

# WELCOME BACK SV STUDENTS!!

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### **SV EVENING PROGRAM**

#### **Pitt & Penn State Virtual Webinar: How to Apply using the Common Application and the SRAR (Self-Reported Academic Record)**

Target Audience: SV seniors and senior parents

Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Location: Virtual

Pre-Registration link: <https://apply.psu.edu/register/?id=2481c6a4-bb2d-47eb-a5a0-e157d568ef4e>

Program Link: Will be provided once you registered

Please join Pitt & Penn State admission counselors to discuss application tips in completing the Common Application and the SRAR. The beginning of the webinar will be a general application session and then break-out rooms will allow you to join the Pitt and/or Penn State representative for more application advice specific to their institution. If you are not interested in applying to Pitt or Penn State, the beginning general session on the Common Application may assist you in completing applications for other institutions. Fee waivers are available with participation. No sign-ups necessary.

### **SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS**

Student schedules will be posted on the Student Portal beginning August 8, 2025. Students are strongly encouraged to follow their schedules the first few days of school and if there is a need to request any schedule changes, students must email their school counselor to discuss possible requests. Any changes will need parent/guardian approval. Schedule change requests will be processed on a first come-first serve basis. First semester and full year schedule change requests will not be accepted after **3:00pm on Wednesday, August 28, 2025**. Second semester schedule change requests will not be accepted after **3:00pm on Monday, January 26, 2026**.

Access SHS counselor contact information here: [SHS Guidance Overview](#)

Access IHS counselor contact information here: [IHS Guidance/Welcome](#)

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### **SchoolLinks is here!!**

SchoolLinks is a modern, college and career readiness platform to prepare students for what comes after graduation. SchoolLinks helps students discover their interests and strengths, explore colleges and careers, and create a personal graduation plan that best reflects their post-secondary goals. SchoolLinks at Seneca Valley is accessible in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades by students and their parents.

*Students can share a unique claim code for parents/guardians to log-in and create their own parent account.*

All the SchoolLinks features are designed with students in mind to help them become career, college, and life ready. SchoolLinks features are incredibly user-friendly, and content can be easily comprehended by high school students.

### **Using SchoolLinks, high school students and parents can:**

- Access career interest, strength, and mindset surveys
- Explore 2-year and 4-year colleges
- Create course plans based on career pathways
- Take virtual reality college campus tours
- Search for scholarships
- Learn about financial aid
- Find internship and volunteer opportunities
- Explore traditional, emerging, and military career fields
- Create digital portfolios / resumes
- Communicate with counselors

### **Using SchoolLinks, 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to:**

- Track college applications and process transcripts
- Request Letters of Recommendation
- Visit webpage [HERE](#) to access instructions and guidelines in applying to colleges and requesting letters of recommendation using SchoolLinks whether you are using an institutional application, common application, or other applications.

### **Student Login:**

Students will login to SchoolLinks via the **Clever** URL

<https://app.schoollinks.com/dashboard> or finding the SchoolLinks icon on the resource page of their building.

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### **SAT TESTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The **SAT's** will be administered to **registered** students on Saturday, **August 23, 2025**, at Seneca Valley Senior High School. Students are to park or be dropped off in the **student parking lot (upper parking lot) and enter the building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor** of the senior high school. Students must bring "Admission Ticket, government issued photo ID or school year photo ID, two #2 pencils with erasers, and an approved calculator". Students will **not be admitted** to the testing room without their **SAT Tickets and Photo IDs. PLEASE ENSURE THE COMPUTER YOU ARE TAKING YOUR TEST ON IS FULLY CHARGED BEFORE REPORTING ON TEST DAY. THERE IS NOT OUTLET CAPACITY FOR DEVICES TO BE CHARGED ON TEST DAY.**

Students are also advised to **leave cell phones in the car or at home** as the College Board's policy is to **collect ALL CELL PHONES & WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY** in the testing room. Students should arrive by 7:30am and no later than 7:45am. The SAT exam should be finished by 11:30am.

### **2025-2026 COLLEGE & CAREER INFORMATIONAL EVENTS**

Visit the senior high guidance website <https://shs.svsd.net/guidance/guidance/college-career-informational-events> to view upcoming events such as College & Career Speaker Series sessions, FAFSA Completion Session, Waiver Week, Instant Decision Day, College & Career School Fair, Job & Opportunities Fair and Evening Programs. Save the dates of your interested programs.

### **SENIOR CLASS and COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

Seniors are reminded to use SchoolLinks, our College & Career Readiness platform, for transcript processing and teacher letters of recommendation. Students and parents can track the status of all requests to see when documents have been sent to colleges and universities. Access pertinent transcript, college processing information, and how-to guides on the Guidance website [HERE](#).

### **2025-2026 COLLEGE CHECKLISTS**

All 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students can now access a planning calendar for SV College & Career events and timeline for meeting college planning goals on the Guidance website. Access these grade level checklists [HERE](#).

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### **2025-2026 COLLEGE in HIGH SCHOOL COURSES (CHS):**

#### **What is a CHS course and why do you take college courses in high school?**

Taking a CHS course in high school is a great way to jump-start your future education because earned CHS credits may transfer to institutions across the country at a very discounted rate (some fees are only 10% of regular tuition rates). CHS students are known to complete their bachelor's degree in a shorter time, increase their chances of a successful first year in college, and have a lower chance of placement into remedial Math or English courses. SV has approximately 38 CHS courses (listed below) available with agreements from six different colleges and universities including Butler County Community College, Carlow University, La Roche University, Point Park University, Robert Morris University, and the University of Pittsburgh.

CHS Algebra 2	CHS Healthcare Concepts & Medical Terminology
CHS Animation	CHS Human Geography
CHS Argument	CHS Integrated Journalism & Communication
CHS Ballet	CHS Introduction to Marketing
CHS Business Calculus	CHS Introduction to Programming
CHS Business Law	CHS Introduction to Philosophy
CHS Business Management	CHS Introduction to Special Education
CHS Chemistry	CHS Latin: Prose (CHS Latin: Verse/available 2026-2027)
CHS Child Development with Preschool	CHS Leadership & Career Development
CHS Child Development with Preschool 2	CHS Managerial Accounting
CHS College Writing	CHS Physics/AP Physics C: Mechanics/Electricity and Magnetism
CHS Computer Information Systems	CHS Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry
CHS Diverse Voices in U.S. History	CHS Psychology/AP Psychology
CHS Economics	CHS Sociology
CHS Microsoft Excel	CHS Speech
CHS Film Studies	CHS Statistics
CHS Financial Accounting	CHS/AP U.S. Government & Politics
CHS Graphic Arts	CHS Video Production: Narrative Film
	CHS Video Production 2B: Broadcast News

All 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are registered for College in High School courses should check with their classroom teacher in the first days of school regarding deadline dates and application processes if interested in pursuing college credits. Click [HERE](#) to view the College in High School (CHS) Registration Instructions hand-out located on the guidance website for a complete list of CHS courses, grade level requirements, GPA requirements and the college/university website links.

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**Butler County Community College CHS Courses**: SV students interested to pursue BC3 credits and currently scheduled for Fall or full year course, **must complete an online BC3 application with all attachments required as a first step here [www.BC3.edu/app-portal](http://www.BC3.edu/app-portal)**. This step one is to be completed IF IT IS THEIR FIRST BC3 CHS COURSE as students who pursued past BC3 CHS course(s) can go directly to step two. Attached here is a link from the guidance website to a BC3 guide in completing the BC3 application **HERE** . Step two is completing a **BC3 Registration Form** that must be obtained **and** turned into the SV classroom teacher by **Wednesday, September 10, 2025, by 3:00pm**. Students must fill out a separate registration form for **each** BC3 CHS course of interest and turn the application into their specific classroom teacher.

\*\*Students scheduled for BC3 courses 2<sup>nd</sup> semester will have a BC3 application deadline date of Friday, February 6, 2026, by 3:00pm.

***Application information and registration deadlines for ALL other CHS institutions will be communicated by the classroom teacher during the first week of school. All full-year course deadlines are early Fall deadlines.***

### **SV COLLEGE & CAREER SPEAKER SERIES: THE COMMON APPLICATION & SELF-REPORTED ACADEMIC RECORD (SRAR) APPLICATION COMPLETION SESSIONS**



11 & 12th grade students and parents are invited to attend College & Career Speaker Series sessions on **The Common Application** from 12:30-1:15pm and if interested, attend the **SRAR** completion session following from 1:15-2:00pm. These two sessions are scheduled for **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, in the SHS Library.

Join Justin Vorbach from Penn State and SV counselors as you participate in completing your Common Application (CA). You do not have to apply to Penn State to attend this general CA session. Bring your charged computers and your questions. Seniors can complete their Common Application and Juniors can complete a practice account.

The Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) Completion session follows for interested students and parents. Several colleges and universities require the SRAR as part of their application process. The SRAR replaces the official high school transcript during the initial admissions review process institutions like the University of Pittsburgh and Penn

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State. Accuracy is crucial when completing the SRAR, and it's recommended to use an unofficial transcript or grade report as a reference. Even if applying through platforms like the Common App, some universities still require a separate SRAR submission. The following link will take you to a listing of institutions that will require the SRAR <https://srarsupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/4408738060315-Which-Colleges-Universities-Accept-The-SSAR-SRAR>

Interested **PARENTS** register here for one or both sessions on the Guidance website: [PARENT RSVP](#)

Interested **STUDENTS** register in their SchoolLinks account for one or both sessions <https://app.schoollinks.com/dashboard> under the **Events** tab or contact your school counselor to sign up. Students must communicate their attendance for this event to their teacher. Students click on “**Log in with Active Directory**” if it does not automatically log you in.

### **SAT and ACT TESTING**

Check for upcoming test/registration dates to meet fall application deadlines. Check our Testing page on the Guidance website for details [HERE](#)



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