



South Hunterdon Regional School District

Issue: March 2021

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Just a reminder that on Monday, March 22 at the Board of Education meeting I will be sharing the latest plan to address our facility challenges. Our demographer Dr. Grip will also be presenting the results of his recent demographic study. **There is a special start time of 6 pm for the meeting.** Below is the zoom link as the meeting will be virtual.

[Board of Education Meeting 3-22-21](#)

I am inviting the community to join our session on **"Equity & Social Justice in Schools"** parent session with Dr. Lauren Kelly of Rutgers Graduate School of Education. The session will now be held on **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm** through a virtual session. Click [HERE](#) for Dr. Kelly's profile. The link for accessing the session can be found below. We hope you will save the date and join us on March 23rd.

[Zoom Link for "Equity & Social Justice in Schools"](#)

Thank you LAEF from South Senior Christina Baggitt

Every March, the LAEF offers scholarships for local students hoping to attend a summer program of their choice. This past summer, I was fortunate enough to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association summer journalism program. It was a week-long class where I had discussions, took notes, and overall learned new practices and techniques to use in articles. This past year, the long-running program was converted to a virtual learning setting, but was able to give students the same advantage and learning chances. During this online course, I had the opportunity to work with a more diverse group of

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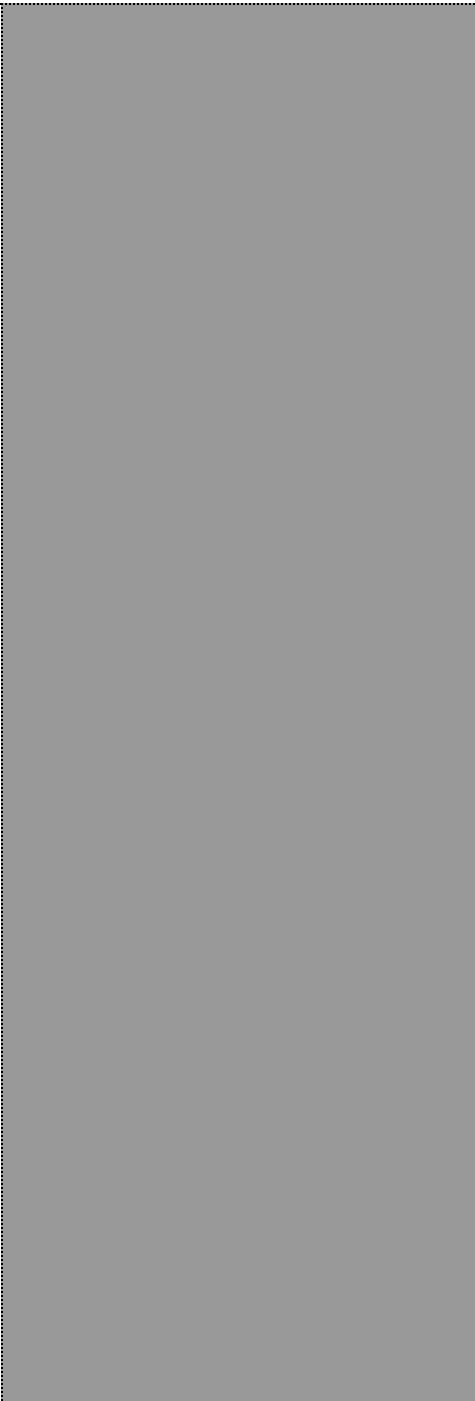
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students from all over the country, internationally, and hear from journalist speakers. I was even given the chance to be a part of a Q&A with a CNN digital worker, Amir Vera. He shared his experiences in the journalism world, how he made it as a writer, and encouraged students to take every opportunity available. This course helped me be confident in my future career. I am excited and prepared to continue journalism through college.





Celebration of Black History Month at SHRSD!

Throughout the month of February, students and staff members celebrated Black History Month. In hopes of raising awareness of the contributions of all the influential Black women and men in our history, students created Google slide decks and sent them to peers and teachers as well as throughout the community. The slide decks were both created through class assignments in the [Social Justice class](#) as well as through a [group of students](#) taking the initiative on their own. Displays were designed and posted throughout the district at the entrance of the schools as teachers put an emphasis on both recognizing and celebrating Black women and men who are well known as well as others who may not be as well known. Student feedback throughout the district was very positive.

Much of this celebration was spearheaded by **Nicole Austin**, member of South's Class of 2021! Nicole has taken the initiative to work with her classmates, teachers, and administrators to raise awareness and provide a student's voice in all of the school's activities this past month and beyond. A natural leader, Nicole has demonstrated her leadership skills during her time at South in many different areas including music, sports, academics, and activism within the community. As a result of Nicole's motivation and passion, we were fortunate to have been linked to Mr. Ronald Tucker, a West Amwell resident, who provided a [virtual assembly presentation](#) for students in grades 7-12 on February 22nd. We thank Nicole for all she has offered to date!

MS/HS MUSICAL

The South Hunterdon Players, who have brought you such classics as Cinderella and Annie, are taking a brand new journey together this year - *We're Making a Movie!*

Due to COVID restrictions on live theatre and audiences, this year's musical will be recorded as a film style production in late April/early May with a planned internet release of the completed production in June. We will be performing the One-Act (JR.) version of FAME, THE MUSICAL!

Set during the last years of New York City's celebrated High School for the Performing Arts in the early 1980s, Fame JR. is the bittersweet, but ultimately inspiring, story of a diverse group of students who commit to four years of grueling artistic and academic work. With candor, humor and insight, the show explores the issues that confront many young people today.

*** Dates to Remember ***

April 1 - High School track, baseball, softball and golf practices begin.

April 2-9 - Spring Recess - School Closed

April 12 - Middle School baseball and softball practices begin

Auditions for cast members in grades 7-12 were held March 8th & 9th.

Rehearsals will start the week of March 15th, and will maintain all COVID safety protocols for acting and musical performance, in accordance with the CDC, NJ Dept of Health, and the Performing Arts Aerosol Study (which provides guidelines specifically for performing arts teachers). Rehearsals will be conducted fully masked and distanced, and filming will use a combination of creative camera angles, pre-recorded audio, and masks to maintain safety protocols at all times.

See you in the movies!!!!

SHR MS/HS Happenings

County-level Roundtable News - Congratulations!

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) will hold a county-level virtual student roundtable on April 14, 2021. The event will be hosted by Acting Commissioner Dr. Allen-McMillan and designed to amplify the voices of students. We are pleased to announce that South Hunterdon Regional High School students, **Nicole Austin (12th Grade)** and **Malik Lammons (10th Grade)**, have been nominated and selected to participate in the roundtable!!

Nicole and Malik will have the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Acting Commissioner about their successes and challenges in school during the pandemic, as well as their vision for the future of education in New Jersey. The roundtable will be recorded and available online for other students, parents, school staff, and community members later in the spring.

Congratulations to both Nicole and Malik for being selected to represent SHRS!!

Counseling Department

College Application Process

For important information about the college application process, college-bound juniors and their parents can check their email for important information from Ms. Laird:

1. Registering for the SAT and/or ACT (we recommend both)
2. Using Naviance to choose a major and a college and build a college list
3. Coming soon: choosing recommenders and writing a Brag Sheet

Middle School Informational Zoom

South Hunterdon Regional Middle School will be holding an informational Zoom presentation for parents of current 6th grade students on Wednesday, March 31st, at 6:00 P.M. Topics that will be covered include helping your 6th graders make the academic, socioemotional, and procedural transition to 7th grade. Mrs. Joanne Fenimore, Middle School Counselor, will be our main presenter for the evening.

A Zoom link will be forthcoming. We look forward to meeting with you and sharing a great night of helpful information!

Summer Program Award

Available to SHRHS rising sophomores, juniors and seniors for summer enrichment programs. Up to \$1,000 per applicant. Applications due no later than May 3rd to susan.laird@shrsd.org

Senior Achievement Award

Available to SHRS D graduating seniors in recognition of their community academic achievements, who are pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited four-year college/university, two-year community college or vocational-technical school. Applications due no later than May 3rd to susan.laird@shrsd.org

LAEF Opportunities

Below are two excellent opportunities from the Lambertville Area Education Foundation (LAEF).

[LAEF SUMMER PROGRAM AWARD 2021.pdf](#)

[LAEF SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2021.pdf](#)

Club News

Drama Club

Harvard and Julliard graduate, offering a free zoom talk for SHR parents/kids! Please see attached flyer for [Drama Webinar Flyer 3-19-21](#) information. Be sure to register as space is limited.

Environmental and Recycling Club

The Environmental and Recycling Club is planning an outdoor service project field trip for Thursday, April 22, 2021. If interested, please contact Mrs. Deborah Lamer at deb.lamer@shrsd.org

Middle School Bake-Along

On Friday, March 12th there was a Middle School Bake- Along Zoom. They made Caramel Cheesecake Bars!

ATHLETICS

1,000 points!!!

Congratulations to **Drew Zalescik** for becoming the 12th player in South Hunterdon school history to reach the 1,000 point milestone. Drew scored his 1,000th point in the first half against Manville on March 1st. Drew went on to score a game high 43 points.

February Athletes of the Week:

Feb 15-20

Kate Robinson (Girls' Basketball)

Drew Zalescik (Boys' Basketball)

Feb 22-27

Rebecca Phillips (Girls' Basketball)

Ryan Hinman (Boys' Basketball)

New Spring Track Coach:

South Hunterdon athletics would like to welcome Caitlyn Whalen as the new spring track coach for the 2021 season. Coach Whalen comes to us with an extensive background from North Hunterdon high school and Slippery Rock University.

State Scoring Leader!

Senior Drew Zalescik finished the 2021 basketball season leading the state of New Jersey in scoring. Drew averaged 29.1ppg leading the Eagles to a 4-8 record.

Skyland Basketball Tournament

The girls varsity basketball team captured the first ever Skyland Silver Division Tournament championship with a win over Delaware Valley Regional High School. The girls were led by all-tournament team member Eve Durkee-Neumann and tournament MVP Rebecca Phillips.



Lambertville Public School

The LPS March Character Education term for the month is **Patience.**

PreK and Kindergarten Registration

Calling all soon to be Kindergarteners and Preschoolers please register to attend LPS. Contact the LPS main office as soon as possible to register your child for the 2021-2022 school year. Lambertville Public School - (609) 397-0183 heather.towle@shrsd.org or cristina.castro@shrsd.org (Bi-Lingual Secretary).

YEARBOOK PHOTO CHALLENGES! Send a photo of your LPS Leopard modeling their favorite mask, spending time with their favorite pet, showing their LPS spirit, or engaged in an outdoor activity to Lambertvilleyearbook@gmail.com. Please include their name, grade, and teacher's name in the email. Cell phone pictures work well! From an iPhone send as "actual size" and from an Android phone use the highest resolution.

PTA BOARD ELECTIONS: Are you interested in serving on the PTA board? A nominating committee will be formed to find candidates for president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. You must be a PTA member to vote! Stay tuned or contact lppta2@gmail.com for more information.

SAVE YOUR McCaffrey's RECEIPTS! We have joined McCaffrey's group fundraising program. Send your store receipts into school in an envelope marked "PTA" or drop them in the main office. McCaffrey's will donate 1% of all eligible sales back to LPS. Thank you to everyone who has already provided receipts!

BUY YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY: The 2020-21 LPS Yearbook and Parent Ads are available for purchase at www.ybpay.lifetouch.com. Enter school ID code: 14094721.

We look forward to welcoming more Live Leopards this upcoming Marking Period!

*** Dates to Remember ***

March 23 – "**Equity & Social Justice in Schools**" - 6:00 PM (see above for more info.)

April 2-9 – Spring Recess - School Closed

April 14 – PTA Virtual Meeting - 7:00 PM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78297837756?pwd=Qy9FakhWUVcWdW9xTmFmU3FKYS9iUT09>



West Amwell Elementary School

PreK and Kindergarten Registration

Calling all soon to be Kindergarteners and Preschoolers please register to attend WAS. Contact the WAS main office as soon as possible to register your child for the 2021-2022 school year. West Amwell Township Elementary School- (609) 397-0819 kathy.fabiano@shrsd.org or cristina.castro@shrsd.org (Bi-Lingual Secretary).

From Ms. Riddle

In March we are celebrating Music in Our Schools Month with various activities around school to celebrate the musical talent at WAS. The theme for 2021 is "Sound of My Heart." Music has been something this past year we turned to for not only entertainment, but comfort and consolation. Take time this month to appreciate the music that has been near and dear to your heart.

SHRHS Bilingual Students Read Aloud to LPS & WAS 2nd Graders for RAA

The second grade was treated to a bilingual read aloud of the book I Am Love: A Book Of Compassion, by Peter H. Reynolds. The high school students translated the text and took turns reading in both English and Spanish. Our second graders listened intently to the story and engaged in mindfulness breathing exercises led by the high school students and teachers. This activity was a joyful experience for everyone involved!

From the Counselor

The character trait we are highlighting in March is **Patience**. Watch and listen to an Elephant & Piggie read-aloud of the story Waiting Is Not Easy to further explore the concept of patience at home.

Each month remote learners will have an opportunity to sign up for a virtual Lunch Bunch, hosted by the school counselor, Ms. Swingle.

These Lunch Bunch meetings will provide a space for students learning from home to interact with grade level peers through conversation starters, activities, and games.

Please sign up [here](#) if your child would like to participate.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HEfEyFCA7Ye-00tNX76UXVFMFn9YUzsE6sBWBrc0gBk/edit?usp=sharing>

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March 17-26 - Book Fair

April 2-9 - Spring Recess - School Closed

WAS STEM

Do you like to code during STEM class? Would you like to learn more about computer science? Then, join the Virtual Coder's Club! Open to all students-grades 3-6. We meet via Zoom every Wednesday from 2:30-3:15 PM! If you would like to join, email alanna.jenkins@shrsd.org! Hope to see you there!

PTO News

Click here for [PTO Newsletter](#)

The SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is COMING!!

Be ready to embark on this adventure March 19-26, 2021. The fair will include titles for ages PreK - middle school. The fair will be outside and open to families Saturday, March 20, with a rain date of March 27. Shopping times are 11-3, with a suggestion of last names A-L from 11-1, and L-Z from 1-3. Strap on your boots for the 2021 Jungle Expedition. Make sure to reserve your spot. Due to current safety restrictions we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4DAAA72AA3FF2-preview4>

You can also shop online through our link

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/westamwellelemschool>

All proceeds benefit our school.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Would you like a community activity or event added to our monthly newsletter? Email Stephanie Zorn at stephanie.zorn@shrsd.org and she will make sure it gets in the next newsletter.

The New Jersey Health Department releases each Thursday an update on COVID statistics throughout the state. Here is the link for the report [NJ Health Department COVID Statistics](#). Hunterdon County is in the Central West Region with Mercer and Somerset counties.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Are you looking for part-time work that fits your child's schedule? Do you have at least 60 college credits? Apply to be a substitute teacher! No teaching experience necessary; training is provided. Flexible hours, per-diem pay, positive work environment. Work where your kids learn! Contact: stephanie.zorn@shrsd.org or call 609-397-1888 x1216

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