

SUFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2024

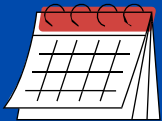


WELCOME BACK WILDCATS!

Dear SHS Community,

As the new principal of Suffield High School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to what I know will be a great year at SHS!

It is hard to believe the summer will be ending soon and the 2024-2025 school year will begin. I hope you enjoy your last few weeks of summer break and that you have had the opportunity to connect with friends and family.



CALENDAR

[click here for all the important dates throughout the school year](#)

8/19 = Fall Sports Begin

8/22 = New Student Orientation

8/29 = First Day of School

9/2 = No School (Labor Day)

9/7-8 = Suffield on the Green

9/20 = Early Release Day (PD)

9/26 = SHS Open House

Mr. Dobi, Mrs. Insero, and I are all excited to have students back in the school filling it with energy and excitement for learning.

Our administrative mission is to make every student feel welcomed and connected as part of the SHS family. We encourage all students to find ways to become involved in school. We have a variety of opportunities to hopefully fit all interests.

I hope you find this August Newsletter informative. I will continue to keep you updated as the year progresses.

**Mr. Anthony T. Hibbert
Principal**



SCHEDULES & CALENDARS



The first day of school is Thursday, August 29, 2024
 School doors open at 6:50am and the kitchen opens at 7:10am
 First period starts promptly at 7:30am

OPENING DAYS SCHEDULE

Aug. 29, 30 Bell Schedule	
Period 1	7:30-8:10
Wildcat Advisory	8:13-8:58
Period 2	9:01-9:41
Period 3	9:44-10:25
Period 4	10:28-11:09
Period 5 Lunch	11:12-12:42 Lunch 1 = 11:09-11:39 Lunch 2 = 11:40-12:10 Lunch 3 = 12:12-12:42
Period 6	12:45-1:26
Period 7	1:29-2:10

SHS DAILY BELL SCHEDULES

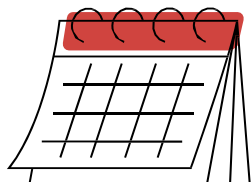
Mon A			Tues B	Wed C	Thurs D	Fri E
7:30-8:18	1	7:30-8:37	1	1	3	1
8:21-9:04	2	8:40-9:42	2	2	4	2
9:07-9:50	3	9:45-10:47	3	3	5	5
9:53-10:36	4	10:50-12:22	4	4	6	6
10:39-11:01	Wildcat Flex	10:47-11:17	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:04-12:39	5	11:20-11:50	5	Wildcat Advisory	Wildcat Flex	Wildcat Flex
11:01-11:31	Lunch	11:52-12:22	6	6	7	7
11:33-12:03		12:25-1:05	7	7		
12:09-12:39		1:08-2:10				
12:42-1:25	6					
1:28-2:10	7					

[To access all bell schedules, click here](#)

Daily Bell Schedule - Early Release Schedule - 2 Hour Delay Schedule



[Lunch Schedules, click here](#)

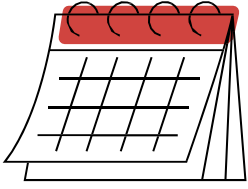


[SHS Activities Calendar, click here](#)

[SPS Calendar, click here](#)

Student schedules are available on the [PowerSchool Portal](#)

IMPORTANT DATES



[SHS Activities Calendar, click here](#)

[SPS Calendar, click here](#)

OPEN HOUSE

Save the date! The SHS Open House for parents is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Early Release Days:

9/20 = Professional Development

10/22 = Parent-Teacher Conferences

10/24 = Parent-Teacher Conferences

11/12 = Professional Development

11/27 = Thanksgiving Break Begins

12/10 = Professional Development

1/17 = Professional Development

1/21-24 = Midterm Exams

3/4 = Parent-Teacher Conferences

3/6 = Parent-Teacher Conferences

TBA = Final Exams

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



September 30, 2024

[Picture Day Order Form, click here](#)

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

**October
17, 22 & 24**

**March
4 & 6**

*Save
THE
Date*

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION COLLECTION



Log in on a computer to engage in the update:

(the phone application does not work for this purpose)

<https://powerschool.suffield.org/public/home.html>

Updates include:

- All student demographic information
- Acceptable use (technology) sign-off
- Student handbook sign-off
- Senior Privileges
- Chromebook insurance
- Parental permission for photographs
- Transportation plan
- And more

TECHNOLOGY

+ PowerSchool
+ SchoolMessenger
+ MySchoolbucks
+ Chromebook/iPad
+ Emergency Broadband Benefit Program
+ Student iPhone Setup
+ Communications

[Technology Tools](#)



[Tech Support for Student Chromebooks](#)

RESOURCES & COMMUNICATION

Suffield High School website:

<https://shs.suffield.org/>

- for continuous updates and information

[SHS Student Warehouse Site: Click Here](#)

- internal website for student resources, information & common forms
- bookmark this site for reference throughout the year



[Subscribe here](#) to receive District, Board of Education and school communication.



ATTENDANCE

To report an absence:

- ♦ **call the attendance line: (860) 668-3810 before the start of the school day**



To report an early dismissal/pick-up:

- ♦ **student must hand a parent-signed note to the main office before the start of the school day**

Students and parents should monitor Google Classroom for missed assignments and reach out to the classroom teacher with additional instruction questions/concerns.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Breakfast = \$2.10

Regular Lunch = \$3.25

Premium Lunch = \$3.50



Parents are strongly encouraged to set up a **FREE** account with <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>

Even if you do not use it to pay for meals, you can track your child's account purchases and balance.

For more information, use this [Food Services link](#).

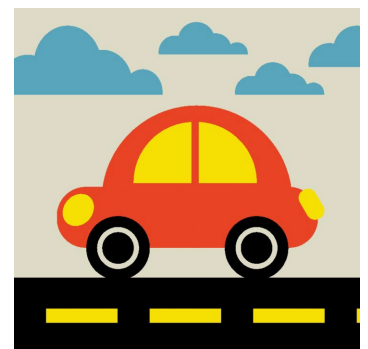
TRANSPORTATION, PARKING & PICK-UP/DROP-OFF



Transportation is provided by M & J Bus Company. For more information, [click here](#). Please note that the morning bus stop times are estimated and students should be at their designated bus stop 10 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.

[Student Parking Information & Permit Form: Click Here](#)

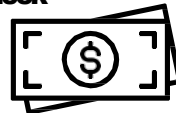
[Drop-off & Pick-Up Procedures: Click Here](#)



CLASS DUES, CLASS COUNCIL & SENIOR PRIVILEGE INFO

Class Dues Info:

All SHS Students are required to pay class dues annually. Class dues cover the cost of Senior Outing, Senior Yearbook, Caps and Gowns, Class Gift, Yearbook Picnic Lunch, Graduation Rehearsal Lunch and they help reduce the cost of Prom and Senior Banquet tickets. Dues can be paid using the links below or bring cash or check (payable to SHS) to your Class Advisor. Remember to include the student's name with payment.



Class of 2025

Class Advisors: Mrs. Daly & Mrs. Shea

[Senior Privileges Information & Form](#)

[Class of 2025 Dues Payment Link](#)

Class of 2026

Class Advisors: Miss Blais & Mrs. Schrager

[Class of 2026 Dues Payment Link](#)

Class of 2027

Class Advisors: Mrs. Candia-Bovi & Mrs. Tierney

[Class of 2027 Dues Payment Link](#)

Class of 2028

Class Advisors: Mrs. Deming & Mr. Harfenist

[Class of 2028 Dues Payment Link](#)



[2024-2025 Class Council Info, Click Here](#)

STUDENT CLUBS

SHS CLUB/ACTIVITY	SPONSOR/COACH NAME(S)
Art Club	Mr. Kudrle
Best Buddies	Mrs. Daly
Black Student Union	TBA
Cheerleading (fall)	TBA
Drama Club (Fall Play, Spring Musical)	Miss Blais & Mr. Ferreira
Earth & Outing Club	Mr. Grimard
Future Business Leaders of America	TBA
Social Gaming Club	Mr. Friedman
Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)	Ms. DeAngelis
Herpetology Club	Mr. Grimard
Interact Club	Mrs. McCluskey
Jazz Ensemble	Mr. Killian
Math Team	Miss Gerber and Ms. Fortin
Morning (Video) Announcements	Mr. Casinghino

SHS CLUB/ACTIVITY	SPONSOR/COACH NAME(S)
Model United Nations	Miss Blais
National Honor Society	Mrs. Deming & Mr. Harfenist
Principal's Advisory Group	Mr. Hibbert
Robotics	Ms. Pascarelli
Science Fair Club	TBA
SAAC	Mrs. Muska
Ski Club	Mrs. Arcouette
Suffield Regional FFA	Agriscience Teachers
Suffield Spirit Squad	Mr. Casinghino
SWAT	TBA
Tech Advisory Board	Mrs. Osleger
Teen Library Club	TBA
Unified Theater	Miss Blais
World Language Honor Society	Mrs. Tinnirella



SHS Athletics & Student Activities



[Click Here](#)

The first day for the fall sports season is Monday, August 19. Please anticipate that your fall team will be practicing or having tryouts. All information regarding tryout/practice times will be communicated on the [SHS Athletic website](#). All summer sports opportunities will be communicated through the SPOND app for each team. To find out the code for your team contact the individual listed below.

All steps within your child's Back to School Information Update need to be completed in order for your child to try out / participate in student activities and sports. Any athletes considering a fall sport must register online through [Final Forms](#) completing all forms, including uploading a current physical.

The Parent/Guardian/Athlete Night will be held on Tuesday, 8/27 @ 6:30 pm. The presentation will begin in the high school auditorium, followed by team breakout sessions. Each team will present their expectations regarding, but not limited to game play, attendance, communication and player involvement.

SPOND App Directions: To join the group you need to download the Spond app, create an account and enter the group code.

Women's Cross Country

Coach Caitlin Howes

cekoukal@yahoo.com

Men's Cross Country

Coach Dom Casolari

dcasolari@suffield.org

Women's Soccer

Coach David Sullivan

dfsullivan1010@gmail.com

Men's Soccer

Coach Mark Cervione

markc192010@hotmail.com

Women's Field Hockey

Coach Chase Lambert

chase.lambert268@gmail.com

Women's Swimming

Coach Kim Marker

kmarker@suffield.org

Women's Volleyball

Coach Larry Plano

iplano@suffield.org

Football

Coach Tobias Caesar

cpm1976@gmail.com

Amy Muska, Interim Director of Athletics & Student Activities

amuska@suffield.org

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

All students & parents new to SHS are encouraged to attend.

**Thursday, August, 22nd
9:00am - 11:00am
@ SHS**



[New Student Orientation
Invitation Letter, ClickHere](#)



New Student Orientation:

- receive valuable tips, information & resources to help you transition to SHS
- meet administrators, school counselors and some upperclassmen
- tour the school, find all your classrooms, the library, offices & more
- find your locker
- photo will be taken for school ID
- tech support available
- Activities Fair
 - Get information about SHS clubs and sports
 - Meet coaches, sponsors and some participants
 - Spirit gear will be available for purchase
 - Chromebook distribution for new students



**Bring questions
Get answers**

New Agriscience Students will have an additional orientation from 11:00am to 1:00pm

Parent Orientation:

- 9:00am to 11:00am, starting in the SHS Auditorium
- meet your student's school counselor and SHS administrators
- receive valuable tips, information & resources to help you transition to SHS
- you're welcome to attend to the Activities Fair as well

SUFFIELD WILDCATS SPIRIT GEAR

[Click here to purchase
Suffield Wildcats spirit gear](#)



PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY GROUPS



6:00-7:00pm = Students

7:00-8:00pm = Parents

in the SHS Library Media Center (LMC)

Sept. 11

Oct. 9

Nov. 6

Dec. 4

Jan. 8

Feb. 5

Mar. 5

Apr. 2

May 7

Principal's STUDENT Advisory Group:

I hope this finds you well and that you are excited about the 2024-2025 school year! I am looking to start a principal student advisory group this year to ensure that I get input on important decisions about your education and school experiences from a wide range of student perspectives. With that being said, if you find yourself with opinions and ideas that you would like to share, please consider applying for a seat on the advisory. This is not a popularity contest! I truly am looking for a diverse and wide range of student perspectives to help improve our school and the student experience. If interested, please complete the [Principal's Student Advisory Group Form here](#).

Principal's PARENT Advisory Group:

All SHS parents/guardians are invited to be a part of the Principal's Parent Advisory Group which will hold our first meeting on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00 PM in the SHS Library Media Center. This meeting is an opportunity for parents/guardians to gain information about the high school and also allows the school administration an opportunity to better understand the views and concerns of parents/guardians. Principal, Anthony Hibbert, will lead the meeting as an open forum. Some topics that may be discussed, but not limited to, include: Portrait of a Graduate, academic support, assessment practices, attendance policy, school wide rubrics, and school culture. Please come with any questions, concerns, and feedback you may have to discuss.

WELCOME NEW STAFF/ROLES

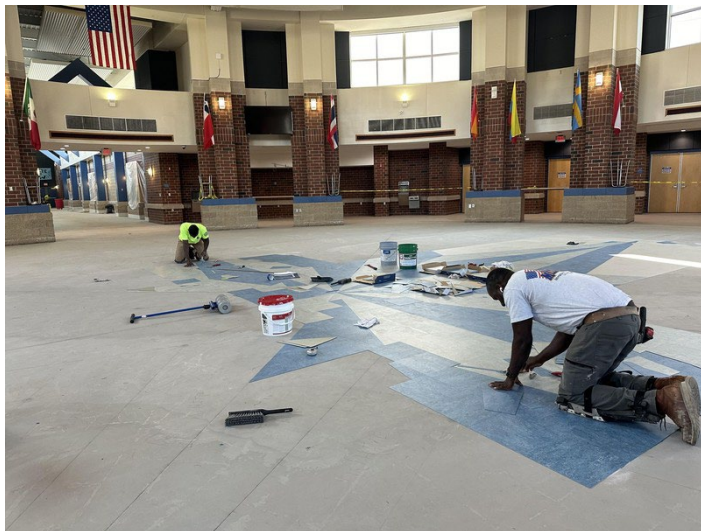
- **Reema Abidallah - Special Education Teacher**
- **Andrea Cerdeira - ELA Teacher**
- **Kara Damseaux - Business Teacher**
- **Elizabeth Deffley - School Social Worker**
- **Patrick Desrosier - Health & Physical Education Teacher**
- **Anthony Hibbert - Principal**
- **Tess McCool - Library Media Specialist**
- **Leigh Murphy - ELA Teacher**
- **Amy Muska - Interim Director of Athletics & Activities**
- **Jacob Ruzsbatzky - Special Education Teacher**
- **Tara Smith - World Language Teacher**
- **Leanne Sullivan - Science Teacher**
- **Michael Tiroletto - CTE Teacher**



welcome!

FACILITY UPDATES

This summer has been a busy one as usual for our facilities crew completing projects both in and outside the building. The school counseling offices and main office got new carpet and fresh paint on the walls. New tile flooring has been installed in the Commons, 100 and 300 hallways. All other floors have been waxed and carpet shampooed. The summer student custodians have done a great job moving furniture, cleaning up all around the building and making everything shine in preparation for the new school year.



SUMMER LEARNING



At Suffield High School, we encourage students to continue learning and growing during the summer months. [This site](#) contains various opportunities and resources for students to explore and practice at their own pace. The subject area drop-downs contain both online and offline recommendations. Students can learn about a new topic, review specific skills, or enjoy a good book. The site also includes assignments specific to AP classes for the upcoming school year.



[SHS Sumer Learning Information - click here](#)

SUFFIELD PARKS & RECREATION FAMILY NIGHT

A vintage-style poster for a rodeo event. The background is a light beige color with a large, stylized sun in the center, composed of horizontal bands of yellow, orange, and red. A silhouette of a cowboy on a horse is in the center, holding a lasso. Above the sun, the text "Not Suffield's FIRST RODEO" is written in a stylized font, with "Not" in red and "Suffield's" in yellow. Below the sun, the text "FAMILY NIGHT" is written in a large, bold, serif font. Underneath that, the date and time "Wednesday, August 14 5:30-8:00pm @ Sunrise Park" are listed, followed by "Food, Games, Line Dancing, & More". At the bottom, it says "register today: suffieldrec.com". There are two circular seals on the sides, each featuring a star and the text "SUFFIELD PARKS & RECREATION" and "SEAL OF THE TOWN OF SUFFIELD CONNECTICUT". A pair of cowboy boots is at the bottom right.