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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCVTHS HOSTS TENTH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

It's almost time for our annual Open House event, Saturday, February 4! 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 Alert

ON THE COURT:

The Cheerleading Team continues their 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!

Upcoming Events

- Rotary Interact will be holding their annual Flower Gram Sale in February
- Open House – February 4 (Snow date February 11)
- Renaissance Star Testing for New Applicants (See website for details)

Sincerely,
Diane M. Ziegler



In celebration of February as Career and Technical Education Month, Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School (SCVTHS) will hold its 10th Annual Open House from 9 AM to 12 Noon on Saturday, February 4, 2017. A snow date of February 11th 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 seventeen 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 been assisting SCVTHS staff with touring Somerset County middle schools in an effort to increase awareness of Career and Technical Education. Furthermore, the student ambassadors also play important roles in helping to prepare and decorate for the annual Open House event.

Some other highlights of this year's 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. Additionally, scheduled to appear at this year's SCVTHS Open House is special guest Kayleen McCabe from the DIY Network to meet with students and community members.

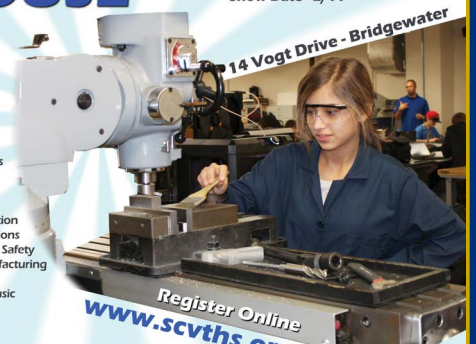
For the second year, the Open House will also include SCVTHS Honors Dance Department's Dance Day. Dance Day is an excellent opportunity for interested students to visit the SCVTHS Dance Studios and Auditorium, as well as attend free classes taught by the faculty of the SCVTHS Dance Department. Classes offered during the day for high school students are Ballet or Jazz at 8:30 a.m. and Modern at 9:40 a.m. There will also be a dance performance at 10:30, which will feature the SCVTHS Tap Company, Repertory Company and student choreographers.

Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, February 4th
9:00 AM - Noon
Snow Date - 2/11

17 Career and Technical Programs

Academy for Health and Medical Sciences
Agricultural Science
Automotive-Diesel Technology
Auto Body • Carpentry • Cosmetology
Culinary Arts • Dance • Electrical Construction
Graphic Communications • Health Occupations
Integrated Technology Systems • Law & Public Safety
Mechatronics, Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing
Plumbing • Environmental Technology
Theater Arts • Acting/Acting with Vocal Music
Welding



Preparing Students for
College, Career or Both!

Pre-registration for Dance Day is required by emailing Maureen Glennon at mglennon@scvts.net

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.

All interested Open House guests are encouraged to pre-register for this event online at www.scvths.org or by calling 908-526-8900, ext. 7250 or 7243.✱

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



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SCVTHS DANCE DAY

for 8th Grade & HS students

February 4, 2017

8:30 am – Ballet or Jazz Class

9:40 am – Modern Class

10:30 am – Dance Dept. Performance

Pre-Register by emailing
mglennon@scvts.net



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COMMENDED STUDENTS NAMED IN 2017 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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(left to right): Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program
Aishwarya Anand of Somerset, Stephanie Coppola of Milford, Madalyn Arcurio of Flemington,
Emily Siniscalco of Flemington, Chloe Jen of Bridgewater, Ruchi Patel of Hillsborough and
Khushma Parekh of Ringoes.

Principal Diane Ziegler, of Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, announced that Aishwarya Anand of Somerset, Madalyn Arcurio of Flemington, Stephanie Coppola of Milford, Chloe Jen of Bridgewater, Khushma Parekh of Ringoes, Ruchi Patel of Hillsborough, and Emily Siniscalco of Flemington have been named Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the Program, will be presented by the Principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation

are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2017 Competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2017 Competition by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

"The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource. Recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."✱

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH



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Nathalie Murillo-Jimenez, a junior in the Cosmetology Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for January 2017. Nathalie is the daughter of Ms. Viviana Jimenez and Mr. Gerson Murillo of Manville.

SCVTHS Science Instructor Shannon Melick nominated Nathalie for the award because, "Nathalie is an outstanding student and role model in and out of the classroom. She is respectful, hard-working, and responsible." SCVTHS English Instructor Brendan Downey also nominated Nathalie for the award because "she is an excellent student both academically and personally. Nathalie is also very creative with her project-based work. She is expressive in both her writing and art, something that adds to the classroom experience for everyone."

At SCVTHS, Nathalie is an honor roll student. Outside of school, she has been involved in missionary trips and spends time tutoring children and the elderly.

In her free time, Nathalie likes to read, sing, paint, bake and decorate. After graduating from SCVTHS, Nathalie would like to further her education at a four year college to pursue a degree in interior design. Additionally, Nathalie commented that she would like to continue to help others as much as possible.✱