

HAWK HEADLINES

APRIL 9, 2026



Families,

Tomorrow is Spirit Day! We invite all students to show their SHS pride by wearing their SHS spirit wear.

We've had a fantastic week back, and our learners have done an excellent job showing what it means to be respectful, responsible, and safe. We are especially excited for more sunny days ahead, which means lots of outdoor recess and fresh-air fun!

There are also many exciting end-of-year events just around the corner. As we head into the final 8 weeks of school, let's keep our momentum going—staying focused, working hard, and finishing strong together!

Headlines:

Autism Acceptance Week: This week we are celebrating Autism Acceptance Week —a time to recognize, appreciate, and honor the strengths, talents, and unique perspectives of individuals with autism.

At school, we are focusing on building understanding, kindness, and inclusion. Our learners will engage in activities and conversations that help us learn more about how everyone communicates, learns, and experiences the world in their own way. We are also highlighting the importance of creating a school community where every student feels valued, supported, and a true sense of belonging. Please check the calendar for our special spirit day events!

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home by celebrating differences and reinforcing the message that our uniqueness is what makes our community stronger. Together, we can help ensure that all learners feel seen, respected, and accepted every day.

Garden Club: The spring session of garden club is open for registration. Please complete this [google form](#) if your child would like to participate. Sessions run from April 20th through May 19th.

Board Meetings: Our next D12 Board Meeting will be held on April 14th at the Lake Park East Campus administrative building on Medinah Road. All future Board meetings will take place at this location.

Bilingual Parent Conference: The Illinois Resource Center, in collaboration with the Multilingual/Language Development Department of the Illinois State Board of Education, is proud to present the Twentieth Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents: A Conference for members of Bilingual Parent Advisory Councils (BPACs) and parents of English Learners (ELs). This conference will be held Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive in Tinley Park, Illinois from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Click this [link](#) to register.

Shout it loud and proud--BINGO!

We are looking forward to our PTO sponsored Bingo night tomorrow. Preregistration is required. Thanks to the PTO for organizing this event!

1st and 2nd Grade Music Performance: April 15th at 6pm Please join us as our 1st and 2nd grade learners share what they have learned in music throughout the year.

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ATTENDANCE CORNER

School Attendance:

Even during shorter weeks or those leading into vacations, valuable instruction, classroom activities, and assessments continue. When students miss these days, they can fall behind and miss out on important learning experiences that are not always easy to make up.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school each day, unless they are ill or have an emergency. Consistent attendance helps students stay engaged, maintain routines, and finish strong before each weekend. Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's success. We appreciate your continued commitment to making attendance a priority.

PTO CORNER

UPCOMING EVENT:

- PTO_YEAR_AT_A_GLANCE.PNG
- [PTO Spirit Wear Shop](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, April 13	• 8:20 Arrival • Autism Acceptance Week Spirit Day: Mismatch Day! • 3:30PM - 4:30PM Student Leadership • 3:45PM - 4:45PM Chess Club • 3:45PM - 4:45PM D.I.V.A.S. Running Club
Tuesday, April 14	• 7:45AM - 8:15AM Chorus Practice • Autism Acceptance Week Spirit Day: Wear SHS Gear or green today • Field Trip! 4th Grade - The Shedd Aquarium
Wednesday, April 15	• SMART DAY - Early Dismissal @ 1:30PM • Autism Acceptance Week Spirit Day: Neon Day! • 6:00 PM - 1st & 2nd grade Music Performance
Thursday, April 16	• 7:45AM - 8:15AM Newspaper Club • Autism Acceptance Week Spirit Day: Class Color Day! (KDG: Red, 1st: Purple, 2nd: Yellow, 3rd: Green, 4th: Blue, 5th: Grey) • 3:45PM - 4:45PM D.I.V.A.S. Running Club • 7:00PM - PTO Meeting @ RMS
Friday, April 17	• 7:45AM - 8:15AM Chorus Practice • Autism Acceptance Week Spirit Day: Pajama/Cozy Day! • Field Trip! Mrs. Murphy's Class - Pilot Pete's & Two Toot's • 3:45PM - 5:00PM Yearbook Club

Monday, April 20	• 8:20 Arrival • 3:30PM - 4:30PM Student Leadership • 3:45PM - 4:45PM Chess Club • 3:45PM - 4:45PM D.I.V.A.S. Running Club
Tuesday, April 21	• 7:45AM - 8:15AM Chorus Practice • 3:30PM - 4:30PM Girl Scouts
Wednesday, April 22	• 3:30PM - 4:30PM GEMS • 3:45PM - 5:00PM Yearbook Club
Thursday, April 23	• 7:45AM - 8:15AM Newspaper Club • Field Trip! 1st Grade - The Adler Planetarium • 3:45PM - 4:45PM D.I.V.A.S. Running Club
Friday, April 24	• 7:45AM - 8:15AM Chorus Practice • 10:15AM - 10:45AM PBIS Assembly (K - 2nd) • 1:45PM - 2:15PM PBIS Assembly (3rd - 5th)

