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SV EVENING PROGRAM

Pitt & Penn State Virtual Webinar: How to Apply using the Common Application and the SRAR (Self-Reported Academic Record)

Target Audience: SV seniors and senior parents

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Location: Virtual Webinar link <https://psu.zoom.us/j/92137107487>

Please join Pitt & Penn State admission counselors to discuss application tips in completing the Common Application and the SRAR. The beginning of the webinar will be a general application session and then break-out rooms will allow you to join the Pitt and/or Penn State representative for more application advice specific to their institution. If you are not interested in applying to Pitt or Penn State, the beginning general session on the Common Application may assist you in completing applications for other institutions.

No sign-ups necessary.

SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS

Student schedules will be posted on the Student Portal beginning August 11, 2023. Students are strongly encouraged to follow their schedules the first few days of school and if there is a need to request any schedule changes, students must email their school counselor to discuss possible requests. Any changes will need parent/guardian approval. Schedule change requests will not be accepted after 3:00 pm on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Second semester schedule change requests will not be accepted after 3:00 pm on Monday, January 29, 2024.

Access SHS counselor contact information here: <https://www.svsd.net/Page/22289>

Access IHS counselor contact information here: <https://www.svsd.net/Page/4856>

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WELCOME TO SCHOOLINKS – Our new College & Career Readiness platform for grades 7-12 – Starting August 14, 2023



SchoolLinks is here!!

SchoolLinks is a modern, college and career readiness platform to prepare students for what comes after graduation. SchoolLinks helps students discover their interests and strengths, explore colleges and careers, and create a personal graduation plan that best reflects their post-secondary goals. SchoolLinks at Seneca Valley is accessible in 7th-12th grades by students and their parents.

The Class of 2024 onboarded last Spring and grades 7-11 will be guided through onboarding in the next few months by teachers, counselors, and administrators. Once students are onboarded, they can share a unique claim code for parents/guardians to log-in and create their own parent account.

All of the SchoolLinks features are designed with students in mind to help them become career, college, and life ready. SchoolLinks features are incredibly user-friendly, and content can be easily comprehended by high school students.

Using SchoolLinks, high school students and parents can:

- Access career interest, strength, and mindset surveys
- Explore 2-year and 4-year colleges
- Create course plans based on career pathways
- Take virtual reality college campus tours
- Search for scholarships
- Learn about financial aid
- Find internship and volunteer opportunities
- Explore traditional, emerging, and military career fields
- Create digital portfolios / resumes
- Communicate with counselors

Using SchoolLinks, 12th graders will be able to:

- Track college applications and request transcripts
- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Visit webpage [HERE](#) to access instructions and guidelines in applying to colleges and requesting letters of recommendation using SchoolLinks whether you are using an institutional application, common application, or other applications.

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Student Login:

Students will login to SchoolLinks via the Clever URL <https://app.schoollinks.com/dashboard> or finding the SchoolLinks icon on the resource page of their building.

Visit our SHS guidance webpage for more information as we begin to add helpful SchoolLinks resources [HERE](#).

SAT TESTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The **SAT's** will be administered to **registered** students on Saturday, **August 26, 2023**, at Seneca Valley Senior High School. Students are to park or be dropped off in the **student parking lot (upper parking lot) and enter the building on the 2nd floor** of the senior high school. Expect some delays in the check-in process to accommodate health and safety measures. **Students are no longer required to wear masks for testing; but may do so if they wish.** Students must bring "Admission Ticket, government issued photo ID or school year photo ID, two #2 pencils with erasers, and an approved calculator". Students will **not be admitted** to the testing room without their **SAT Tickets and Photo IDs.**

Students are also advised to **leave cell phones in the car or at home** as the College Board's policy is to **collect ALL CELL PHONES & WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY** in the testing room. Students should arrive by 7:30 am and no later than 7:45 am. The SAT exam should conclude by 12:30 pm. Some good advice is to get plenty of rest the night before, eat a good breakfast and bring snacks for the breaks. Good luck!

2022-2023 COLLEGE & CAREER INFORMATIONAL EVENTS

Visit the senior high guidance website <https://www.svsd.net/domain/2093> to view upcoming events such as College & Career Speaker Series sessions, FAFSA Completion Sessions, Waiver Week, Instant Decision Day, College & Career School Fair, Job Fair and Evening Programs. Save the dates of your interested programs.

SENIOR CLASS and COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:

Seniors are reminded to request all transcripts and teacher letters of recommendation through our new College & Career Readiness platform: SchoolLinks. Students and parents can track the status of all requests to see when documents have been sent to colleges and universities. Access pertinent transcript, college processing information, and how-to guides on the Guidance website [HERE](#).

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2023-2024 COLLEGE CHECKLISTS

All 9-12th grade students can now access a planning calendar for SV College & Career events and timeline for meeting college planning goals on the Guidance website. Access these grade level checklists [HERE](#).

2023-2024 COLLEGE in HIGH SCHOOL COURSES (CHS):

What is a CHS course and why take college courses in high school?

Taking a CHS course in high school is a great way to jump-start your future education because earned CHS credits may transfer to institutions across the country at a very discounted rate (some fees are only 10% of regular tuition rates). CHS students are known to complete their bachelor's degree in a shorter time, increase their chances of a successful first year in college, and have a lower chance of placement into remedial Math or English courses. SV has approximately 39 CHS courses (listed below) available with agreements from six different colleges and universities including Butler County Community College, Carlow University, La Roche University, Point Park University, Robert Morris University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

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CHS Algebra 2	CHS Healthcare Concepts & Medical Terminology
CHS Animation	CHS Human Geography
CHS Argument	CHS Integrated Journalism & Politics
CHS Ballet	CHS Introduction to Marketing
CHS/AP Biology	CHS Introduction to Programming
CHS Business Calculus	CHS Introduction to Philosophy
CHS Business Law	CHS Introduction to Special Education
CHS Chemistry	CHS Latin: Prose
CHS Child Development with Preschool	CHS Leadership & Career Development
CHS Child Development with Preschool 2	CHS Managerial Accounting
CHS College Writing	CHS Physics/AP Physics C: Mechanics/Electricity and Magnetism
CHS Computer Information Systems	CHS Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry
CHS Diverse Voices in U.S. History	CHS Psychology/AP Psychology
CHS Economics	CHS Sociology
CHS Excel	CHS Speech
CHS Family Sociology	CHS Statistics
CHS Film Studies	CHS/AP U.S. Government & Politics
CHS Financial Accounting	CHS Video Production: Narrative Film
CHS Graphic Arts	CHS Video Production 2B: Broadcast News

All 10th-12th grade students who are registered for College in High School courses should check with their classroom teacher in the first days of school regarding deadline dates and application processes if interested in pursuing college credits. Click [HERE](#) for the College in High School (CHS) Registration Instructions hand-out located on the guidance website for a complete list of CHS courses, grade level requirements, GPA requirements and the college/university website links.

Butler County Community College CHS Courses: SV students interested to pursue BC3 credits and currently scheduled for Fall or full year, **must complete a paper BC3 application and turn it into their SV teacher in person or electronically** beginning the first day of school, Tuesday, August 22, 2023. The deadline to turn in the BC3 application to the SV classroom teacher is **Friday, September 9, 2022, by 3:00 pm**. You can access the 2023-2024 BC3 High School Programming Application here [2023-2024 BC3 APPLICATION](#). Students must fill out a separate application for **each** BC3 CHS course of interest and turn the application into their specific classroom teacher.

**Students scheduled for BC3 courses 2nd semester will have a BC3 application deadline date of Thursday, February 1, 2024, by 3:00 pm.

Application information and registration deadlines for ALL other CHS institutions will be communicated by the classroom teacher during the first week of school. All full-year course deadlines are early Fall deadlines.

New College in High School News for 2023-2024

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Robert Morris University (RMU) partners with Seneca Valley to offer three academy pathways where students can earn valuable college credits taking the same introductory-level courses offered at RMU and other colleges listed below from SV's own teachers. Credits can count for both high school credit and on an official academic transcript at RMU and potentially other colleges. Earning College in High School credits before high school graduation can allow some students to finish college early and save in college tuition costs.

[CHS RMU BUSINESS ACADEMY PATHWAY](#)

-Business Administration/Accounting focus

[CHS RMU EDUCATION ACADEMY PATHWAY](#)

-Early Childhood Education focus

[CHS RMU HEALTHCARE ACADEMY PATHWAY](#)

-Health Sciences focus

SAT and ACT TESTING

Check for upcoming test/registration dates to meet fall application deadlines. Check our Testing page on the Guidance website for details [HERE](#).



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