Hello!

Here are this week's important updates:

Important Upcoming Dates:

5/20-5/21 Grade 10 Math MCAS

5/26 : No School Memorial day

5/28: Scholarship and Book Awards Celebration by Invitation

5/29: Baccalaureate

5/30: Graduation

6/2 Class of 2029 Orientation

6/4-6/5: Grade 9 Bio MCAS

Finals Grades 9-11:6/11-6/16

6/17: Last Day of School half day

9/4/2025: Picture Day

9/11/2025: Open House

10/21/2025: Picture Retakes

New Updates:

Congratulations Girls Lax and Softball who play in Western Mass Championships on Tuesday!

Attention All: The SHPD is hosting a public safety event coming up next Sunday, 6/1. There will also be a bag the community drive held at this event! More info here

Attention All: Summer Reading can be found here: summer reading.

Attention All: Juniors! Spots are filling up fast for the senior trip to France and Spain during the 2026 April vacation, so sign up ASAP. Here is the link to access the cost and itinerary: SHHS Class of 2026 Trip to France & Spain. All students have the opportunity to go on an international grand adventure to Iceland and London from June 23rd to July 2nd, 2026. Use this link to check out the cost and itinerary: Iceland & London. To get more information about either of these trips, contact Ms Foley in room 523, or email her at afoley@shschools.com.

Attention Class of 2026: If you plan on taking your senior photos this summer, you can email them and any questions to Ms. Quinn jquinn@shschools.com. The photo dimensions should be 3.5 x 3.5 which will include a thin border. Due dates for all photos will be announced in September.

2025 Underclass Final Exam Schedule

All students are expected to show up on time for their final exams - no extra time will be afforded for a tardy student unless there is medical documentation or extenuating circumstances, which would need to be approved by the principal. If, for any reason, a student is going to be absent from a final exam, a parent/guardian must contact the principal (Ms. Wood at 538-5063, ext. 3701 or ewood@shschools.com) as soon as possible. Make-up exams will only be administered with the principal's prior approval.

Any student in grades 9 – 11 who has a 93 or above YTD grade in a course is exempt from that final exam. This applies to semester and full year courses. Students who are exempt from a final exam DO NOT need to report to the exam period. Attendance will be taken only for those students who are required to be in a class for a final exam.

Students will not be allowed to be dismissed for any reason during a final exam testing period, even if they have finished their exam. Students must remain in their classes until an exam period is finished. Dismissals will only be allowed between exams to avoid any disruptions to students who may still be testing.

Wednesday, June 11, 20255 **Half Day for students**

7:23 – 9:10 **Period 1 Final Exam**

9:20 – 11:01 **Period 2 Final Exam**

Thursday, June 12, 2025 **Half Day for students**

7:23 – 9:10 **Period 3 Final Exam**

9:20 – 11:01 **Period 4 Final Exam**

Friday, June 13, 2025 **Half Day for students**

7:23 – 9:10 **Period 5 Final Exam**

9:20 – 11:01 **Period 6 Final Exam**

Monday, June 16, 2025 **Half Day for students**

7:23 – 9:10 **Period 7 Final Exam**

9:20 – 11:01 **Make-Up Exam Block / Advisory**

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 **Half Day (27 minute classes)**

7:23 – 7:54 **Period 1 class**

7:58 – 8:25 **Period 2 class**

8:29 – 8:56 **Period 3 class**

9:00 – 9:27 **Period 4 class**

9:31 – 9:58 **Period 5 class**

10:02 – 10:29 **Period 6 class**

10:33 – 11:01 **Period 7 class**

Lunch During Finals is available to go only. You must sign up using this form to receive your lunch.

Parking Registration 2025-2026: Parking Passes for the 2025-2026 school year will be done by a lottery system and will only be available to students with a valid driver's license. (see below)

All registration forms must be completed with the student and caregiver signatures, the vehicle plate registration number, and the student's driver's license number to be entered into the lottery.

Parking passes will be $270. If there is an approved free/reduced low-income status, the cost will be $135.

Payment will not be collected until parking passes are distributed, please do not turn payment in with your registration form. After a student has been notified that they will be receiving a 2025-2026 parking pass, they will have 48 hours to turn in their payment. Checks made payable to South Hadley High School.

As a reminder, a parking pass is required for all students wishing to park in the lower lot. The Lincoln Street upper lot will remain free, with no pass required, and is on a first come first served daily basis.

SENIORS:

Parking registration will be open to all incoming Seniors (class of 2026) for three days, June 2nd, June 3rd, and June 4th. Seniors must turn in their registration forms to the main office before 2:00 pm on June 4th- no late registrations will be accepted after that time. Registration forms must be completed with all the required information and signatures. Any registrations that have missing information or signatures will not be considered for the lottery. If there are less than 85 applications, all seniors who turned in their completed registration will receive a parking pass. If there are more than 85 applications, all applicants will be entered into a lottery drawing to determine who will receive a parking pass.

JUNIORS and SOPHOMORES:

If there are remaining spots after June 4th, we will open the remaining spots up to the Juniors (class of 2027) and Sophomores (class of 2028) who have a valid driver's license. The secondary lottery for the remaining spots will be open June 5th to June 6 th until 2:00 pm - no late registrations will be accepted after that time. Again,registration forms must be completed with all the required information and signatures. Any registrations that have missing information or signatures will not be considered for the lottery.

parking reg form

Attention All: On Saturday, June 14th, from 10AM-3PM at Smith College's Conference Center, we will be hosting a Youth Policy & Advocacy Skills Summit, co-organized by Hampshire and Franklin County youth and adults. Details:

- What: Learn the basics of what policy is with interactive activities, how to be a changemaker for issues you care about, and get to choose which workshops you want to attend (i.e. public speaking, art in activism, etc.)
- Who: For teens (ages 13-19) in Hampshire County, Franklin County, and North Quabbin Region

- Compensation: Each teen who registers and is able to attend the full summit will receive a $75 gift card.
- Other: Lunch provided, as well as snacks and drinks throughout the day. Register HERE!

Attention All: The Student Council is once again hosting **Study Sessions** for all students as they prepare for their Final Exams. These sessions will take place in the school library and provide a quiet space to study, along with supplies, materials, handouts, and refreshments.

Monday 6/2
Tuesday 6/3
Wednesday 6/4
Thursday 6/5

Each day from 2-3:30pm

Ongoing Information:

2024-2025 Student Handbook: Here

Work Permit Information: Many have asked about obtaining work permit applications and resources. Here is the link for the state guidelines and forms: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/youth-employment-permit-information If you are in need of a permit, please call ahead and secure an appointment with the high school front office staff. (413) 538-5063 ext. 3704. The High School will also have open permit hours on Monday and Wednesday between the hours of 8:00-2:00

District Store: Our South Hadley store is officially open! This store will be open for the entire year, so there is no rush to order. All items purchased will get shipped directly to your house. There is an option to order apparel that's generically made and another option to customize your apparel however you want! If you have any questions about how to order, please reach out. ecastonguay@shschools.com Here is the link.
https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/massachusetts/southhadley/south-hadley-high-school Let's show our Tiger Pride as a school community.

Community Resources:

SEL Newsletters found: here and here

Mental Health Resources:
https://mhanational.org/mental-health-resources-caregivers?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=882088ea-e6b4-4b84-94df-0b990b2e700c

Self-Care: Take a look at South Hadley High School's Virtual Meditation Station Here: **South Hadley High School Virtual Meditation Station**

Attention All: Did you know SHPS offers a service called Care Solace? A referral system for mental health counseling. As part of this program, we have Care Match. Care Match is an additional self-service resource available to you - allowing students, families and staff to anonymously find mental health providers and substance use treatment options matched to their needs on their own more information can be found here: https://caresolace.com/site/southhadley

Information from the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry: If you find yourself in need of support with meals for after school hours, please reach out to me **@ewood@shschools.com** **flyer** **sample menu**

Class of 2025 News:

Mark your calendars:

Caps and Gowns will be picked up after the **All School Awards Assembly** on Wednesday, May 28th, at 9:00 am in the Gym; **if all obligations have been paid and the chrome book turned in.**

Baccalaureate - May 29th at the High School at 5:00 pm. Seniors will be asked to submit a photo to the class officers for the senior slideshow.

Senior Banquet- Immediately following the Baccalaureate at Summit View at 6:00 pm. The cost for dinner is $25. (students only)

Grad Breakfast, Walk & Practice – Friday, May 30th, all seniors will report to the café for breakfast at 7:45 am; wear your graduation regalia. Buses will bring seniors to the elementary schools for their *Graduation Walk* through the halls to show the younger grades the value & significance of education. Then seniors will proceed to Mt. Holyoke for Graduation practice and will return before noon.

*** Seniors must be present at rehearsal to walk in graduation that evening.**

Graduation – Friday, May 30th at 6:00 pm at Mt. Holyoke. Seniors need to arrive by 5:00.

A decision on location will be made by 10:00 a.m. If rain is forecasted, Graduation will be held indoors at Chapin Hall. Each Graduate will receive 6 tickets.

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 in 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.