



# SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2024

**Hello SHS Students and Families,**

**Congratulations! Thank you for a wonderful school year. We hope you all enjoy a fun and restful summer.**

**Fall sports practices will officially start Monday, August 19th. Details regarding fall sports and summer program opportunities will be updated on the [SHS Athletics website](#).**

**New Student Orientation for all incoming 9th graders and transfer students is Thursday, August 22nd, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. All new Agriscience students will have an additional orientation afterwards, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. More details will be shared over the summer.**

**The first day of school is Thursday, August 29th.**

**Here is the [SPS 2024-2025 school year calendar](#).**

**Enjoy your summer!**

**SHS Administration**



## HELLO SUMMER!

### Summer Learning Packets for Students Entering:

[Statistics](#)

[Mathematics for the Trades](#)

[Algebraic & Geometric Connections](#)

[Environmental Physics and Chemistry \(EPAC\)](#)



### Summer Reading Information:

[Grade 9 Summer Reading Info](#)

[Grades 10, 11, & 12 Summer Reading Info](#)

[English 3 Summer Reading Info](#)

[AP Language & Composition Summer Reading Info](#)

[AP Literature & Composition Summer Reading Info](#)

[UConn ECE Summer Reading Info](#)

[SHS Library Site with Summer Reading Links](#)



**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!**



**To view and order G & B Photography photos  
from graduation, [click here](#)**

# welcome!



**Special Welcome to our new Principal, Mr. Anthony Hibbert**

**Transferring from Suffield Middle School, welcome:**

**Patrick Desrosiers, Physical & Health Ed Teacher**

**Tara Smith, World Language Teacher (at both SHS & SMS)**

## **FAREWELL:**

**Alex Casinghino, Library Media Specialist & French Teacher**

**Deborah Day, Science Teacher**

**Kerri Michaud-Bagley, Art Teacher**

**Elizabeth Pesino, English Teacher**

**Patrick Gibbons, Special Education Teacher (transferring to SMS)**



# **HAPPY Retirement!**

**Corrine Khawaja, French Teacher**

**Steve Shultis, Spanish Teacher**

## Congratulations to the newly elected Class Officers for the 2024-2025 school year

### **Class of 2025**

President: Sarah Kim

Vice-President: Austin Bannish

Historian: Riley Walton

Secretary: Maya Sadaria

Advisors: Mrs. Daly & Mrs. Shea

### **Class of 2026**

President: Nuvia Torrez-Flores

Vice-President: Nayandeep Tummalapally

Historian: Kylie Tinnirella

Secretary: Anwesha Chandra

Advisors: Miss Blais & Mrs. Schrager

### **Class of 2027**

President: Alex Schuyler

Vice-President: Amelia Shanks

Historian: Makenna Sattan

Secretary: Arnav Ukidwe

Advisors: Mrs. Candia-Bovi & Mrs. Tierney

**Class of 2028** Election September 17, 2024



# MULTICULTURAL NIGHT



**On Thursday, May 30th, the World Language Honor Societies hosted Suffield High School's first Multicultural Night. Students and staff created around 20 displays representing their cultures and heritages. Many provided samples of traditional food, and wore traditional dress. Many SHS students attended the event, and enjoyed trying new foods and learning about the cultures of their classmates.**

**Staff participants included Mr. Jordison, who set up display filled with English cultural items and explained to attendees the difference between Great Britain and the United Kingdom. Madame Khwaja represented France, and brought in many traditional French foods, such as macarons, croissants, and crepes. Our exchange students also participated in the event, with Juliette May representing France with samples of madeleines and mini almond cakes. Mia Zenz decorated her table with pictures and traditional German cookies, typically made around Christmas time. Ferdinando displayed his Italian flag and shared charismatic conversation, while Teresa Palacin's Spanish display featured tortilla espanola and a slide presentation.**

**Each display was beautiful, consisting of everything from colorful Ecuadorian dress, Mexican candy, Ukrainian homemade pierogies, Irish soda bread, Puerto Rican empanadas and Pollo Guisado, to Swedish meatballs, and Egyptian basbousa and baklava. The students who created the table representing Indian heritages offered food, displayed clothing, and explained the differences between styles of dress in different regions of India and what casual versus formal clothing looks like. Kouthar Wehelie shared her Somali heritage and explained the religions and languages of the country, as well as displayed many cultural items, such as a prayer mat. The Egyptian and Lebanese sweets were extremely popular, as were the fizzy Romanian candies!**

**About halfway through the event, students Maya Sadaria and Anwesha Chandra performed a traditional Indian Bollywood dance in the auditorium that had the audience clapping along. Overall, the event was a huge success and a beautiful way for Suffield High School students to showcase their heritage and culture. A massive thank you to all students and staff who participated!**

**Written by Heidi Storey, Katelyn Duncan & Mrs. Tinnirella**



# UNIFIED THEATER & DRAMA CLUB



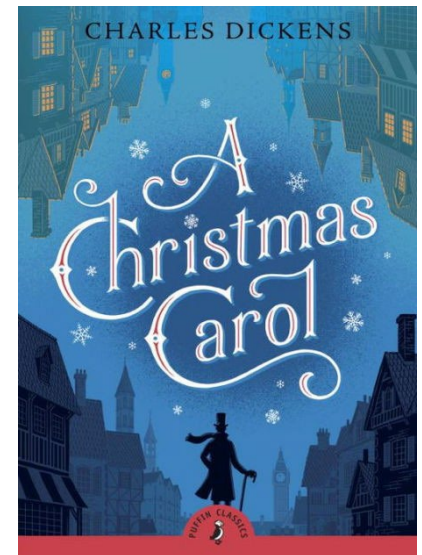
Thank you to everyone who attended Unified Theater's production: Dancing Through Time!

Students spent weeks writing, choreographing and rehearsing their self-created production. Led by student director, MaryKate Mormino, more than 25 students participated on stage and backstage grooving through time. We appreciate all of the families and faculty who came out to support this year's show.

## Interested in participating in Drama Club next fall?

Auditions for the fall production- "A Christmas Carol", will be happening Wednesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 19th. Please prepare a short 2-3 minute monologue that highlights your acting abilities and range.

Questions? Contact Miss Blais ([kblais@suffield.org](mailto:kblais@suffield.org))



## MODEL UN



Interested in enhancing your debate and diplomacy skills? Want to know more about our world and how to make global change?

[JOIN Model UN!](#)

Throughout the 2024-2025 school year our delegates will attend country briefs, create resolutions to combat crises around the world, and participate in several UN sessions around the state of CT.

Our Google classroom is: [ksiptgg](#) for more information and details.

Contact Nayandeep Tummalapally, Kathryn Cromack, Anwasha Chandra or Miss Blais ([kblais@suffield.org](mailto:kblais@suffield.org)) with questions

# HAPPY SUMMER!

## Suffield High School Summer Office Hours:

**Monday - Thursday**

**7:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

**Friday**

**7:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

*Closed July 4th for Independence Day*

