Arts and Visual Arts rooms. Students worked on preparing a French meal, which they then ate together. While waiting for the quiche to finish cooking, members listened to Juliette May, our exchange student from the region of Provence in France, present about where she is from, and her favorite foods from home. Traditional foods made that night were: quiche lorraine and spinach quiche, chocolate mousse, and salade verte with vinaigrette à la moutarde.



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY VOLLEYBALL MARATHON

The annual Volleyball Marathon was another long, but incredibly fun and successful night! The National Honor Society raised thousands of dollars for their scholarship fund. They worked hard for months planning, organizing and collecting donations of food and prizes. Thank you to all the families who donated snacks and drinks for the event! Also, thank you to the local businesses listed below who donated food and/or prizes to help make the event such a success! Lastly, a huge thank you to all the administrators, staff and parent chaperones who helped out throughout the night. We couldn't have done it without you and we greatly appreciate everyone's support!

- 3 Fig's
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Chick-fil-A
- Five Below
- Gio's Pizza
- Hood Ice Cream
- Hot Table Panini
- Lulu's Pizza
- Nicky's Pizza
- Nutrition Shack
- Olive Garden
- Pizza Palace
- Red Carpet Nails & Spa
- Sofia's Pizzeria
- Starbucks
- Suffield Booster Club
- Suffield Pizza
- TJ's Burritos
- Zanto's

THANK YOU!!!



Congratulations to the 2024 VBM champions, team Chewblocka, made up of Michael Coggins, Sam Evans, Tyler Lewis, Elisabeth Snell, Reid Sunshine, Ryan Sunshine, Michelle Szczeszak and Violet Watkins!

# SUMMER LEARNING ACADEMY



Grade levels are based on the grade your child is currently enrolled in.

[Click here to view the offerings](#)

[Click here to register](#)

Please contact Michelle Zawawi, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction at [mzawawi@suffield.org](mailto:mzawawi@suffield.org) if you have any questions or are in need of any financial assistance.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

March was a busy month for the SHS Music Department. Choir had a combined rehearsal and clinic with the Longmeadow High School Choir; The Drama Club presented their spring musical *Into The Woods*; Students visited the Lincoln Center in New York City to hear Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, and both the Band and Choir performed in the March Concert.

Now, all eyes are set on our trip to Disney World in April. Band students will participate in a Soundtrack Session where they will work with Disney studio musicians and learn all about the process of recording a soundtrack. At the conclusion of the session, we'll record our band as a soundtrack to a short Disney film. The choir will perform selections from Disney's *Tangled* in a Disney Broadway workshop. Students will also spend time in the Disney parks making memories with their friends. If your student is on the Disney trip, be sure to attend the pre-trip meeting on April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium!

### [Upcoming Events:](#)

Mandatory Disney Trip Meeting: **April 2nd, 7:30 p.m., SHS Auditorium**

Disney Bag Check: **April 10th- 5:00-7:00 p.m.; SHS Commons**

Disney Trip: **April 11-15th**

Brahms Requiem Concert: **Wednesday, May 8th, 3:00p.m.**

Pops Concert: **Tuesday, May 21st; 7:00 p.m.**

District-wide Choral Concert: **Thursday, May 23rd, 6:00p.m.**

Memorial Day Parade: **Monday, May 27th; 8:30 a.m.**

Graduation: **Saturday, June 8th; 8:00 a.m.**



# SUFFIELD SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL



**The Suffield Sustainability Council (SSC), SHS's club focused on increasing the sustainability of both the high school and the town of Suffield as a whole, has been working hard these past couple of months! During March, we organized a composting competition between SHS and Spaulding, as both schools are now able to compost their food during lunch, in order to boost our school's enthusiasm for composting. As of now, the results of the competition are not in, but since Spaulding started composting in November, they've been composting at levels 10 times what we have been doing at SHS, and we could not be more proud of them. High school students, remember to compost; if it grows, it goes!**

**Also during March, SSC actively worked with Suffield's First Selectman Colin Moll and our town's Sustainable Taskforce, Sustainable Suffield, to brainstorm and take actions to make Suffield more sustainable and environmentally friendly. We are so excited to be working with these amazing people in order to accomplish initiatives like implementing compost drop off areas and increasing the amount of pollinator gardens in our community.**

**Since this month, April, is earth month, these groups are hosting a town wide cleanup at 9 am on Saturday, April 27th. SSC greatly encourages the families and friends of all SHS students to attend this event! Cleanup resources will be provided at the Green the morning of at 8am, and food and prizes will be provided to all cleanup participants at Spaulding after the event is over, from 12-1pm. This is a great opportunity for students to earn community service hours, and to help make Suffield a greener town. Sign up at [suffieldct.gov/i-want-to/volunteer](http://suffieldct.gov/i-want-to/volunteer).**

**In upcoming news, in May SSC will help Suffield Public Schools organize and run a BioBlitz across the street from SHS, in the outdoor learning lab. The BioBlitz is a two day event (May 22nd-May 23rd) in which students from 2nd, 5th, 7th, and 10th grade will be granted the opportunity to go to the outdoor learning lab and travel to different learning stations: mindfulness in nature, survival techniques, all about vernal pools, etc. The event will be open to all community members the afternoon of the second day. SSC is also dedicated to continuing our implementation of composting at McAlister either by the end of this school year, or at the very start of the next one. If any of these events sound interesting to our fellow students, we'll happily welcome new members to our council. Simply sign up for wildcat on Thursdays for SSC, hope to see you there!**

Happy Assistant Principal  
Week

Mr. Dobi & Mrs. Insero

Happy Paraprofessional Day (April 3rd)

Mr. Bianchi, Ms. Devine, Mrs. Ferry, Mrs.  
Foss, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Rubba &  
Mrs. Slatkavitz

Happy School Librarian Day (April 4th)

Mrs. Casinghino

THANK YOU  
SO MUCH

you are very much appreciated!

# **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](mailto:kgiannuzzi@suffieldct.gov) ~ [adaly@suffield.org](mailto: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](#)