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SOUTH BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL

newsletter for parents August 2014

A message from Mr. Varela

I have to be honest with you – I am so excited for the opening of the 2014-2015 school year! Just think about it...almost 2,900 students, eager to learn, ready to be challenged, hungry to succeed, will walk through our doors on Thursday, September 4th! Yes, the summer allows everyone to re-energize and re-invigorate themselves through a variety of ways. Some of us vacation, some of us take classes, some of us do volunteer work, and some of us take leisurely walks along the shore. I always appreciate that simple conversation between family members or friends that start with the question, “How are you?” Family time for all is important and I hope that you have all spent quality time doing a little of everything mentioned above.

My hope for this year is for our students - your children - to be inspired by our distinguished faculty and supportive staff. We expect our students to soar and reach new heights – academically, athletically, and in the arts. We will challenge them through shared goals of critical thinking and Rigor & Relevance, which is a framework that we will be using across disciplines. I want every student and parent to know that we at SBHS are determined to produce scholarly individuals,

productive citizens of the community, and students who embrace our core values of kindness, respect, responsibility, honesty, and service. We are proud of our students and know that our determination to excel is supported by involved and supportive parents and family members.

“Building Bridges”, our district theme, remind us that all stake holders in education have responsibilities to provide the resources needed to observe students flourish in our school system. I am confident that we, as a team, will support the bridges that students will travel over so that they may experience the joys of high school and find their passion to seek knowledge.

I look forward to a rewarding and fulfilling school year.

Backpack - A Pilot

After discussing this issue at length - with faculty, staff, administrators, students, and parents - we have decided to allow students to carry their backpacks this school year on a trial basis. We thought it was important to share with you what your sons and daughters shared with us as their rationale behind want-

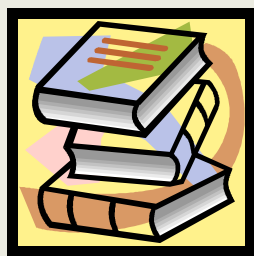
ing to carry backpacks. Let us share with you the following:

Students would be...

- able to eliminate the issue of tardiness to class because they would not have to go to their lockers during passing times.
- able to wear their required photo ID cards, on lanyards, because they would not forget them and would place them inside their backpacks each day.
- better organized and prepared for classroom instruction, thus producing positive results academically.

This is where we need your help. Please, reinforce the expectations we just outlined for you . We would encourage you to discuss the privilege of carrying a backpack during school hours. We will be monitoring the agreements and will discuss the effectiveness of this pilot. It is important for you to know that if we see that this privilege does not produce changes (e.g. student lateness to class, students choosing to not wear IDs, etc.) we will revoke this privilege with notice. We want this to be a successful transition. If anyone has any questions, please contact your grade level assistant principal or dean.

Library Media Center News



Welcome back to our returning students and greetings to our new freshmen! We are looking forward to meeting our new 9th graders when they visit for library orientation with their English classes.

We have many exciting programs and events planned this year! The Viking Challenge returns for a third year as a “BET”, named for our focus on Business, Engineering, and Technology. This reading contest is designed to broaden our students’ horizons as they plan for life after high school; the selections include award-winning and critically-praised fiction and non-fiction titles. We “BET” you

can’t read just one! SBHS librarians, teachers, staff, and students will recommend favorite books that feature Business, Engineering, and Technology themes. We hope you will encourage your child to participate. Additional information on the contest can be found on the library webpage at <http://www.sbschools.org/schools/sbhs/mediacenter/index.php>.

We are proud to partner with the South Brunswick Public Library for our fifth annual South Brunswick Reads Program. Check back in the coming months to find out more about the theme selected for this year. Our library continues to grow with new reference, non-fiction, and fiction books arriving throughout the school year and our librarians are always ready to recommend print and online materials.

View our databases at <http://www.sbschools.org/schools/sbhs/mediacenter/index.php>. These databases supply credible, quality information on many topics, including: history, current events, international and domestic politics, literature, science, and health. Passwords are available at the library desk.

Please encourage your child to come and visit the SBHS Library Media Center. The library is open at 7:10 a.m. every morning. Students may visit before school, during HAP classes, and at lunchtime. Our desktop computers are available to students throughout the school day and our laptops and iPads are available for class use. The library staff looks forward to working with everyone this year.



Mark Your Calendar!

Convocation & Senior Class Photo Friday, September 12th

Our Convocation for 9th and 12th graders will take place on Friday, September 12th. 9th & 12th graders will report to school at the regular time. 10th and 11th graders will be picked **up two and one half hours** later than their normal bus pick up times and should report to school by 9:50 a.m. We will follow a special schedule on this day.

Yearbook Pictures September 18th, 19th, 22nd, & 23rd

All 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will have their yearbook pictures taken on these days. Freshman and Sophomore pictures will be taken during HAP classes. Junior pictures will be taken during PE classes. Students can also have their pictures taken during lunch.

Senior Portrait Deadline Friday, September 12th

The last day that senior portraits will be taken at our school is September 12th. Lifetouch/Prestige Portraits mails to each student's home address an appointment card, but if he/she has not received it or misplaced it, students can check the appointment lists posted outside D200. Students **MUST** use their confirmation codes (included on the mailer or posted outside D200) to confirm their appointment at photoappointment.com. Any student who does not have their portrait taken during this session **WILL NOT** be included in the 2015 yearbook. In addition, **ALL** seniors must choose a pose to be printed in the yearbook by November 26th. Instructions on how to complete this task were provided with each student's proofs. Any questions regarding senior portraits should be directed via e-mail to the advisor at anna.lehre@sbschools.org

PSAT Testing Saturday, October 18th, 2014

Important Phone Numbers

Dial 732-329-4044, then the appropriate extension

Attendance (Reporting your child absent)		Principal	x3226
Grades 9 and 10	x3225		
Grades 11 and 12	x3290		
<u>Nurses' Offices</u>			
Grades 9 and 12	x5208		
Grades 10 and 11	x5234	Guidance	x3205
<u>Grade-Level Offices</u>			
9 th and 1 th Grade Office	x5235	James Kimple Center for Alternative Education	x3203
11 th and 12 th Grade Office	x5218	School Resource Officer	x3281
		Special Education	x3204
Library	x5207	Student Assistance Counselor	x3321
Athletics Office	x3247	BRIDGE Center/ School Based Youth Services	x3246
Athletic Director	x5233		
Student Activities	x3316	Student Services/ 504 Coordinator	x5220
Lost and Found	x3203		
<u>Department Supervisors/Chairs</u>			
Art, Business, Family & Consumer			
Science, Technology	x3229		
English	x5230		
Math	x3241		
PE/Health	x3208		
Performing Arts	x3846		
Science	x3201		
Social Studies	x3288		
World Languages	x5201		

If you need to communicate with a specific teacher, please go to our website, www.sbschools.org for a complete list of voice mail extensions and e-mail addresses.

SBHS-Black, Gold AND Green!

With the support of the **District Green Team**, SBHS convened a **Green Team** for the high school to continue advancing our **Green** initiatives. Several **Green** practices have been developing over the past few years, including, single-stream recycling and organic composting. This year, to further reduce energy efficiency, motion sensors and "green" lighting was installed throughout the building. With the addition of numerous Chromebooks, teachers and students are using Google Chrome as a tool for learning that supports a "paperless" classroom. Adding to our **Green** initiative, water filling stations were installed by athletic areas and the cafeterias.

As we enter into the new school year, we look forward to introducing additional **Green** prac-

tics that will result in an efficient, sustainable, and healthy school environment. We plan to apply again this year for a **Green Ribbon School Award***, which will stretch our thinking and help us be **Green**.

*The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Recognition Award honors schools and districts that are exemplary in reducing environmental impact and costs, improving the health and wellness of students and staff, and providing effective environmental and sustainability education.



SBHS

Peter Varela
Principal

April Gonzalez
Assistant Principal for
Academic Leadership


Susana Nikitzuk
Assistant Principal
for Student Services

Patricia Abitabilo
Assistant Principal
9th and 10th Grades

Jaymee Boehmer
Assistant Principal
11th and 12th Grades

Mission Statement: The South Brunswick High School community values academic excellence, diversity, and a safe learning environment. The school empowers students to develop skills and character as they explore their talents and interests in order to become informed citizens and leaders in the Global community.

SBHS Core Values:
Honesty
Kindness
Respect
Responsibility
Service



Remember that Student IDs must be worn on a lanyard throughout the school day.

Lanyards will be sold for 50 cents and student planners for \$5.00 at the Stouts Lane (C Hallway), Snack Shack and Annex (Athletics) entrances for students on the first day of school.

Photo IDs and Lanyards can also be purchased throughout the school year in Room C301, and planners can be purchased in the School Store.



South Brunswick School District
2014-2015 Theme
“Building Bridges”

From the Guidance Office...



Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores:

Take some time during this summer and access your Naviance account. Your counselor will be discussing your college or career options with you this year.

Freshmen:

Your Naviance Code will be distributed on the first day of school. Please take some time to log in and become familiar with Naviance. Please keep your code in a safe place as you will need it during the school year.

Please access our website at:

<http://www.sbschools.org/schools/sbhs/index.php> to find out additional information.

Important News for Seniors

Please download the “Authorization to Release Student Transcript”. Please sign and return to Mrs. Epps in the Guidance Office by September 11th.

Important Reminder: Don't forget to complete summer math assignments

Please be aware that most math classes have summer assignments.

Please go to our website and click on “Summer Assignments 2014” under Quick Links or go to http://www.sbschools.org/schools/sbhs/academic_departments/SummerAssignments2014.php



All student entering any level of Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, or Pre-Calculus will be expected to complete a summer assignment before the first day of class.

In addition, there are summer assignments for AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, and AP Computer Science A. The assignments and

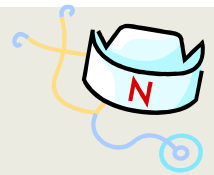
instructions are posted on the High School website, under Quick Links, entitled “*Summer Assignments 2014*”.

The purpose of the assignments is to practice skills over the summer and ensure a good start with math coursework in the fall. The assignment will also give students the opportunity to review and receive help with the math concepts that students find most challenging. Answers for the assignments will be provided, work will be checked on the first day of class, and the content will be quizzed on the third day of class.

In order to make certain that students are able to successfully complete the packets, the high school is offering tutoring on August 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and August 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and September 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Room assignments will be posted at the front desk. There is no need to register for tutoring sessions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anna Alfieri at anna.alfieri@sbschools.org

Nurses Corner - Some tips for a healthy school year



The Health Offices welcome you to the 2014-2015 school year! This year, the Main Health Office will care for grades 9 and 12 and is staffed by Donna Moreen CSN, RN and Rena Eng RN. They can be reached at extension 3264. The Annex Health Office will care for grades 10 and 11 and is staffed by Donna Sichta CSN, RN and Be Socienski RN. They can be reached at extension 3843. Your child will stay with the same health office and nurses for their four years at the high school. This allows for continuity of care with your child throughout their high school years.

Please visit our page on the South Brunswick High School Website. It is located on the drop down bar for Departments and select School Nurse (<http://www.sbschools.org/schools/sbhs/nurse/index.php>). Here, you will find all health forms which can be printed to your home computer. Current information regarding Sports Physical forms and tryout information is located on the Athletic Department and the Nurses page under **Sports Physical forms**.

Our goal is to keep your student in school and learning. Please return the Health Form you receive in your packet from the High School. You will need to sign the bottom portion so we can administer Tylenol or Advil to your child throughout the school year when necessary for minor aches and pains.

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is a learning theory which states that basic needs must be met in order for an individual to learn and become self actualized. Sleepy, dehydrated and hungry teens do not perform well in their academics. Here are three things you can do to ensure your child's academic success this school year.

SLEEP:

Make sure your student gets a full 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night. Sleep improves cognitive recall for learning and testing. Research shows that students who stay up and cram for tests but only get 4 hours of sleep perform worse on tests than their peers who slept a full 8 hours prior to testing.

WATER:

Make sure your child is adequately hydrated. Avoid caffeine products that cause dehydration. Student athletes need to pay special attention to hydration. Headaches and sleepiness in school can occur when teens are dehydrated. You can place a water bottle or two in your child's backpack for the day. Water fountains are located throughout the school for refilling.

FOOD:

Students who eat breakfast in the morning perform better academically than their peers who do not eat breakfast. If a child's last

meal is at 6pm, they may have to go 18 hours before lunch break.

They then become hypoglycemic and symptomatic with headaches, dizziness, sleepiness. If your teen tells you they are not hungry in the morning, throw a protein bar, dry cereal and piece of fruit in their backpack. They probably aren't hungry at first awakening but they do get hungry at 9 or 10am and would really appreciate the snacks you pack at that time!

Also, please remember that students are not allowed to carry their own medication at the high school unless we have a specific order from your physician allowing for this. All medications must be given through the Health Office unless specified by your physician.

We look forward to ensuring your child's health and well-being this school year. We partner with parents to guide your child to create good habits in their teen years which will carry into the adult phase of their life. If you have any specific concerns you would like to discuss with your child's school nurse, please call or email us at any time. Health Office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Welcome Back!

Guidance Department - Important Course Deadlines

Entering a New Course – If a schedule change is approved, students may enter a new semester course within the first 2 weeks of the semester or may enter a new year-long course within the first 4 weeks of the school year. Students entering within this time frame are expected to make up any work deemed necessary by the teacher in a reasonable period of time.

Deadlines dates:

October 1, 2014 **to enter** first semester courses
February 13, 2015 **to enter** second semester courses
October 2, 2014 **to make a course level change** for full year courses

Dropping a Course- If a course is dropped after the deadline date, the course will appear on the student's record and transcript and it will negatively affect the student's GPA.

Deadline dates:

- October 1, 2014 **to drop** first semester courses
- February 13, 2015 **to drop** second semester courses
- October 10, 2014 **to drop** full year courses

Changing a Course Level – If approved, students may switch to a different course level within the same discipline by the deadlines noted above for "dropping a course" with NO indication on the transcript of the original course level. However, ALL grades from the original course will transfer with the student to the new class and be used as deemed appropriate by the teacher in computing quarterly and final grade averages.

*** If a change of level occurs AFTER the deadlines, the consequences are substantial:**

The original course will be included on the transcript with a grade of WP (Withdrawn Passing) or WF (Withdrawn Failing), whichever is representative of the student's cumulative grade average in the class at the time of withdrawal. Just as with an F, both WP and WF have a negative impact on a student's overall Grade Point Average, counting as credits attempted but no grade points earned.

The new course will also be included on the transcript. The grades from the original course will transfer with the student to the new class and be used as deemed appropriate by the teacher in computing quarterly and final grade average.

Viking Athletic Club News



5K and 1 Mile Fun Run-

Sunday, November 2nd at
South Brunswick
High School

Online registration required:

www.rwtv5K.com

Questions: Contact:

Bob Tona 732 940-3111

The Viking Athletic Club will be hosting the annual Run with the Vikings 5 K and 1 Mile fun run on Sunday, November 2nd at SBHS. The one mile run starts at 9:30 a.m. and the 5 K Run starts at 10:00 a.m. There will be a KIDDIE Dash that follows at 11:00 a.m. for children under 8 years old. Awards and trophies will be handed out to age group winners. This is a great time to get your family out. There will also be an award for the fastest South Brunswick Resident and the Fittest Family that is made up of 3 or more members. Please join us.

Outsmart the SAT: www.catalystprep.com

Catalyst SAT Bootcamp will be hosted at South Brunswick High School. This will be a two day seminar: Monday, September 29th from 5:00 pm. to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday October 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$175.00 and you must preregister by September 24th. (No walk in students). To enroll, visit www.catalystprep.com and click on "Bootcamp sign up" or call 1800-235-0056. A portion of the proceeds benefit the South Brunswick Athletic Department.

Pay to Participate:

Please e-mail sbhs.ptp@sbparents.org if you have any questions regarding online payments only. Any discrepancies on transcripts must be addressed directly to the event advisors. For club discrepancies, please e-mail Gina.Welsh@sbschools.org.



Daily Athletic events can be found on www.schedulestar.com. Please go to the top right hand corner of the screen and put in SOUTH BRUNSWICK or the zip code 08852 and select South Brunswick High School. You can sign up for daily updates also so you receive daily changes as they occur.



Yearbook Information:

Order your yearbook by October 31st and receive the "early bird" price



Yearbooks

Get the early bird price of \$75.00 by ordering a 2015 Yearbook before October 31st. Visit

www.smart-pay.com to place your order before the price increases.

Surplus yearbooks will not be available in June so the only way to ensure that your student receives a yearbook is to pre-order it today.

Senior Dedications

Any parent who wishes to purchase a dedication in the 2015 yearbook for their graduating senior must submit materials, order form, and payment by Friday, October 3rd. Please click on the following link for ordering information: [Senior Dedication Order Form](#)

Late submissions **cannot** be accommodated due to strict printing deadlines, so please plan early if you wish to honor your senior.

Senior Portraits

Week-long senior portrait sessions were held in June, July, and August. If your graduating senior has not had his/her senior portrait taken

during one of these previous sessions, the final one is coming up beginning on September 8th. Lifetouch/Prestige Portraits mails to each student's home address an appointment card, but if he/she has not received it or misplaced it, students can check the appointment lists posted outside D200. Students **MUST** use their confirmation codes (included on the mailer or posted outside D200) to confirm their appointment at photoappointment.com. Any student who does not have their portrait taken during this session **WILL NOT** be included in the 2015 yearbook. In addition, **ALL** seniors must choose a pose to be printed in the yearbook by November 26th. Instructions on how to complete this task were provided with each student's proofs. Any questions regarding senior portraits should be directed via e-mail to the advisor at anna.lehre@sbschools.org

Underclassmen Yearbook Pictures

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News from the BRIDGE Center

The BRIDGE Center will continue to offer Freshman transition counseling, in an effort to provide incoming students with a variety of supports and services as they transition into high school. In addition, the BRIDGE Center will be offering programs to seniors as they prepare for their transition out of high school. Services are free and confidential and include group services, brief individual counseling and drop-in sessions to deal with immediate needs. For more information contact the Director of the BRIDGE Center, Nicole Schley, LPC at 732-329-4044 ext. 3246.

First Quarter Highlights

Opening Day of School for students

September 4th - FULL DAY
A/B Day

Dates school will not be in session

September 25 & 26
October 23- Staff only (PD Day)
November 6 & 7
November 10 - Staff only (PD Day)
November 11
November 27 & 28

Early Release Days

October 1
Professional Development (PD)
November 26

November 3, 4 & 12
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Closing
(No HS conferences on November 5)

Convocation & Senior Class Photo

Friday, September 12
10th and 11th graders report to
school by 9:50 a.m.
9th & 12th graders report to school at 7:25 a.m.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Freshman Parent Night

September 10 - 7:00 p.m.

College Testing Night

October 1 - 7:00 p.m.

Senior Parent Night

October 8 - 7:00 p.m.

Back to School Night - All Grades

September 17 - 7:00 p.m.

College Night for Juniors

October 29 - 7:00 p.m.

Check our

online school calendar at www.sbschools.org
for a complete list of
school events and updates.
Follow the calendar link
at the top of the page.

To view the *District School Calendar and School Closing Information* listing dates school will not be in session, as well as early release days, please go to

http://www.sbschools.org/our_schools/docs/14-15_closings_calendar.pdf

Also included in this calendar is emergency information and the many methods the School District employs to alert parents and guardians to emergency situations.

PTO News including Project Graduation Information



I'm hopeful your summer has been relaxing without the hectic schedule the school year can bring!

This past June, the PTO was able to increase the number of \$500 scholarships awarded to graduating seniors from 18 to 20 scholarships. Though \$500 may not seem like a lot of money for a scholarship, I can tell you from personal experience, this award can go a long way when buying textbooks! The main source of income for those scholarships is PTO Membership dues. Membership in the PTO for your child's entire time at SBHS is required in order to be eligible to apply for one of these scholarships. Please be sure to print, complete and return the membership form along with the \$10 dues to SBHS in order to meet these requirements each year. The form can be found by going to http://www.sbschools.org/schools/sbhs/school_information/docs/PTO%20Membership%20Form.pdf

In the spring of their senior year, students can apply for a PTO Scholarship along with any other local scholarships listed on the Naviance website. We look forward to your support so that we can continue to provide these valuable scholarships to SBHS students!

Project Graduation

Our Project Graduation Committee works extremely hard to fundraise throughout the year in order to provide a safe, alcohol, tobacco and substance free celebration the evening of graduation. It is one last chance to get together with friends in a safe setting for an entire night to celebrate their accomplishments along with the end of their high school days.

In the past, this event was free of charge for graduated SBHS students to attend. However, the last two years, students were forced to contribute a small fee to attend the event as fundraising was quite difficult.

We ask that you consider supporting one or two of their fundraisers throughout the school year so that we can reach that lofty goal once again! Thanks again to the outgoing Co-Chairwomen for Project Graduation Christine Mariano, Claudia Ryan and Tina Choy and all of their volunteers for giving our seniors an amazing graduation night!

We are still in need of a new Chairperson or Co-Chairpersons for the upcoming school year. **If we do not have a volunteer by mid September, Project Graduation will not take place for the first time in over 15 years.** If interested, please send an email to the PTO noting Project Graduation in the subject line.

Not only do we award scholarships and plan Project Graduation, but the PTO supports the staff at SBHS in various ways. We award Helping Hands Mini Grants, which any teacher that is a member of the PTO may apply for, to purchase item(s) for their classroom which directly impact student learning. We also supply dinner for the staff twice each year when evening conferences are held which allows staff living a longer distance from the school to remain at school and available to meet with parents.

I hope the remainder of the summer is enjoyable and safe!

Chris Resnick
SBHS PTO
President

2014-2015 Online Registration and Payment Program for Pay to Participate and other Fee-based Programs

Below is the chart outlining the online registration dates and cost for programs. Your username and password has not changed from last year. If you are new to SBHS you can e-mail SBHS.PTP@sbparents.org to get the information to establish an account. Please note that some of our fee-based programs do not fall under the Pay to Participate fees that have a cap of **\$250.00** per family. If a family does reach the **\$250.00** cap for Pay to Participate parents must still register for any additional activities, however they will receive notification through this system that they have already reached their cap. The following is a current list of programs and exams that families must pay a fee for if applicable, along with their due dates:

Name of Program or Exam	Fee	Online registration/payment dates	More Information	Included in \$250.00 Pay to Participate Cap
Pay to Participate Athletics -Fall -Winter -Spring	\$75.00 for each	-August 26 th to September 8th -December 9 th to December 20th -March 14 th to March 30th	Information will be given to students from Athletics	Yes
Pay to Participate Clubs/Organizations/Performing Arts	\$25.00	Must pay after attending twice or prior to January 15th, whichever comes first	Information will be given to students by Advisors – Payments MAY NOT be ‘transferred’ to other clubs	Yes
Pay to Participate Marching Band	\$75.00	September 1st to 15th	Information will be given to students from Athletics	Yes
Pay to Participate Color Guard	\$75.00	September 1st to 15th	Information will be given to students from Athletics	Yes
Pay to Participate Advanced Placement Courses	\$50.00	October 15th - November 30th	Information will be given to students by Assistant Principal of Academic Leadership	Yes
Fall Senior Parking	\$12.00	September 9th to September 18th	Information will be sent with electronic summer mailing	Yes
Spring Senior Parking	\$12.00	January 27 th to February 5th	Information will be sent with electronic summer mailing	Yes
PSAT Exams (October 18 th)	\$24.00	August 1st to September 19th	Information will be sent with electronic summer mailing	No
Advanced Placement Exams for May	\$89.00	January 15 th to March 15th. A late fee will be charged as of March 16th.	Information will be given to students by Assistant Principal for Academic Leadership	No
Performing Arts Jazz Group Percussion Ensemble Small Ensemble String Quartets Pirandello Players Fall Play Pirandello Players Spring Play	\$25.00	September 10th to March 15th September 10th to January 31st September 10th to March 15th September 10th to March 15th September 10th to January 31st March 5th to May 15th	Information will be given to students by the Performing Arts Supervisor	Yes

To register and/or make an online payment, please follow the steps below:

Go to www.sbschools.org

Select “Online Registration and Payments” from the quick link along the left side of the webpage

Use your debit/charge card to make online payments – **Please remember that there is no transaction fee for making an online payment.**

You will also be able to view your transaction history at any time. As in the past, there is a **\$250.00** cap per family for programs that fall under **Pay to Participate** for the 2014-2015 school year. If you have any questions concerning registration or payment, please e-mail us at SBHS.PTP@sbparents.org and include your contact information. Please click on any of the above-listed links to email us any questions you may have pertaining to that individual program.



Help South Brunswick High School earn cash through **Stop&Shop A+ School Rewards Program**

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

- Each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for our school!
- Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website.
- You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.
- Please be sure to register your card to benefit South Brunswick High School **using ID #09268**. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.
- The rewards program runs from October 3rd, 2014 to March 19th, 2015 so be sure to sign up as soon as possible.

Power School Information

Family Connect has been closed for the summer since July 1st.

Please Note: You can still create your account while Family Connect is closed. Only historical information will be available for viewing.

The portal will reopen on September 9th.

2014-2015 School Wide Events

Wear Light Blue or Teal, Get a Deal **September 24th**

Help us spread awareness about Ovarian Cancer. Wear Teal or Light Blue and get a prize.

Homecoming Spirit Week **October 6th – 10th**

SBHS will wish upon a star...as they celebrate the world of Disney!

Fall Bonfire **October 9th**

Support our Fall Sports Teams and help us get into the Homecoming Spirit!

Homecoming **October 10th**

The Court, the Big Game, and a Float Parade.

SBHS Thinks PINK **October 30th**

Raise awareness about Breast Cancer. Think Pink!

SBHS Supports Our Troops **November 24th**

Support our current and future SBHS military members by wearing yellow.

Powder Puff Football **November 21st**

(Alt. date November 22nd)

Come join the classes as they raise money for charity and play to become the new Powder Puff Champions!

Month of Giving **Entire Month Of December**

Adopt a South Brunswick Family or provide a gift from our Giving Tree.

Hugs-4-Brady Blacklight Dance **January 30th**

Support 2 great organizations for kids! Wear ANY Hugs-4-Brady shirt to school and show us your moves at night to raise funds for Christine's Hope and Hugs-For-Brady.

Valentine's Gram Sales **February 9th-February 13th**

Let your friends know you care! Send flowers, grams, and much more.

SBHS Has Heart **February 13th**

South Brunswick HS raises awareness about Heart Disease. Wear Red!

Quidditch Tournament **March 13th**

The Harry Potter themed game is back! Build a team and jump on a broomstick!

SBHS Feeds the Hungry **March 23rd - March 27th**

Support the South Brunswick Food Pantry during our food drive all week.

Spring Spirit Week **March 23rd – March 27th**

Show your sense of adventure by dressing up for spirit days!

Spring Pep Rally **March 27th**

Let us see your Viking Pride! Don't forget to wear your Black and Gold for our in-school Pep Rally.

Mr. SBHS **April 17^h**

Our Seniors will show off their Disney side in a competition for the 2015 title of Mr. SBHS!

SBHS Goes Blue **April 23rd**

Support Autism Awareness in our Community. Wear Blue and learn about Autism.

Wellness Month **Entire Month of May**

This month we will be educating the student body on several aspects of personal health and overall wellness. Students should check their cafeteria alcoves for more information and freebies.

Viking Closet News and collection of Back to School supplies



The South Brunswick Viking Closet was established in February of 2012. Everything in the Viking Closet is donated from the community, businesses, students and

staff. The objective is to make sure that no child or family in South Brunswick goes without the basic clothing needs, and to provide a positive outlet for students to get involved and give back. Since all of the clothing and accessories are donated, all of the items are offered for free with no questions asked. The Viking Closet has become a very important outlet in enabling the community to reach out to families in need in their own town, while providing countless volunteer opportunities.

The Viking Closet could not be more proud of the South Brunswick Community in providing the opportunity to reach out to those in need. The Viking Closet hopes to continue serving as a paradigm to other

schools and inspire them to start similar projects. Please keep us in mind during the school year when donating clothes, accessories, back to school items, and prom dresses! We will begin our Prom Dress drive sometime around December.

Community Service hours available this Summer!

Please email vikingcloset@gmail.com or message us on our FB page South Brunswick Viking Closet and let us know you want to help. The date is not set yet, but will be sometime during the month of August.

Summer happenings...

As we do not have as many volunteers during the summer, we are asking that you hold your clothing and accessory donations until September 8th 2014. At this time we are only collecting Back to School. Items. Any student who would like community service hours during the summer, please contact us

via email at vikingcloset@gmail.com. or on our Facebook page "South Brunswick Viking Closet"

The Back to School supplies we are collecting are: backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, glue sticks, markers, book covers, drawstring bags etc. now through the end of September. Please use the Viking Closet donation bin located in the main lobby of the high school to drop off the "Back to School" items.

We are also in need of monetary donations to help with the daily up keep. Any amount is appreciated and checks can be made out to the South Brunswick Viking Closet. Please mail to South Brunswick High School, 750 Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852 Attention: Viking Closet.

Thank you for your support!

Sign up for Informative E-mails and remember to update your account as your child advances to the next grade level.



Please sign up to receive emails that we send out periodically with news/updates to our parents.

As high school students advance to the next grade level, parents must sign up for the appropriate class subscription so that you receive the correct information that pertains to your child's grade.

To update or sign up for your parent email subscription, [please click here](#). For current subscribers, please input the E-mail address you had originally used to subscribe and follow the instructions listed to update your subscriptions.

PSAT Testing Information



The PSAT will be administered at SBHS on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. All SBHS students must register for this test online at our Pay-to-Participate site. The cost of the test is \$24.00. PSAT is open to all students and of particular value to those taking the SAT or looking to attain National Merit Scholarship status.

Additional information regarding this test, its specifications and its benefits can be found at www.collegeboard.com/PSAT.

Target Donates to SBHS



REMEMBER to use your **Target** credit card and SBHS students will reap the benefits.

At no cost to the cardholders – designate *South Brunswick High School* as the school you wish to receive funds on your behalf.

There are three ways to do this:

- * Internet – Target.com/tcoe
- * In-store kiosk
- * Call 1-800-316-6142

Shop at your favorite Target store and charge your purchases on your **REDcard**. Target will donate up to 1% of all purchases made by South Brunswick High School parents, teachers and community members to our school twice a year.

Afterschool Information

• After school supervision

As was our practice last year, students are not allowed to wander the building unsupervised after school. By 2:40 p.m., all students must be in a club, program, team or after school approved event with a supervising staff member. Students found wandering the building after hours will be subject to a day of in school suspension which will be served the following day.

• The 4:15 Late Bus Returns!

This year there will be late buses at 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

With the support of the Board of Education,



we are bringing back the 4:15 p.m. busses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only. These busses will be for students involved in clubs, homework help, and students serving detention. The 5:15 p.m. busses are for athletes.

Because these buses are limited and tend to overcrowd quickly, students should also have another way of getting home in case the buses are filled to capacity.

Get Involved Join a club



We run approximately 50 clubs during the school year and are always looking for new members.

Please tell your children to be sure to listen to VTN Announcements for Club meeting dates and locations.

2014 Summer Institute

SBHS scholars complete summer coursework

This summer approximately 450 scholars attended the 2014 Summer Institute that was held from June 26th to August 7th. Classes ran daily from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The SBHS Summer Institute offered a set of courses which enabled scholars to advance a course level in a given sequence of courses, begin post-secondary study in an interest area, take a course of studies not currently offered during the school year at South Brunswick High School, complete more advanced or intense study in a given area of interest, or respond to a scheduling conflict which precludes the student taking a course critical to his/her educational plan.

This year, the SBHS Summer Institute offered 16 courses, including some courses for rising 9th graders, as well as one for rising 8th graders. Scholars had the opportunity to take Advanced Biology, Advanced Geometry, Organic Chemistry, SAT Preparation, Personal Financial Management, and Robotics.

For more information on the 2014 Summer Institute visit the SBHS website or contact Thomas Decker, *Summer Institute Head of School* via email:

Thomas.decker@sbschools.org, or phone: 732-329-4044 x 5201.

Summer Institute Scholars...

- Question
- Listen
- Persevere
- Strive for accuracy
- Take responsibility
- Take academic risks
- Find humor
- Are flexible
- Manage impulsivity
- Respond with wonderment and awe



The cost to purchase a school lunch for the 2014-2015 school year will now be **\$2.60.**

Premium Lunches can be purchased for **\$3.50.**