

SOUTHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen and New Student Orientation

August 20, 2024



Today's Goals (we call these learning targets):

**Read my
schedule by
myself**

01

**Open my
locker by
myself**

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**Find my
classes by
myself**

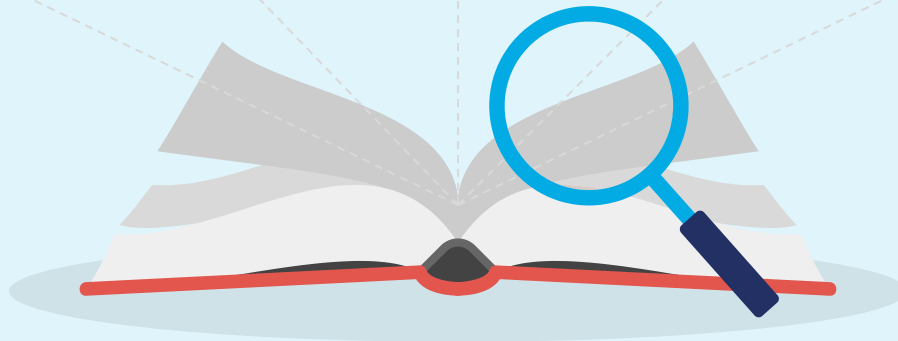
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**Begin
formulating a
plan to get
involved at SHS**

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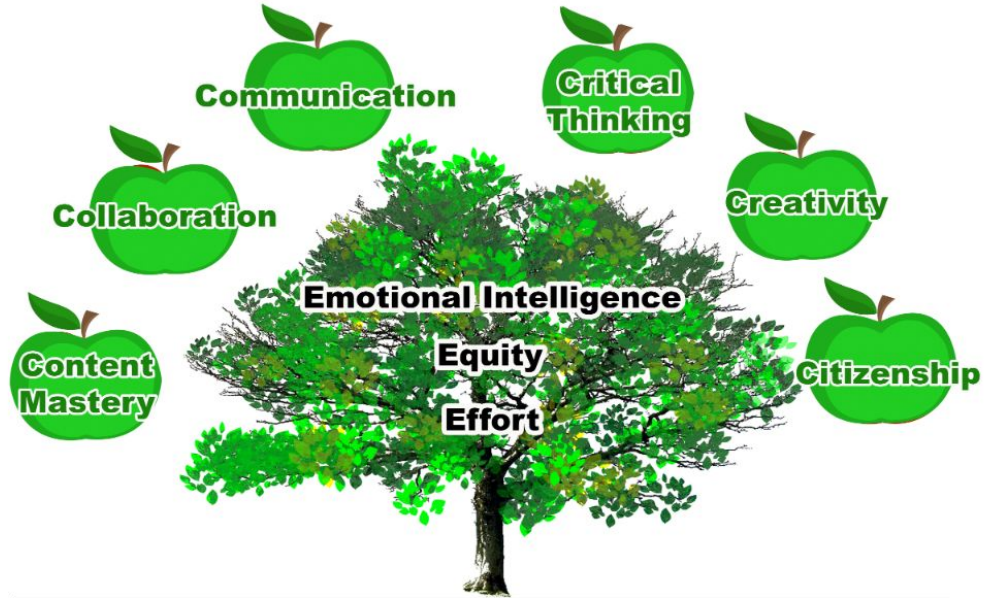
**Not be as
nervous as I
was today!**

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Southington Public Schools

Vision of a Graduate



A graduate of the Southington Public Schools will be college or career ready and prepared for life beyond by mastering the knowledge and demonstrating the skills to communicate effectively, think creatively and critically, and contribute to the global community.













Southington High PTO 2024-2025

**We are in need of a new PTO Board.
Positions needed: President, Secretary
and Committee Chairs. Please consider
being involved.**

What does PTO support:

- **All grade level activities**
- **All sport teams, clubs, and SHS organizations**
- **SHS Cares program (supporting Southington Families)**
- **SHS community outreach programs**
- **Teacher appreciation week**

**Email us today if you would like to volunteer
SouthingtonHS.PTO@gmail.com**



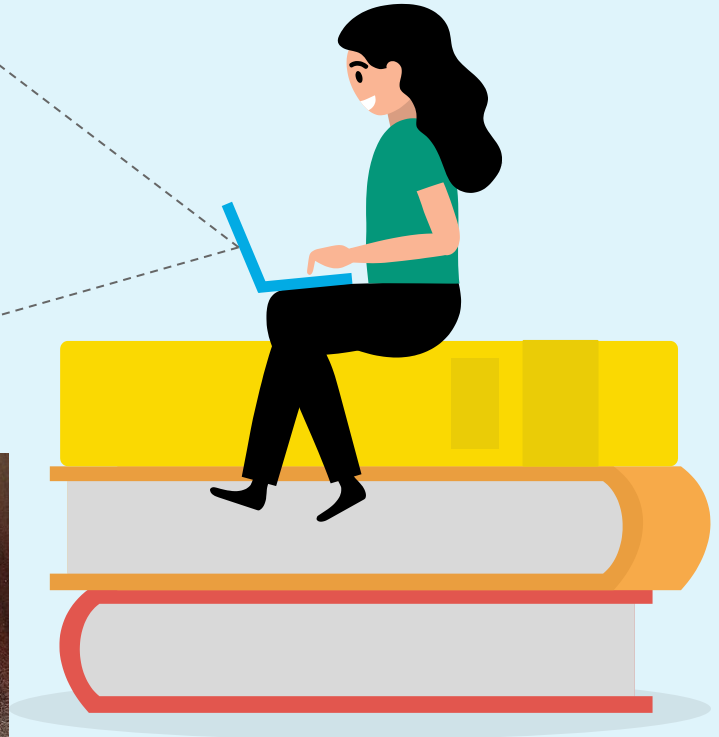
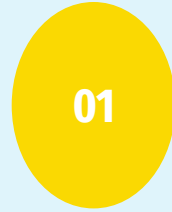
Do you need....

A Chromebook?

If you are new to Southington, please make sure you stop by the main cafeteria after our presentation to get a Chromebook. Our technology department will take care of you!

A student ID?

If you did not get your SHS ID today, please make sure to stop in our main office and get your picture taken. Our office staff will be happy to help you!





STEPS will have student representatives handing out information about the STEPS Youth Council and the STEPS XYZ Club here at SHS!

- AT SHS our vehicle for mental health promotion, Emotional Intelligence, and Asset development
- STEPS Youth Council focuses on substance misuse and prevention



Graduating with a PURPOSE and a VISION



Interests

Identify a personal interest area and a career cluster that fits your passion.



Research

Identify a profession to pursue.



Experiences

Get work experience in your field or interest, and take part in paid or unpaid credit-bearing internships.



Courses

Identify electives with a purpose. Choose those connected to your interest area as identified in the Program of Studies.

SPS Career Pathways

(Click linked individual Career Clusters for detailed information)

Advanced Technologies & Science Pathway	Arts, Business, & Communications Pathway	Health, Human, & Public Service Pathway
↓ Career Clusters ↓	↓ Career Clusters ↓	↓ Career Clusters ↓
 Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources	 Business Management & Administration	 Government, Law, & Public Safety
 Architecture & Construction	 Finance	 Health Sciences
 Manufacturing	 Marketing	 Human Services
 Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics	 Hospitality & Tourism	
 Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics	 Arts, AV Technology, & Communications	

Welcome, Class of 2028, and all new SHS students!

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**Mr. Aroian,
Principal**



Your Ninth Grade Academy Team



**Ms. Reynolds,
Ninth Grade Academy
Assistant Principal**



**Mrs. LaRose,
Ninth Grade Academy
Administrative Assistant**

Your SHS Team



Mrs. Velsor

Coordinator of
Special Education



Ms. Clark

Grade 10 Assistant
Principal
(Class of 2027)



Mrs. Crouch

Grade 11
Assistant Principal
(Class of 2026)



Mr. Hinman

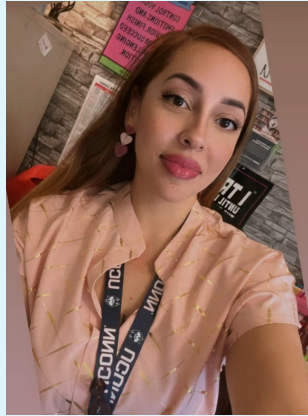
Grade 12 Assistant
Principal
(Class of 2025)



Your SHS Counseling Team



Ms. Discenza,
Director of Counseling
(also if you are a student
at GHAA or in our ML
program)



Mrs. Ovalles,
AgSci



Mrs. Perzan
(last names A-K)



Mr. Bugnacki
(last names L-Z)



*Ms. Discenza and Mrs. Ovalles are located in the **Student Support Center (Main Office)**. You can find Mrs. Perzan and Mrs. Bugnacki in the Ninth Grade Academy.*

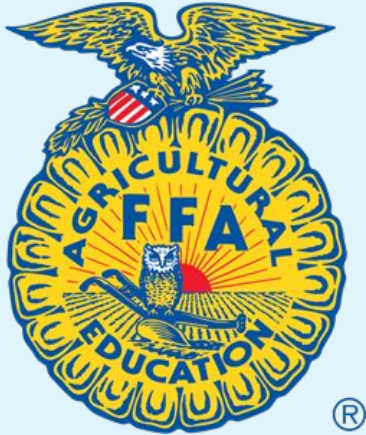
Your Freshman Class Advisors



Mrs. Murphy
P.E. and Health

Mrs. Wittneben
P.E. and Health

Director of Agricultural Science (AgSci)



Mr. McLaughlin



What is the role of my school counselor and the Ninth Grade Academy?



Our Purpose:

Your classes and schedule	
Planning your future courses	
Dealing with stress	
College/scholarship information	
Study tips	

	Bullying
	Relationship trouble
	Mental health issues
	Problems at home
	Staying emotionally healthy!

How do I see my counselor?

01

Schedule an Appointment

You can use Canvas to schedule an appointment

02

Leave a message

If we are not available right away, leave us a message in our offices and we will contact you.



Message your counselor directly through Canvas

Lindsay Perzan

Mark Bugnacki

Sylvia Ovalles

Jennifer Discenza

Immediate Concerns

If there is an immediate concern, go directly to the Ninth Grade Academy or the Student Support Center.

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Challenges for Ninth Grade Students

New software and technology

(i.e. Canvas)

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Amount of work each night

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Communicating directly with teachers using Canvas and email

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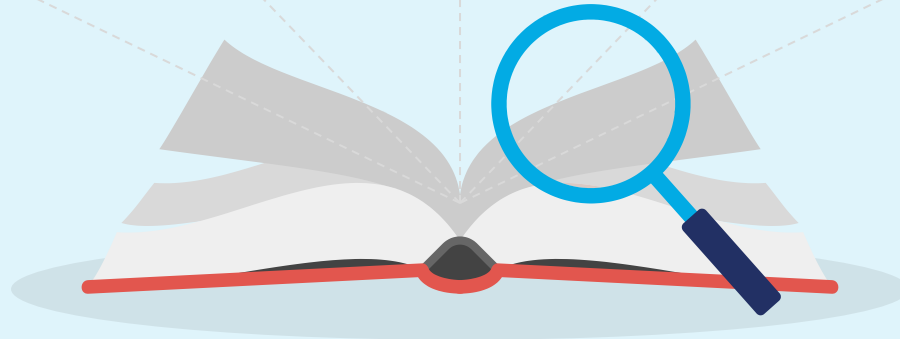
Higher level of independence

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Finding the extra help that you need!

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Your school counselors and administrators are here to help you!



PowerSchool, Canvas, and Accessing Email

Should you have difficulty logging into PowerSchool, Canvas or accessing your email, stop by the Cafeteria or Ninth Grade Academy and request assistance to reset your password.



At SHS, communication is a two way street!

- Parent Square
- SHS Admin Instagram Page: **@SHS_admin_squad**
- Southington High School YouTube channel
 - Welcome videos, tour, athletic events, teacher interviews, etc.
- Phone calls
 - See the info page “helpful hints for communicating with SHS”
- SHS Student handbook
 - Will be updated to view on the SHS website



Attendance and Credits: prepare for your own success!

01



Consistent attendance matters!

Most students do not realize that grades and attendance determine the number of credits you earn towards graduation.

02



Be there!

If you exceed 6 unverified absences for a semester long course or 12 for a year long course, you are at risk for losing credits regardless of your grade in that class!

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Learn to prioritize

You need 6 credits to successfully complete freshman year and to be on track for 25 credits to graduate.

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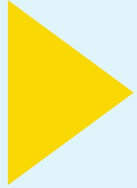


Stay on track!

Help us help you stay on track for graduation:

SHSattendance@southingtonschools.org

Getting Involved at SHS



Many studies indicate that involvement in extracurricular activities builds...

- Academic success
- Leadership skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Time management skills
- Perseverance
- Social skills
- A sense of community



National Honor Society

Advisor: Mrs. Tina Riccio

- ✧ A national organization established to recognize the most outstanding high school students
- ✧ Member have demonstrated excellence in the following areas:

Scholarship Leadership Service Character
- ✧ Inducted members continue to demonstrate their excellence by fulfilling requirements with the group

National Honor Society Eligibility Criteria

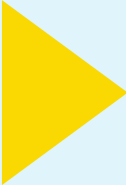
- ✧ GPA: **4.9** (weighted)
- ✧ When: Junior Year = end of Semester 1
Senior year = end of Semester 2 Junior year
- ✧ Leadership: held/holds at least **1** leadership position
- ✧ Service: School – **2** SHS activities per year
(Including grade 9) Get involved NOW!
- ✧ Community Service – total of **20** hours

National Honor Society Important Information

- Service cannot be a credit course!
 - What does not count: ex. Agricultural Science, Marching Band, Culinary Arts, Project Lead the Way
- Community activities must be separate from other requirements
 - What does not count: ex. Confirmation required hours

For additional information/questions, email Mrs. Riccio: triccio@southingtonschools.org

Why extracurricular activities?



We encourage all students to join clubs that pique your interest. Whether these are academic, volunteer, or social clubs; extracurricular activities are an excellent way to meet new friends with similar interests. They also provide a wealth of leadership opportunities that will help our students with the next phase of life!



What are some of our options?



Prepare for your own success. Get involved!



Get Involved!!

- ❑ Our **Model UN Club** visits the United Nations in October and talks to the actual representatives of two countries. We then research and propose solutions to regional and global problems.
Advisor – Mr. Garfinkel
- ❑ Our **Science Bowl** is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Members involved would go to a competition each year at UCONN, with a chance to go to the National Competition. *Advisor – Mrs. Raccio*
- ❑ Our **SHS Students for Progress** is a group of students who are dedicated to raising awareness through education and community service in order to change misperceptions about race, ethnicity, and culture.
Advisors – Mr. Fall & Mrs. Riccio

Get Involved!!

- ❑ Our **language clubs** allow students to use their language skills and engage in cultural activities they have studied in class.
Advisors - Ms. Gray, Ms. Sadj, Mrs. Tavera Collins, Mrs. Yanosy, Ms. Xun
- ❑ Our **SAGE Club (Southington Activists for Gender Equality)** is a politically active group, working to strengthen the feminist community at SHS and in the Southington community. Members, both male and female, seek to redefine current perceptions of Feminism and strive to promote gender equality
Advisor – Mrs. Tran
- ❑ Our **Broadcasting Club** is committed to providing opportunities and training for students both in front of and behind the camera in connection with our YouTube channel.
Advisor – Mr. Ouellette

What to expect on August 29th:



- We open our doors at 7:15AM.
- You may enter the building through doors 2, 8, or 25*. (If after 8:00, you must come in Door 1)
- First period will start at 7:37 and will be longer in order to convey the necessary information
- Copy of an updated schedule will be available in PowerSchool.
- You will go to each class that meets on A Day
- Dismissal will occur on the first day at 2:07 to make sure you find your busses on time.

Bus Information

- Bus routes are posted on SPS website.
- The bus # you come in on may not be the same bus # you go home on. **Please make sure you check the posted bus schedule for your specific bus number(s)!**
- Look carefully for your bus number at dismissal—they are not necessarily in numerical order. Buses depart the front of the building at 2:21. Buses for out of district AgSci students depart from the front of the AgSci building.



If you are picking up your child after school, we recommend you come at 2:25 after the buses have left and pull into the front or back parking lot.

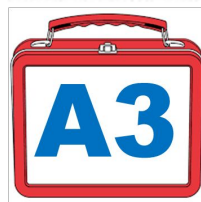
AVOID picking up your child on Pleasant St.

How do I read my schedule? Is it an A Day or B Day?



SOUTHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Student Class Schedule

DATE: 08/21/2023



NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Lunch V. _____

A Day: 4 B Day: 1

Counselor: PERZAN

Locker: 1776

Locker: 34-3-12

Student Number: _____

CT SASID: _____

Period/Day	Term	Course Name	Course	Section	Teacher	
1(A)	23-24	Italian I Novice Mid	WLAI		Cusano	E356
2(A)	S1	Study 9	STDY9		Barth	C210
3(A)	S1	Literacy Intervention F	ENGI0		Pasqua	C338
4(A)	23-24	Algebra I	MAT1		Albert	E286
BK(A-B)	23-24	BKAPP	BKAPP		Niro	C343
1(B)	23-24	English I	ENGI1		Daly	C328
2(B)	S1	Marketing I	BUS13		Schuch	W262
3(B)	23-24	Earth Science	SCH12		Kilpatrick	E386
4(B)	23-24	Modern U.S. History	SST122		Connolly	E258

Period/Day	Term	Course Name	Course	Section	Teacher	Room
1(A)	23-24	Italian I Novice Mid	WLAI320	2	Cusano	E356
2(A)	S2	Computer Essentials	BUS1810	5	Cichecki	C215
3(A)	S2	Graphic Design	ART2110	2	Elmka	C105
3(A)	S2	Literacy Intervention S	ENGI061	1	Pasqua	C338
4(A)	23-24	Algebra I	MAT1110	3	Albert	E286
BK(A-B)	23-24	BKAPP	BKAPP	905	Niro	C343
1(B)	23-24	English I	ENGI110	3	Daly	C328
2(B)	S2	Health I	HEA1112	21	Levesque	C221
3(B)	23-24	Earth Science	SCH1120	14	Kilpatrick	E386
4(B)	23-24	Modern U.S. History	SST1220	9	Connolly	E258

<u>A Day</u>	
1 A	Earth Science
2 A	Careers and Leadership
3 A	Spanish 2 <i>(lunch embedded)</i>
4 A	Modern U.S. History

<u>B Day</u>	
1 B	Algebra 1
2 B	English 1
3 B	Marching Band <i>(lunch embedded)</i>
4 B	Health 1 (S1) Study Hall (S2)

What is a BKAP day?

Blue Knights Advisory Program

....promotes meaningful relationships between staff and students while providing academic, social-emotional and college or career ready support to students.

We use a BKAP schedule 12 times per year to discuss school expectations, future planning, emotional and intellectual needs, study skills, organizational strategies, and a slew of other topics.

How will I ever find my way around this building?

- **Classrooms**

- Room #'s beginning with a 1 are in the basement
- Room #'s beginning with a 2 are on main floor
- Room #'s beginning with a 3 are upstairs

- **Building Layout**

- E = (East) - The Blue Section closest to Pleasant St. It houses mostly freshmen classes.
- C = (Central) - The main part of the building
- W = (West) - Auditorium, Arts, Health, Main Gym (Anything on this side of the main cafeteria)
- A = AgSci - The Agricultural Science Building is located near the tennis courts. Best accessed by door 8 - near E288.

Ninth Grade Academy office and Conference Room



Lunch Procedure:

If you are in grade 9 - You will eat in the freshmen café during your scheduled lunch period.

If you are in grades 10-12 you will eat in the main cafeteria

Study Halls:

All 9th grade study halls will be held in classrooms.
Monitored Study Halls will be held in Lab D in the library.

Student Photo ID's

1. If you had your picture taken at JFK or JAD, you should be all set.
2. If you're new to our town or have never had a picture taken for your student identification, please report to the main office at some point during your tour today or during your first few days here and get your photo taken.

Lockers

Grade 9 lockers are in the back hallway on the main floor.

Grade 10 lockers are in the front hallway on the 3rd floor.

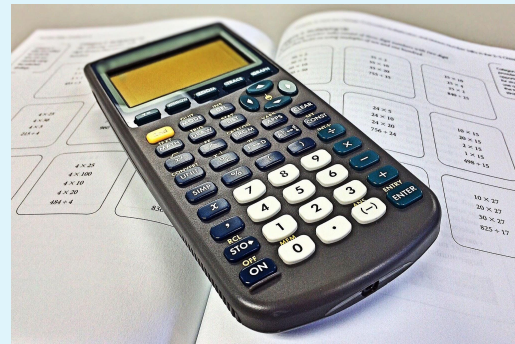
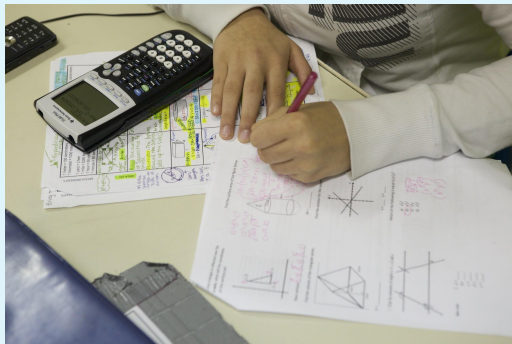
Grade 11 lockers are in the back hallway on the 3rd floor.

Grade 12 lockers are in the front hallway on the main floor.

Have you completed your summer packets?

You will be asked to submit your summer math packets on the first or second day of the course.

To get credit for this assignment, please make sure you have attempted all problems and have shown your work!



Final Thoughts



Life is a journey and high school is but one more stop along the way.

We're here to help you find the way to your next stop, and beyond.....



Time for a tour!



National Honor Society students and class officers are here to introduce you to the building

Look for students with the yellow lanyards!

