



JAGUAR NATION

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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

As we head into the winter months, I hope everyone is looking forward to what the second half of the school year has in store: National Honor Society (NHS) Induction ceremony, community service projects, local and state Skills competitions, the Dance Department's Rain Forest Project and warmer weather!

Open House preparations are under way for February 7 when our school community gets a chance to show off all that SCVTHS has to offer. We welcome all families to join in this festive day!

School Spirit Alert:

- SCVTHS Basketball Teams, both boys and girls, are working hard on the court. We welcome your presence in a show of support for our Jaguar players
- SkillsUSA students, working in partnership with the Bridgewater Applebee's Restaurant, are having a Flapjack Fundraiser on January 31st, in an effort to fund our local SkillsUSA chapter. Come out and enjoy breakfast while supporting our students! More information can be found on our website homepage and calendar of events links (www.scvths.org).
- Winter Semi-Formal Dance sponsored by National Honor Society (NHS) on Friday, March 13th.

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DONATES PATROL CAR TO LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM AT SCVTHS



(left to right): Auto Body Instructor George Byrd, Auto Body students Giannie Cintron of Bound Brook, Kevin Lowry of Hillsborough and Law and Public Safety Instructor Larry Blanke with the recently donated patrol vehicle.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Somerset County Sheriff's Department, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School (SCVTHS) will have a unique new tool to integrate into the Law and Public Safety Program's lesson plans. An out of service patrol vehicle was recently donated to SCVTHS from the Sheriff's Department to help create a real life atmosphere during skills applications, a tool for lessons, as well as a marketing and promotion resource for the Program. Even though the students will not be able to drive the vehicle, it will make for a powerful instrument in their lessons.

In an effort to make the vehicle more serviceable, many of the other career and technical programs have joined forces for what has turned into a school-wide project. The vehicle is in the final stages of being refinished by

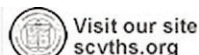
students in the SCVTHS Auto Body Program and soon will be affixed with new decals designed and created by students in the Graphic Communications Program.

Instructor Blanke personally thanks Sheriff Provenzano and Undersheriff Borden for their efforts in donating the vehicle to SCVTHS. ✨

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SCVTHS OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 7, 2015 • 9 – 12 pm
Call: 908-526-8900, ext. 7243
Snow Date: February 21, 2015





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SCVTHS HOSTS 8TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

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In celebration of Career and Technical Education Month, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School (SCVTHS) will hold its 8th Annual Open House from 9 AM to 12 Noon on Saturday, February 7, 2015. A snow date of February 21st has been set.

During the event, faculty, staff and student ambassadors will be available to answer questions, as well as provide information on each of the seventeen Career and Technical Education Programs available at SCVTHS. Some highlights of the day include campus tours, a full review of all academic offerings and program demonstrations. Hors d'oeuvres will be served by Culinary Arts students and guests can meet with the advisors of SCVTHS sports teams, extracurricular activities, and clubs.

Prior to the event, SCVTHS student ambassadors and staff have been touring Somerset County middle schools in an effort to increase interest in Career and Technical Education.

Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School is a fully accredited, four year high school located on an eighty acre campus at 14 Vogt Drive in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Serving all of Somerset County, SCVTHS accepts students on a full or shared-time basis for challenging programs that combine training in occupational and academic skills. Along with the Career and Technical Education offerings, students are provided with the opportunity to take a variety of rigorous college preparatory academic courses. SCVTHS has been providing quality education and technical skills training to Somerset County for over fifty years. ✨

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE AT: <http://www.scvths.org/forms.cfm?myform=5662>
or call 908-526-8900, ext. 7243

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Najee Holden

Najee Holden, a sophomore in the Culinary Arts program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for January 2015. Najee is also a part of the TOPS alternative education program at SCVTHS.

Mathematics Instructor Michele Krause nominated Najee for Student of the Month because she said, "Najee is the shining star in my Algebra class. He is enthusiastic every day. Najee has a real desire to learn Math and do as well as he possibly can."

Instructor Shari Hamilton also nominated Najee for his dedication, hard work and performance during community service activities. Mrs. Hamilton said, "Najee's attendance is excellent. Najee is a very motivated and dedicated student who is doing well in all his classes. He was recently awarded Student of the Month for the month of December for the TOPS program. I am so proud of all the time and effort Najee has put into completing his current work, while also completing first marking period work. Najee is a great role model to other students, and that is why I am nominating him for student of the month for the month of January."

Outside of SCVTHS, Najee takes part in an after school program for teens in Franklin Township. After high school, Najee hopes to go to trade school to further his education in Culinary Arts. Ultimately, Najee hopes to attend a four year college. Najee commented, "I am happy to be at SCVTHS because of all of my teachers who support me." ✨



Najee Holden