



# SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2024

Hello SHS Students and Families,

The 4th quarter and warmer weather is here! May is packed with special events and lots of our sports teams in action. AP Exams are May 6th thru 17th. Prom is Friday, May 10th at the Riverview in Simsbury. In order to attend the Prom students are reminded that they must attend school thru at least the end of 5th period (10:47 AM) that day. Prom is a great high school tradition and we hope our students make wise choices to ensure it's a wonderful night for everyone .



May also includes several award ceremonies and other exciting end of the year events.

May 16 = FFA Chapter Awards Ceremony

May 21 = Pops Concert

May 22 = Senior Scholarship & Awards Night (Invitations coming soon)

May 23 = District-wide Choral Concert

May 24 = Scholars Breakfast (Invitations coming soon)

May 29 = Unified Theater Production & Drama Club Awards

May 30 = Multicultural Night

May 31 = Undergrad Awards Ceremony  
(Invitations coming soon)

Graduation is Saturday, June 8th at 9:30 AM. For all the details check out the [Senior SOOOP](#).

Remember, the last day of school is Friday, June 14th. Grades 9, 10 and 11 Final Exams will be that last week. [Here is the June 10-14 schedule.](#)

SHS Administration

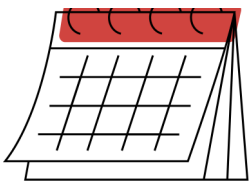


Earth & Outing Club  
hike the Metacomet Trail in Suffield

# SHS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

## MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<b>1</b> <b>C</b> College Decision Day	<b>2</b> <b>D</b>	<b>3</b> <b>E</b>
<b>6</b> <b>A</b> AP Exams Class of '24 Calendar Fundraiser begins 6:30 BOE Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>B</b> AP Exams Faculty Meeting 9th gr. SAE Night	<b>8</b> <b>C</b> AP Exams 1-3 SHS Student Achievement Meeting May Concert	<b>9</b> <b>D</b> AP Exams 2:15 Spring CDE Cram Night SAE Info Night	<b>10</b> <b>E</b> AP Exams Spring CDE's at UConn Prom at Riverview
<b>13</b> <b>A</b> AP Exams	<b>14</b> <b>B</b> AP Exams K-12 Vertical Dept Mtg 2:15 FFA Awards Ceremony Practice	<b>15</b> <b>C</b> AP Exams Team Leader Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>D</b> AP Exams 6:00 FFA Chapter Awards Ceremony	<b>17</b> <b>E</b> AP Exams
<b>20</b> <b>B</b> AP Exam Makeups 6:30 BOE Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>C</b> AP Exam Makeups School Base Meeting 7:00 Pops Concert	<b>22</b> <b>D</b> AP Exam Makeups 6:30 Senior Awards & Scholarships Night * Class of '26 elections	<b>23</b> <b>E</b> Bioblitz Internship Breakfast AP Exam Makeups District-wide Choral Concert at SHS * Class of '27 elections	<b>24</b> <b>F</b> Scholars Breakfast 10:45 Early Dismissal PD Day 12-2 PDEC Meeting
<b>27</b> No School Memorial Day	<b>28</b> <b>B</b> K-12 Vertical Dept Mtg * Class of '25 elections	<b>29</b> <b>C</b> NHS Sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive Team Leader Meeting 6:00 Unified Theater Production 7:00 Drama Awards	<b>30</b> <b>D</b> 12:25 Student Senate 6:00 Multicultural Night	<b>31</b> <b>E</b> 12:25 Grades 9, 10, 11 Awards Ceremony Senior Outing



[SPS Calendar,  
click here](#)

[SHS Activities Calendar,  
click here](#)

### Don't Forget:

5/10 = Prom

5/24 = Early Dismissal (PD Day)

5/27 = Memorial Day (No School)

# SHS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

## JUNE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> Senior Exams Periods 1 & 2  6:30 BOE Meeting	<b>4</b> Senior Exams Period 3 & 4  Faculty Meeting	<b>5</b> Senior Exams Periods 5 & 6  Senior Yearbook Picnic Team Leader Meeting	<b>6</b> Senior Exams Period 7  6:00 Senior Banquet	<b>7</b> Graduation Rehearsal & SPS Walk  Afternoon Gr 9-11 Picnic/Field Day
<b>10</b> <b>A</b>	<b>11 EXAMS</b> Early Dismissal Periods 1 & 2 Exams	<b>12 EXAMS</b> Early Dismissal Periods 3 & 4 Exams	<b>13 EXAMS</b> Early Dismissal Periods 5 & 6 Exams	<b>14 EXAMS</b> Early Dismissal Period 7 Exam  Last Day of School
<b>17</b> Teacher Work Day  6:30 BOE Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Juneteenth	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

[SENIOR EXAM WEEK SCHEDULE, JUNE 3 - 7](#)

[GRADES 9, JQ, 11 EXAM WEEK SCHEDULE, JUNE 10 -14](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

[SHSActivities Calendar, click here](#)

Prom tickets on sale: April 2-5

AP Testing: May 6-23

Prom: May 10

FFA Chapter Awards Ceremony: May 16

Suffield Art Walk: May 18

Pops Concert: May 21

Senior Awards & Scholarships Night: May 22

Bioblitz: May 23

District-wide Choral Concert: May 23

Scholars Breakfast: May 24

Unified Theater Performance & Drama Awards: May 29

NHS Blood Drive: May 29

Multicultural Night: May 30

Undergrad Awards: May 31

Senior Outing: May 31

Senior Banquet: June 6

Graduation: June 8

Last Day of School: June 14



## Senior Scoop

[May 2024](#)

Class of 2024 Students, Parents, and Guardians:

June 8th is rapidly approaching! As the Class of 2024 embarks on their last month 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 final months of high school 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](mailto:jtierney@suffield.org) and [swheeler@suffield.org](mailto:swheeler@suffield.org).

### **Dues:**

Senior dues are \$50.00. Please check PowerSchool for any past due balances.

*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.

### **UP-coming Events**

- *Calendar Raffle:* The Class of 2024 is sponsoring a Calendar Raffle in place of our Trivia Night Fundraiser. 20 AMAZING prizes will be raffled, day by day, during the month of May. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or \$25 to purchase the opportunity to win all 20 prizes. CASH ONLY. If interested, please send your child to school with cash, as raffle tickets will be sold during lunch every day during the week of April 29th.
- *Prom - 5/10/24:* Riverview, Simsbury, CT. 6 - 11 p.m.
- *Senior Scholarship and Awards Night - 5/22/24, 6:30-8:00pm:* Suffield High School Auditorium. This is an invitation only event. Invitations will be sent ASAP to students being recognized at this event.
- *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, yard games, and lots of food.
- *Senior Banquet - 6/6/24:* Crestview Country Club, Agawam, MA 6:00-9:00 Be on the lookout for a separate communication to purchase tickets to this fun event.
  - Enjoy a casual evening together to celebrate with hor'dourves, a buffet style dinner and dessert. We are planning to distribute yearbooks that evening and perhaps do a small BINGO raffle with the purchase of a banquet ticket. 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, the better. Submit photos: [Senior Slideshow Photo Submission](#)

**[Volunteer/Donation Opportunity](#) Click the link to help us run a fun & successful Senior Outing, Graduation Rehearsal & Senior Walk.**



# Suffield High School Graduation 2024

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**Saturday, June 8, 2024**

**9:30 AM**

**at Suffield High School Beneski (Turf) Field**



Gates open at 8:00 AM

Graduates gather in the SHS auditorium at 8:15 AM

The ceremony is 9:30 AM to about 11:00 AM.

Parking on campus will be limited. Please consider carpooling.

Please note that high-heeled shoes and food/beverages are NOT permitted on the turf field. (Wedge shoes are ok). Thank you for your cooperation.

Each graduate will receive 8 tickets for seating on the turf field. Plenty of additional seating will be available in the bleachers. Reserved seating is not allowed. Tickets will be distributed to graduates with their cap and gown the week of June 3rd. All dues/fees must be paid and books and athletic gear must be returned before receiving cap & gown.

If a member of your party needs handicap accessible seating or uses a wheelchair, please complete this [handicap accessible seating and parking form](#).

A live stream video of the graduation ceremony will be available for anyone unable to attend the ceremony. The link will be shared the week of graduation.

If the time of graduation needs to be changed due to inclement weather, communication will be shared with everyone by noon on Friday, June 7th.

## **Senior Obligations/Dues. Graduation Tickets. Cap & Gown Distribution:**

June 3-6, Mon-Thurs, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, by the SHS flag pole entrance

- **Chromebook** return or purchase (more information coming soon)
- Satisfy outstanding **obligations/dues** (library books, textbooks, athletic gear, IT, lunch accounts, etc.)
- Receive: **cap & gowns**, cords/stoles, **graduation tickets**, photography link & live stream link

## **Mandatory. Graduation Rehearsal and Senior Walk: Friday...June 7th**

Mandatory graduation rehearsal will begin at 7:30 a.m. and commence at approximately 10 a.m. At that time, Seniors will begin the annual tradition of walking the hallways of all 4 schools in the district, beginning with Spaulding Elementary School and followed by SMS, McAlister, and finally SHS. Parents are welcome to watch the Senior Walk from the parking lot at Bruce Park. Feel free to bring senior yard signs to display along the walk. Seniors will return to SHS around 11:30 a.m. for one last lunch together, sign yearbooks and decorate graduation caps.

## Attention Grade 9 AgSci Students and Parents

Please join us on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the large animal facility (LAF) for a review of the SAE, (Supervised Agricultural Experience) program requirements. This evening presentation is for the current Agriscience ninth graders and parents. It is strongly encouraged for parents AND students to attend. This will also allow you the opportunity to view your student's agriscience fair project. Ninth grade students are expected to attend their booth from 6 - 6:30. The SAE information meeting will start promptly at 6:30 pm.

Discussion will include the requirements for ninth grade and a review of how to:

- Schedule an informal SAE visit
- Schedule your summer formal visit
- AET login expectations
- Hours for community service and FFA requirements
- Sophomore year due dates
- Generating SAE projects ideas

Time will be given at the conclusion for a question and answer session and for you to view other science fair projects.

Please email Dr. LaFlamme ([lflamme@suffield.org](mailto:lflamme@suffield.org)) if you have questions.

## Suffield FFA Annual Awards Ceremony

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Suffield High School Auditorium

5:00-6:00 pm Welcome Reception and Alumni Silent Auction

6:00 pm Awards Ceremony in the Auditorium

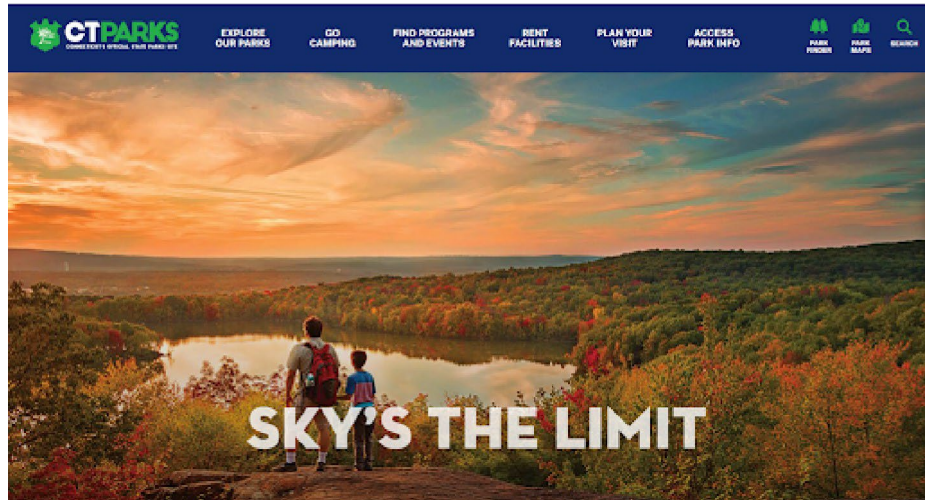
8:15 pm Refreshments in the Commons



## The Sky's the Limit Hiking Challenge!

Take the state wide challenge to get outside for some fresh air and physical exercise and earn SAE hours. Hike and walk the highlighted locations/trails and take designated photos along the way to experience this year's Sky's the Limit theme, "CTState

Forest locations are identified for participants to explore. Did you know that there are 33 State Forests in CT, and it is estimated that the forest covers between 57% and 60% of the land area in the State. Participants who hike or walk 10 of the 15 forest trails will receive a 2024 "Sky's the Limit" hiking staff medallion and a certificate for their efforts. Students can choose to conduct research and document their hikes to earn SAE hours. Students are encouraged to attend the launch event during wildcat on May 8th.



A group hike in Simsbury will be held on **May 15th from 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm.** See Dr. LaFlamme for more information!!



The Horticulture students are busy in the Greenhouse caring for over 1,100 geraniums! The Suffield Garden Club will sell them to their members at the May market on Saturday May 18th. Over 600 red geraniums are grown for the Suffield VFW. AgSci students will work alongside members from Suffield VFW to plant a geranium on each of the gravesites of Suffield veterans.



# AGRISCIENCE INTERNATIONAL TRIP & AG EXPO



Twenty one students from Suffield High School participated in the first ever **Agriculture International travel trip**. Students visited four countries to experience agriculture and included tours of the International Flower Market in Aalsmeer, Tulip fields in Holland, students made Belgian Chocolate in Brussels, toured The Louvre, Walked the gardens of Versailles, the Windsor Castle, and Buckingham Palace. It was an incredible experience for all and we hope to offer additional international experiences to students in the future.

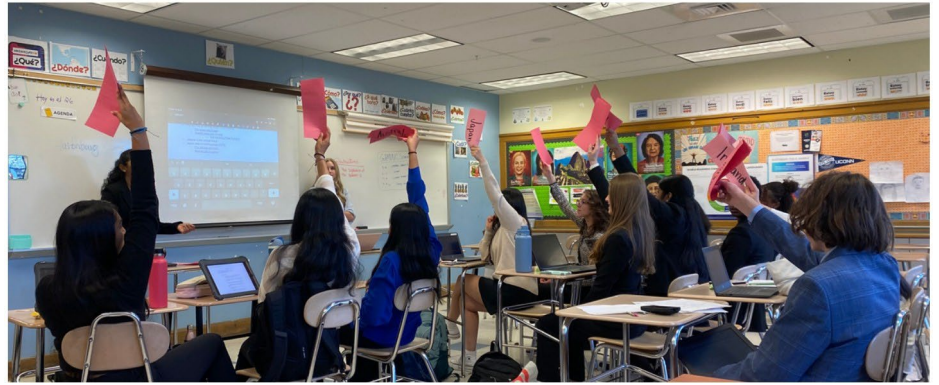


## AG Expo!

Thank you to the entire Suffield Community for supporting the 2024 Ag Expo on April 3rd and 5th. Despite the snow day, over 400 PreK - grade 2 from Suffield and surrounding towns toured the AG Expo, learning more about the world of agriculture. Many high school students came down during school to participate in demonstrations coordinated by their peers in the program. Thank you to all who shared in the planning, provided animals, tractors and other supplies so that the event could be a great success.



# MODEL UN



On Friday, April 26th, SHS's Model UN participated in the Glastonbury-Berlin Model United Nations Conference, with several other schools from around the state. Students participated in committees developing resolutions to address the Russian-Ukrainian war as well as combating the global food crisis. After several hours of debate Suffield passed multiple resolutions and was awarded two very special recognitions: Noora Khaled won Best Delegate, while Nayan Tummalapally and Kameron Aldridge shared Outstanding Delegation. Great Work SHS MUN!

*Excellent*





# MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

April was highlighted by the SHS Music Department trip to Disney World. We were fortunate to have great weather and light crowds. Chorus students participated in a Broadway workshop where they learned a scene from Tangled, and band students participated in a Soundtrack Session, an authentic recording session where they learned music from multiple Disney movies and recorded parts of the soundtrack to Moana and synced them up to the film. Students were able to experience performances throughout their time in the parks.



Suffield was recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in the nation by the NAMM foundation for the second year in a row! The BCME Award recognizes and celebrates school districts for their support and commitment to music education and their efforts to ensure access to music for all students as part of a well-rounded music education. Suffield is one of 36 communities in Connecticut and 975 nationally to receive this award. Thank you for supporting our music program!

The band and choir will be busy up through the end of the year. The SHS Choir will sing the Brahms Requiem with 70 singers from across the region at the Second Baptist Church on Saturday May 18th. The Band and Jazz Ensemble will share music from Movies on May 21st in the SHS Auditorium. Band members and singers will also participate in community programs such as the Memorial Day Parade and Graduation.



## Upcoming Events:

**Brahms Requiem Performance:** Saturday, May 18th; 3:00 p.m., Second Baptist Church

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

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

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

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





# SLICE OF ART & ART WALK



The Slice of Art Show held April 12th at SHS was a wonderful display of the arts in Suffield Public Schools. Art work from each of the four schools highlighted creativity and the diversity of art techniques.



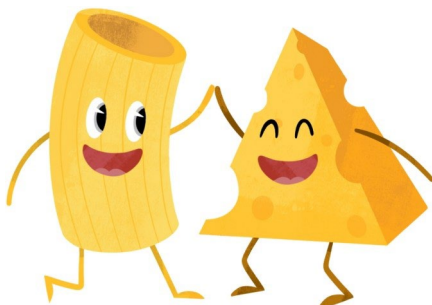
The works of Suffield High Schools photography classes (past & present) will be on display during the Suffield Art Walk, May 18, 1:00 - 3:00pm in the Suffield High School commons. Stop in and enjoy the varied views presented by the talented photographers of Suffield High School.

# WILDCAT COOKING CLUB

Big thank you to Suffield parent, Chef Dave and his co-worker, Chef Bart for taking the time to share their culinary journey with our Wildcat Cooking Club! Their insights and expertise were truly invaluable to our students.



Also, thank you to Sonny's Place for their generous donation of mac & cheese and pulled pork. The food was absolutely delicious and greatly enjoyed by all!



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# WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

On Thursday, April 25th, the Societe Honoraire de Franc;ais and the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica inducted new members into their societies with an annual candle lighting ceremony. SHS Spanish teacher Senor Shultis delivered the keynote speech, in which he highlighted his journey to becoming a Spanish teacher. It was especially poignant to hear his reflections, as he will retire at the end of the school year.

The presidents and vice presidents of each society delivered addresses in the featured language, about the history of the ceremony, and the society's pledge and motto. Each student received a candle, lit by an existing member of the societies, and recited an oath to officially become members of their society. Congratulations to all new members, we are excited to see what everyone will contribute to these societies!



SOCIETE HONORAIRE  
DE FRANCAIS

Our upcoming plans include **Multicultural Night**, an event that will display the different cultural traditions of SHS students and their families. This event will take place on **May 30th** in the Commons of SHS from 6-8 P.M. More information will be shared with students throughout the month of May, including how to participate. This will be an exciting event, featuring food, music, and dance! We hope to see you there!



# SUMMER LEARNING ACADEMY



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

[Click here to view the offering](#)

[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.

## ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**Congratulations to recent  
Rotary Student of the Month  
Recipients:**

**Matt Legg**

**Anna Washburn**

**For excellence in academics,  
extra-curricular activities and  
service above self.**

**You are  
Amazing!**



# RAISE SOME DOUGH

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**SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 2025**

**May 23, 2024**

**4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EDT**

**130 Elm Street**

**Enfield, CT**

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MAY 6-10

# Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

THANK  
YOU

TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING TEACHERS