

Principal's Corner – November 2024

Dear Caregivers and Friends of SHHS,

As we embrace the month of November, I hope this message finds you well and ready to reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for as a community. With the days getting shorter and the weather turning cooler, we have a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate our achievements and support one another.

First and foremost, I want to commend our students for their hard work as we approach the end of the first quarter. We hope that caregivers and students are accessing the PowerSchool portal, which allows the viewer to see attendance and grades. Grades and Attendance are monitored regularly and followed up on. If your student needs to be absent, please remember to call your student out through our attendance line. You can access this by dialing 538-5063 and entering option #1. You may also email any attendance questions to Ms. Sarrazin at teri@shschools.com.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to making South Hadley High School a vibrant and welcoming community. I wish you all a wonderful November filled with gratitude and joy.

November Students of the Month:

Grade 9: Ayden Dempsey

Grade 10: Cara Dean

Grade 11: Ethan Markham

Grade 12: Jackson Keller

November Staff of the Month: Stephanie Viens

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please know that I am always willing to listen. I can be reached at ewood@shschools.com or by phone at 538-5063 ext. 3701.

SHHS remains committed to maintaining a safe place for our staff and students. As we continue to find ourselves in unprecedented times, it is more important than ever to hold a safe place for difficult conversations.

Our words are powerful and have the ability to cause harm that may not be visible on the surface but have lasting effects on our school community. It is beyond necessary to create an environment that listens, supports, and validates each of our diverse identities. We recognize that we are all on a journey of education. I feel fortunate to have the ability to be a listening ear, but also provide our students with learning opportunities and teachable moments that will allow them to become proactive members of our community. Please know that if you find yourself in need of additional support, we are here.

Everyone is welcome at South Hadley High School. Together, we can build an inclusive school that encourages, supports, and celebrates the diverse voices of all.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Wood
Principal