



Scott High School

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Principal's Message:

To address low-level classroom behaviors, for the 2024-2025 school year, SHS introduced a system we call the "strike sheet." This tool allows teachers to track and manage minor behavioral issues for all students, without requiring administrative intervention. Teachers use the strike sheet for behaviors that don't escalate to a level needing administrator involvement. When a student accumulates their 4th strike within a week, a behavior referral is submitted in Infinite Campus (IC). The strikes for each student reset every week. February continued our improvement in student behavior. While we've averaged 730 strikes per month, February recorded our lowest total to date with 607 strikes. Additionally, the number of behavior referrals in IC showed a sharp decline from last year to this year: 164 referrals in February 2024 compared to just 64 referrals in February 2025. This positive change reflects the collective commitment of all stakeholders—students, parents/guardians, faculty/staff, and the community—in fostering a positive school environment that supports learning. It is imperative we continue working together for the success of our students.

In last month's newsletter, I briefly discussed learning walks (classroom observations). KCS D outlines the [Core Expectations for Quality Instruction](#). When administrators complete classroom observations, we are looking for implementation of the four elements of quality instruction identified by the district. February learning walks showed positive gains in all four element areas and continued our positive trend for the school year. Lesson rigor and student engagement are the foundation of student growth/success and our teachers are striving for both.

For the first time in over two years, Scott had the highest student attendance rate (Month 6 attendance) among the three high schools in the KCS D. We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts in ensuring students attend school regularly and in submitting excuses for any absences/tardies. It is essential for students to attend school consistently in order to fully engage in their learning. We appreciate your continued dedication to maintaining excellent attendance and supporting your students' success.

The new era at Scott has begun.... Unfortunately for outsiders, open enrollment has already closed. Let them know they can join us next year.

Attendance:

Friendly reminder that all parents/guardians and/or doctors' notes must be turned into the front office 3 days after missing school or a tardy/check-out event. Tardy and check out events add up to full days. Please be mindful of the frequency of checking in late or out early. Students can drop notes off in the front office or in the blue attendance box located inside the bus loop doors or main entrance. Please keep in mind that attendance has an impact on student participation in end of the year events (Prom, Senior Brunch, Senior Day).

scattendance@kenton.kyschools.us.

See our social media pages for daily posts and information regarding all things Scott!



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SHS Athletics Newsletter: [Weekly Eagle Talon](#)

Monthly Events:

- SBDM March Meeting → Thursday, March 13 - 5:00pm in the MPR
- March 11 → ACT for 11th graders (March 18th - make-up test day)
- March 17 → NO SCHOOL
- March 21, 22, & 23 → SHS Drama Department presents: **SHREK The Musical**
 - March 21 - 7:00pm; March 22 - 7:00pm; March 23 - 2:00pm
 - Tickets can be purchased on GoFan
- March 25 → ACT for 10th graders (April 2nd - make-up test day)
- April 7-11 → SPRING BREAK
- PROM → Saturday, April 26. See flyer below for details.
- See our social media pages for daily posts regarding athletic events.

Dual Credit Information:

- March 2025 [Dual Credit Newsletter Link](#)
- Students interested in taking Dual Credit or Enzweiler for the 25-26 school year, need to set up a meeting with Mrs. Holthaus.
 - Students please go to this link to set up your meeting: <https://calendly.com/jill-holthaus/15min>
- Please email Mrs. Holthaus for additional questions

DUAL CREDIT SPRING Scholarship

- Information will be sent home with students, and emailed throughout the month of February

Counselors Corner:

Community Mental Health

- St. Elizabeth Grief Support Groups
 - [Family Support](#)
 - [Teen Groups](#)
- Family Care Counseling Groups
 - [Dialectical Behavior Therapy Group for help with anxiety, depression, self-harm, eating disorders, and substance abuse](#)

Seniors

- **FAFSA is OPEN!** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
 - First create your Student Aid Account (formerly FSA ID)
- **New scholarships are added every week!** [Check out the counseling department scholarship listing.](#)
- [Graduating Seniors of 2025 website](#)
- **Mark your CALENDARS, Graduation May 28th, 2025**

Transcripts

- Seniors: If you are in need of your transcript you must use parchment.com to place your order
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- Seniors: If you need your transcript to be sent to a University, follow the instructions here: [12th Grade FLY Requesting Final Transcript.pptx.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Student Opportunities for those interested in Theatre/Drama

- Information on My Block, My City, [1st Read Information Slides on My Block, My City](#)
- Sign up Flyer for My Block, My City, [2nd Sign up Flyer on My Block, My City](#)

Xello (Individual Learning Plan (ILP))

- As of 1/31/25, all students should have all of their Xello lessons completed, including virtual, and dual credit students.
- [Parent intro to Xello video](#)
- [What is Xello. login help](#)

Awards Night - Tuesday, May 13th. Scott Auditorium

- Underclassmen: 6-7 pm
- Senior: 7 pm

Virtual College Fair

- [NACAC Virtual College Fair happening on Sunday, Mar. 23 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. ET.](#)
- The virtual fair provides a wonderful chance to connect with hundreds of colleges and universities, all from the comfort of your home. Plus, it is 100 percent complimentary. NACAC fairs offer College MatchMaking®. During registration, students can select the college features that are most important to them. They will then receive an email that matches them to specific colleges and universities that best match their criteria and that will be available at the fair. College MatchMaking® is an incredible opportunity for students to identify their top choices.

PROM:

Prom 2025 is right around the corner! If your student plans to attend, be sure to verify their eligibility before purchasing a ticket. Eligibility criteria can be found in the flyer below. For guests who do not attend Scott High School, guest forms are available in the front office and can also be found below. Please note that these forms must be submitted and approved before tickets can be purchased. Tickets for the dance are available now on GoFan. Guest forms must be approved prior to purchasing guest tickets. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Mrs. Erkins via sirye.erkins@kenton.kyschools.us

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS:

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11th grade ACT- 3/11
10th grade ACT- 3/25
MAP testing for 9th grade- 4/15-4/22
AP Exams- 5/5-5/16
KSA- 5/5-5/22

CTE Pathway - Agriculture (FFA)

For the first time in program history, SHS FFA members competed in the Northern Kentucky Regional Public Speaking contest on March 13. Our FFA students represented SHS well! Congratulations to the following students:

- 1st Place & moving onto the state competition:
 - Kelsey Vaught - Horse Prepared Speech
 - Kynnedi Gray - Dairy Prepared Speech
- 2nd Place & moving onto the state competition:
 - Ana DeLaCruz - Swine Prepared Speech
- Honorable Mention
 - Leo Guiven - Extemporaneous Public Speaking
 - Ammelia Temaj-Marroquin - Prepared Public Speaking
 - Parliamentary Procedure Team - Kenzi Kramer, Ada Nickerson, Ashlin Milligan, Addison Moeves, Kynnedi Gray, Ammelia Temaj-Marroquin, & Kelsey Vaught

FFA Camp:

The date is set! Scott FFA will be attending the Kentucky FFA Summer Camp June 30th-July 1st. More information will be going out to members shortly so they can start planning! Make sure you submit your dues so you are eligible to attend!

NOTES FROM THE SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER (YSC):

Is your student struggling with anxiety, grief, mood changes, or other behavioral issues? Scott High School offers School Based Counseling during the school day. The agencies partnering with Scott are Family Care Solutions and Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. Most insurances are accepted. Please reach out to Ms. Frazier at trisha.frazier@kenton.kyschools.us or 859-356-3146 for more information.

Look for more information to come: College Road Trip is a FREE program for current 10th and 11th grade students. The Youth Service Center will provide trips to 12 colleges and universities in the area with the purpose of giving students exposure to a variety of institutions and programs to help them determine a good fit for them. The trips include bus transportation, an admissions presentation, a tour of the campus and a meal. The dates for the College Road Trip are June 2-13, 2025. A schedule of visits and sign-up will be available mid-April.

END OF YEAR INCENTIVE CRITERIA:

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To celebrate the hard work and dedication of our students, Scott will host an end of year celebration. Here is the criteria that has been shared with students and staff. Students will need to meet these requirements in order to participate in the celebration.

[☰ End of Year Incentive Criteria](#)

NOTES FROM THE SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE:

IS YOUR STUDENT CURRENT WITH IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS?

Please check your parent portal in IC, contact your student's doctor, and/or reach out to the school nurse if you are unsure if your student is compliant with required immunizations for school enrollment.

The most common vaccination non-compliance seen at the high school level is the 2nd Meningococcal vaccine. This is the vaccine due ON OR AFTER the student's 16th birthday.

The Kenton County School District follows the Advisory Committee on immunizations. A two week grace period is allowed to obtain required vaccination and appropriate documentation. After this two week grace period, students will be considered non-compliant and exclusion is possible.

Updated immunization certificates can be submitted via email to the school nurse, fax, or parent/student drop off. Your attention to this matter is appreciated. Thank you in advance.

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SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL
MAGICAL MASQUERADE

Prom 2025

April 26, 2025
7pm - 11pm

McHale's - The Grand Ballroom
6 E 5th St, Covington, KY 41011

Parking Located at Midtown Parking Garage across the street
- Parking fee is covered

Early Bird Tickets will go live
March 3, 2025 for \$55 per person

Guest forms are due by March 28th @ 2pm
TICKETS PURCHASED AFTER MARCH 30TH WILL BE: \$65 PER PERSON

**Tickets are limited! Students are encouraged to buy early!!
Juniors and Seniors will only be permitted
All guests must be Juniors or older and under the age of 21**

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School Dance Form

The purpose of this form is to allow Scott High School students to bring a guest to school activities while maintaining a safe environment for all. Guest must conduct themselves within the guidelines of the Scott High School student code of conduct. **ONE** guest is permitted per Scott Junior or Senior student. A school administrator must approve all guest **PRIOR** to the purchase of a ticket. By signing below, I acknowledge that I am responsible for my guest. I understand all school rules and assume the responsibility of informing my guest of all rules and expectations.

SHS Student Information:

(Please Print)

Student Name: _____ Student Grade Level in IC: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent Contact: _____ Emergency Contact & Number: _____

**All guest must be a Junior or Senior at their home school, students must also be in good standing.
Guest over the age of 20 will be denied.**

Guest Information:

(Please Print)

*All guests will be required to produce a photo ID (driver's license or school ID) to be admitted into the event.

Guest Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Guest Signature: _____ Driver's License # _____

Guest Grade Level in IC: _____

Guest Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Emergency Contact info: _____

Guest School Name: _____ Guest Admin Signature: _____

Scott Admin:

_____ : **Approved** _____ : **Denied**



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OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES POLICY

Students with any of the following will not be permitted to participate in "Outside" activities":

- 5 or more discipline referrals (severity of infractions will also be taken into account).
- Failing 2 or more classes.
- 10 or more unexcused absences.
- Must be on grade level per infinite campus.



OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES POLICY cont.

Revoked privileges for "Outside Activities":

- Parking pass revoked.
- Homecoming, Prom, Senior Dinner Dance, Senior Brunch, Senior Picnic, and Pep Rally privileges revoked.



OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES POLICY cont.

Students do have the ability to earn privileges back. Each of the following may remove 1 infraction at Principal's discretion:

- Attending 3 after school detentions and abiding by all rules
- Turning cell phone in to office for 3 straight weeks
- 4 hours of school approved documented community service



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