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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

Save the date for our annual Open House event, Saturday, February 6! Staff and students are working hard in preparation to showcase what is offered here at SCVTHS. This is a great day for families to come and see who we are and what we do!

School Spirit Alerts :

ON THE COURTS:

- The Cheerleading Team continues its show of support at our basketball games so remember to check our website for upcoming events and help cheer our boys and girls on the court!
- Coach Gillooly and the Girls' Basketball Team are working hard on the courts and making strides during their sophomore season. Keep up the great job, Lady Jags!!
- Coach McClain and the Boys' Varsity Team are on a WINNING streak—6 games strong and counting!! Go Jags!!

Upcoming Events:

- The Theater Arts Department is presenting the Laramie Project – Feb. 26th @ 7:30pm; Feb. 27th @ 2:00pm & 7:30pm
- Rotary Interact will be holding its annual Flower Gram Sale in February
- Open House – February 6 (Snow date Feb. 20)

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



SCVTHS HOSTS NINTH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

In celebration of February as Career and Technical Education Month, SCVTHS will hold its 9th Annual Open House from 9 am to 12 Noon on Saturday, February 6, 2016. A snow date of February 20th has been set in case of inclement weather.

During the event, faculty, staff and student ambassadors will be available to answer questions, give tours, and provide information on each of the 15 Career and Technical Education Programs available at SCVTHS. The Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School students who have volunteered to become student ambassadors will lead tours and speak as representatives for their Career and Technical Programs during the event. Prior to the Open House, these student ambassadors have assisted SCVTHS staff with touring Somerset County middle schools in an effort to increase awareness of Career and Technical Education.

"As a student ambassador, I am able to share my love for my school, as well as educate others on why it is important to know your future," said Chloe Jen, a junior from Bridgewater who is in the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences.

Some other highlights of the annual Open House include a full review of all academic offerings and program specific demonstrations. In addition, 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.

New this year to the Open House is the inclusion of the SCVTHS Honors Dance Department's Dance Day. The move of Dance Day to the Open House is an effort to open up the event to more students in the community. Dance Day is an excellent opportunity for interested students to visit the SCVTHS Dance Studios and Auditorium, as well as attend a free class taught by the



SCVTHS Student Ambassadors pose for a photo with SCVTHS Creative Arts Coordinator Janet Cantore-Watson.

faculty of the SCVTHS Dance Department. Classes offered during the day for high school students are Ballet or Jazz at 8:30 a.m. and Modern or Tap at 9:40 a.m. In addition there will be a dance performance at 10:30 a.m. which will feature the SCVTHS Tap Company, Repertory Company and student choreographers. Pre-registration for Dance Day is required by emailing Maureen Glennon at mglennon@scvts.net.

SCVTHS 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.✦

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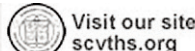
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or CALL 908-526-8900, ext. 7250 or 7243.



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TOPS STUDENTS INCREASE SCHOOL SAFETY AT SCVTHS

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(left to right): TOPS Student Council Member John Sala, TOPS Instructional Aide Karen Morlock, TOPS Student Council Members Erika Stravalacci & Jordan Ithier pose with some of their window coverings.

The TOPS Student Council began the project to “do something for the school that has done so much for them,” explained TOPS Instructional Aide Karen Morlock. TOPS Student Council member John Sala of Belle Mead and TOPS Instructional Aide Karen Morlock met with SCVTHS Principal Diane Ziegler with the idea to create window coverings to be installed throughout the school’s buildings.

The TOPS students were quick to recruit help from the SCVTHS Graphic Communications students to print the SCVTHS Jaguar logo onto their vinyl window coverings. The TOPS Council members then affixed velcro to the vinyl, as well as the windows, and installed the coverings throughout the school.

The TOPS Program at SCVTHS is a nationally recognized Alternative Education program that provides high

quality educational opportunities for students in Somerset County.✱

For more information on this story contact James Strickhart at (908) 526-8900, ext. 7169 or jstrickhart@scvts.net.

In an effort to increase safety throughout Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, students from the TOPS (Technical Occupational Preparation for Success) Student Council introduced a project to create classroom window coverings during lockdown situations.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Rea Rustagi

Rea Rustagi, a sophomore in the Academy for Health and Medical Sciences, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School’s Student of the Month for January 2016. Rea is the daughter of Rajat and Anju Rustagi of Hillsborough.

Social Studies Instructor Dr. Tokarsky-Unda nominated Rea for the Student of the Month Award because she “is a highly motivated student, always looking for a challenge. She enjoys and pursues independent learning.” Dr. Tokarsky-Unda went on to add, “Rea always applies herself to her studies and asks analytical questions in class. Rea’s peers find her to be sociable, pleasant and helpful.”

At SCVTHS, Rea is a member of the Principal’s Honor Roll, Rotary Club and the New Jersey Science League. As a member of the New Jersey Science League, Rea was part of a team that placed in the top 10 best scoring teams in New Jersey.

Outside of SCVTHS, Rea is involved in tutoring middle school students in Math, Science, and English. She also volunteers at Duke Farms and the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter. When she has free time, Rea enjoys fencing, playing the flute, drawing, painting, watching television and reading. Rea has set a remarkable personal goal to read 5,000 books. Additionally, Rea added, she likes to learn new languages.

After graduating from SCVTHS, Rea plans to further her education by majoring in Math so she may become either an engineer or statistician.✱



Rea Rustagi

