

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

A message from Mr. Miller

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to another edition of the Principal's Newsletter. It has been great seeing all of our students in the hallways interacting with one another and succeeding in their classroom studies. Every day I am impressed by our students and their dedication to improving and growing themselves into young adults.

As we continue to move forward through the school year and as the air begins to have that cool crisp feeling, it is also the time that we begin heating up with many school events. With all the events we have coming up including homecoming, PSAT's, sports playoffs, the winter play, Keystone exams and so much more, it is critical that everyone has updated their contact information in BlackBoard Connect. As these events get closer, we will use BlackBoard Connect to provide specific information and be our official form of communication for details everyone will need to know. If the contact information is not up to date, families will not be able to receive important information from the school. Please make sure to review and update contact information through our website at [Sapphire Community Portal Parent Information](#).

Additionally, it is hard to believe that this Friday will be the halfway point of the first quarter of the school year. Please take the time to review your student's grades on Sapphire and if you have any concerns about their progress, please contact their teacher.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Joshua C. Miller, Principal

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*Do not let what you cannot do interfere with
what you can do. – John Wooden*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 9/26 – No school for students
- 9/29 – College Admission Panel
- 10/10 – No school for students
- 10/12 – PSAT for 10th & 11th Graders 7:45 AM - 11:00 AM (Special schedule for all students that day)
- 10/12 – Financial Aid: FAFSA Completion Night (for parents of CURRENT seniors) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- 10/14 – Homecoming Football Game and Tailgate
- 10/15 – Homecoming Dance
- 10/24 – Picture retakes
- 11/22 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8 pm
- 11/24 – 11/28 Fall Break
- 12/5 – 12/16 Winter Keystone Retakes
- 12/24 – 1/2 Winter Break



*“Never leave ‘till tomorrow, what you can do today.”
–Benjamin Franklin.*

STUDENT RECOGNITION

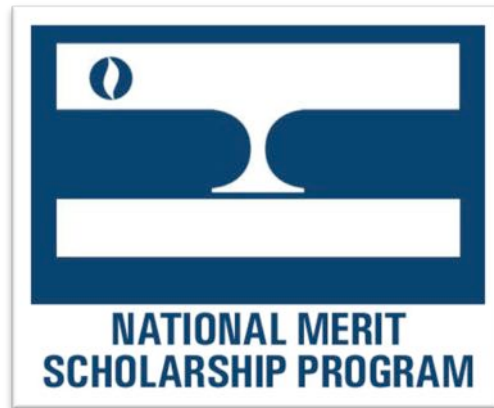


Congratulations to Speech and Debate Club! The Southern Lehigh Speech and Debate Club has reached significant recognition from the National Speech & Debate Association.

Students earn Honor Society points and degrees based on competition, leadership, and service activities, which contribute to the school's strength points. The Southern Lehigh High School chapter achieved 143 strength points to earn them membership into the Association's prestigious 100 Club.

This Club Award demonstrates outstanding commitment to teaching students essential life skills – including communication, research, listening, writing, and organization.

Keep up the great work and best of luck for the 2022-2023 season!



Academic Recognition

Southern Lehigh High School is proud to announce that 14 students have received recognition in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. 7 students have been named Semifinalists and 7 students have received Letters of Commendation.

Our 7 students who have been named Semifinalists are a part of a group of 16,000 students competing in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next Spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

Our 7 students who have reach Commended status have received a Letter of Commendation from SLHS and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2023 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students that entered the 2023 competition.

Southern Lehigh High School is proud to recognize these 14 seniors for their outstanding academic achievement and wish best of luck to the 7 National Semifinalist who are still competing.

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

Cyrus Desai
 Sam Desai
 Liam Morrison
 Alaina Patel
 Jeremy Sumner
 Yanfei Wen
 Lauren Woods

National Merit Scholarship Commended Students

Nithin Bommareddy
 Nithya Boomareddy
 Elias Dunham
 Mya Fritchman
 Isabella Hoang
 Evelyn Wang
 Catherine Yazdanyar

COUNSELING

AP

AP Registration is now open! Students taking an AP Course must register for the class through the College Board and indicate if they are taking an AP exam. If they are taking an exam, they must follow the instructions on the [School Counseling website](#) to sign up and pay for the exam. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Trachtman at trachtmans@sbsd.org

LCTI

The school counseling department will be taking interested 9th grade students to visit Lehigh Career and Technical Institute (LCTI) in late October (exact date TBD). For planning purposes, we are asking interested students to please complete the following [google form](#).

Permission slips and further details will follow.

PSAT

The PSAT will be offered to ALL 10th and 11th grade students at SLHS on **Wednesday, October 12th from 7:45 AM until 11:00 AM**. All students (including LCTI students) will be registered for the exam at no cost to families. Please visit the [School Counseling website](#) for further information.

Request Support

Your student's success and wellbeing are of the utmost importance. If your family is experiencing a hardship or a challenging life event, we want to be able to provide or connect you with support. You can contact your student's school counselor, our district social worker directly by phone or email or complete a Google form [request for support form](#).

SPECIAL REMINDERS



The Spartan Life

The Spartan Life podcast is back! In their Season 5 premiere, Haupt and Costagna put a call out to listeners for a few brave souls willing to record their own version of the new Spartan Life Theme song. The hosts then touch base with a handful of students and staff members to find out how they spent their summer vacation. A sit down with senior A.J. Moncman to hear all about how a positive attitude and a good sense of humor have helped him keep "dancing in the rain" of visual impairment. Finally, they talk educational philosophy, workout habits, and the current state of the Star Wars franchise with the new principal, Mr. Miller.

The Spartan Life podcast is available on all major podcast platforms. Simply search for "The Spartan Life," like and subscribe on your device.

FROM THE OFFICE OF:



HOMECOMING

Southern Lehigh High School Homecoming events will take place on Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15th. The homecoming football game will be held at SLMS stadium at 7pm. The Spartans will take on Lehigh High School. There will be a Homecoming Tailgate for all current students from 5:30 to 7pm in the SLMS parking lot.

The 2022 Southern Lehigh Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday October 15th in the high school Cafeteria & Gym from 7pm - 10pm.

Homecoming tickets are on sale now and can be purchased during ALL lunches, or from Mr. Ruch in room# 142, or Ms. Schiffer in room# 188.

The ticket cost is: \$10 from 9/27-9/30, \$15 from 10/3-10/7, \$20 from 10/10-10/14 and \$25 at the door.

*Only current Southern Lehigh High School students are permitted to attend the Homecoming Dance.



SL Girls Volleyball team will be hosting their annual Pink Out Games and Fundraiser on October 17th. This will be their 14th year and we have raised over \$83,000 in that time which have split proceeds to both the SideOut Foundation (Stage 4 Breast Cancer Research) and the Sassy Massey Foundation.

This year the team takes on Saucon Valley with a start time of 5:30pm for JV and Varsity right after. T-shirts are available for purchase at all HS lunches and at the October 7th and October 14th home football games. This year the shirts are Black with Pink writing. Come out and support the team and this worthy cause.

SLHS Parent Remind Group

The SLHS Parent Remind Group has been created by parents for each student body's graduating year. Please only join the class of your youngest HS child as the Senior Class group will be archived after they graduate. Remind texts will be sent regarding opportunities of how to participate in donating to Staff Appreciation events throughout the school year. In addition, gentle reminders will be sent out about other student and teacher led events going on in the HS. If you already joined a class last year, please do not do it again as you are good to go. Please reach out to dawnresch@yahoo.com with any questions.

- Please send text to: 81010
Text this message (Please join the class of your youngest HS child's graduation year):
@2023slhsp
@2024slhsp
@2025slhsp
- @2026slhsp

Working Papers Protocol

To Obtain a Working Permit at Southern Lehigh School District:

1. You must reside in Southern Lehigh School District in order to have Southern Lehigh complete your working papers.
2. Download and complete the work permit application (link below). Fill it out completely, including your parents' signature.
 1. For 'Place of birth,' please list City, State and name of the hospital.
3. Email the completed application along with a copy of your birth certificate, passport or driver's license to Ms. Burno at burnot@slsd.org.
4. You may pick up your work permit at the front desk of the high school during regular business hours.

OR

5. Bring your documents to the High School to complete your application in person.

The office is available for working papers from 8am-3pm. Please check the high school [calendar](#) for holiday/school closures. During the summer, check the website or call ahead as our hours may vary.

Work permits are provided as a wallet-sized blue piece of paper. This must stay with the student until they reach the age of 18.

DO NOT give your employer the original work permit; only copies. Only one work permit will be issued per student.



Transportation

We know that bus routes are still adjustments due to driver shortages and other issues beyond SLSD's control. Please check the website daily for updates. All questions should be directed to the transportation department.

Transportation Hotline

610-282-5589

RideWithUs@slsd.org

*Learning. Serving. Leading
One interaction at a time.*

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