



TIMOTHY J. LITTLE  
PRINCIPAL

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

### Welcome to 8th Grade Parents

With this issue you will begin receiving our monthly parent newsletter for the remainder of the year. We would like to officially welcome you to our Schaumburg High School family. Incredibly, your sons and daughters are only one semester away from entering high school. As you can see from the contents of the newsletter, we try to provide pertinent information for parents and take some time to recognize student accomplishments.

The registration process for incoming freshmen has already begun. To date, the following items should have been submitted to our Student Services Department: proof of residency, original birth certificate, and master enrollment form. Your student should have also taken the PSAT 8/9 Placement Test and the Career Cruising Matchmaker Activity and received results for both, as well as have identified elective courses which complement their identified Career Clusters.

If you have questions about any aspects of your student's transition to SHS, feel free to contact the Student Services Department at (847) 755-4630. We welcome your questions. Providing a quality education is best achieved with a unified effort of parents, teachers, students, and staff. I encourage you to join us in this partnership. Together we will continue the tradition of excellence that makes great things happen at Schaumburg High School!

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Little, Principal

## SEAL OF BILITERACY

Township High School District 211 students have the opportunity to earn the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating high levels of proficiency in English and an additional language. Interested students should pick up an application in the Schaumburg High School Student Services Department – Office 113 to find out school-specific testing details. Applications will be available in the SHS Student Services Department starting December 11 and are due February 23, 2018.

Illinois public universities will accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to 2 years of foreign language coursework taken during high school if a student's high school transcript indicates that he or she received the State Seal of Biliteracy. Current languages available are Arabic, Chinese (Traditional or Simplified), French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Thai.

Students interested in taking the APPPL or STAMP exam will take it the week of March 12 - 23, 2018 during the first four periods of the day. The exam consists of four modules and lasts two – four hours. There is a \$20 fee associated with the administration of this exam. Payment and applications will need to be submitted by the end of the school day February 23, 2018. For more information on how to earn the Illinois Seal of Biliteracy please visit <https://adc.d211.org/academics-home/illinois-seal-of-biliteracy/> or click on the link [D211 Seal of Biliteracy](#).

Please contact Ms. Yassi Delgado, Director of Student Services at Schaumburg High School, at 847-755-4626 or [ydelgado@d211.org](mailto:ydelgado@d211.org) with questions.

For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, please access the following TTD/TTY telephone number: (847) 755-4654.



## SENIOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION

District 211 will again allow graduating seniors to exempt from their second semester final exams if they meet the following criteria:

- have at least a "C" average in the course
- have less than six absences from the class
- have no truanancies from the class
- have not been suspended from the class are not incomplete on required assignments

Seniors not qualifying for the exemption will be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies but will not receive a diploma on that day. Senior finals will be administered on May 23, 24 and 25. Diplomas will be given following the processing of final grades.



## ST. BALDRICK'S

Service is the action of helping or doing work for someone else. Our school will be filled with service opportunity through March, as we unite to support **St. Baldrick's**, an organization that helps fund research to beat childhood cancer. This March we will host our 5th St. Baldrick's event, which began when one of our students was battling cancer in 2010. Sadly, we continue to have students diagnosed with cancer and this event helps show our support for all who have loved ones dealing with cancer. Our school community has raised over \$360,000 over the years. Our event is open to any student who would like to participate. Participants that raise at least \$25 can have their head shaved, or long hair cut, at school on March 16th. Students do NOT have to have to lose hair to participate as a volunteer. Check out our website for more details.

## VIP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO SENIORS

Seniors, do you need cash for college? The V.I.P. Club is offering scholarships that can be used for the pursuit of higher education to the SHS Class of 2018. These scholarships can be used for a 2 or 4 year University, or for a technical/vocational school. You can pay tuition, buy books, or anything else you need. Plus the check is made payable to YOU, not your parents or the school! Check out the scholarships being offered this year:

Academic Scholarships: One \$1,500.00 Academic Scholarship, five \$1,000.00 Academic Scholarships, and six \$750.00 Academic Scholarships will be awarded to students who have demonstrated their success at Schaumburg High School and in the community.

Jan Bajko Volunteerism Scholarship: One \$1,000.00 Volunteerism Scholarship will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated their volunteerism at Schaumburg High School and in the community.

Special Education Scholarship: One \$1,000.00 will be awarded to an outstanding special education student who has demonstrated their success at Schaumburg High School and in the community.

Students may apply for more than one category of scholarship; however, they will only be awarded one scholarship.

**To be eligible for these scholarships, a senior's parent or guardian must be a member of the SHS VIP by December 1, 2017.** Membership applications are available on the SHS website under the Parents tab.

Scholarship applications will be available online on the SHS website and in the Guidance Office beginning Friday, November 17, 2017. **All completed applications must be submitted to the Guidance Office no later than Friday, February 16, 2018.** Please contact Ms. Pirtle if you have any questions.

Scholarship Co-Chairs, Karla Frantz & Michelle Tunquist



If you require assistance while visiting our school, please contact the principal's office at (847) 755-4600.

# dates to remember

January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
January 23	Late Start Classes 8:50 a.m.
January 26, 27	Orchestrations Show – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
February 6	Late Start Classes – 8:50 a.m.
February 10	Winter Formal – Main Gym – 7:30 p.m.
February 15,16,17	Winter Play – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
February 19	Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL
February 20	Late Start Classes – 8:50 a.m.
March 6	Late Start Classes – 8:50 a.m.
March 20	Late Start Classes – 8:50 a.m.
March 26-30	Spring Break

## CONGRATULATIONS to the following Schaumburg High School students on being selected to the 2017-2018 ILMEA All-State Music Ensembles:

Vincent Chang (Oboe – Orchestra)  
 Maika Edwards (Violin – Orchestra)  
 Abigail Fledderman (Trumpet – Band)  
 Brandon Jaimés (Trombone – Jazz)  
 Cameron Kidd (Soprano 1 – Choir)  
 Matthew Nowlan (Violin – Orchestra)  
 Tom Schluckbier (Composition)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

December senior of the month  
**Jacob Schneider**

January senior of the month  
**Maddie Chau**

**Sara Shahid** and **Edwin Suresh** for achieving a 36 on the ACT, the highest possible composite score.

**Madison Marasco** finished 9th at the state girls cross country meet.

A REMINDER to the 10-minute School Climate Survey for parents available at: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>. Your input is important and your time is appreciated.

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## BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Blessings in a Backpack is a nonprofit program that partners with schools across America to ensure impoverished students are fed on the weekends throughout the school year. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health and increased attendance have all been attributed to the success of this program.

Schaumburg High School and Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates partnered in 2013 to start the program at Schaumburg High School. We are currently in our third school year in partnering with Blessings in a Backpack. We have the capacity to serve 40 students. Students are selected one of three ways: McKinney-Vento homeless status, free and reduced lunch program eligibility, and staff referrals.

### How you can get involved:

Food donations can be brought to the Student Services Office.

- Granola and fruit breakfast bars
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Beefaroni, Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Mashed potatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned fruit
- Bottled drinks like Gatorade and Vitamin Water
- Fruit Snacks
- Cheese and crackers, Goldfish crackers
- Snack pack pudding
- Pasta
- Instant Rice
- Variety pack potato chips

\*\*Please note food items must be new and unopened. Expired food cannot be accepted.\*\*

If you have any further questions please contact  
 Kristal King, School Social Worker, at [ksmith@d211.org](mailto:ksmith@d211.org) or (847) 755-4630.

## SIGNIFICANT SAXONS

Congratulations to the following Saxon Pride winners:

Emma Aguilar	Jayne Kissamis	Angel Murillo	Qassim Qavi
Mona Akimoto	Courtney Larsen	Sarah Nelson	Emma Raupp
Diana Arias	Alexis Levin	Cameron Nicks	Allison Regier
Diego Bautista	Renzo Lopez	Lauren Nielsen	Camila Ruiz Roman
Julian Bautista	Davien Luu	Albright Obeng	Joshua Samarita
Faith Binder	Jaden Majewski	Mario Olvera	Joshua Santiago
Mackenzie Campbell	Benjamin Marshall	Abbigail Ouimet	Maureen Schleeauf
Anthony Cavalier	Rachel Mashek	Vince Palao	Anthony Singletary
Esther Chung	Mina Mazeikis	Kaeleigh Parsons	Rachel Spadafore
Stephanie Coombs	Megan McGuffin	Yaksh Patel	Jordan Splitt
Mackenzie Costa	Sarah Miller	Alejandro Rodriguez	Edwin Suresh
Hannah Fernandez	Mohammad Mirza	Patino	John Tinebra
Bea Frondoso	Leah Mitchell	Sam Phalen	Mia Vollkommer
Shaiane Graham	Parth Mohanty	Shana Phelps	Tomasz Wieczorek
Alexis Greenholdt	Elizabeth Muhr	Rita Puchalski	Adam Wolf

## GOT JOBS? IF NOT, COME TO "OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS"

Mark your calendars and save the date! On **Thursday, April 5th, 2018** from 4 – 7 p.m. in the front showcase hallway, The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is organizing a job fair entitled "**Opportunity Knocks**" for all Schaumburg High School students. Local Schaumburg Businesses are looking for Schaumburg High School students for part time and Summer work employment. "**Opportunity Knocks**" brings over 25 businesses to SHS so students have direct access to potential job opportunities! Some of our early committed business partners include, AMC Woodfield, Culvers, Jewel Foods, Bike Connection, Corrigan Moving, Home Depot, Kohl's, McDonalds, Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA), Schaumburg Library, District 211 (SHS), Schaumburg Park District, Target, and Walgreens to name a few. The organizing committee is led by parents, Dan Alberth and Ed and Kathy Pizza. For additional information contact:

**Dan Alberth**, Principal's Advisory Council

"Opportunity Knocks" Co-Chair Email: [dan.alberth@athenaprivatewealth.com](mailto:dan.alberth@athenaprivatewealth.com)

**Ed Pizza**, Principal's Advisory Council

"Opportunity Knocks" Co-Chair Email: [Edward.Pizza@aa.com](mailto:Edward.Pizza@aa.com)

**Tim Little**, Principal, Schaumburg High School Email: [tlittle@d211.org](mailto:tlittle@d211.org) Phone: 847-755-4610

"Opportunity Knocks" is a great opportunity for our students, so stay tuned for more information on this exciting event.

# ***FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS TEST IN APRIL***

***Tuesday, April 10, 2018 Testing SAT and PSAT10***

## ***Junior Testing***

The Illinois State Board of Education's required high school level assessment, The College Board Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT), will be administered throughout Illinois on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. This state-funded SAT fulfills the requirement of the Illinois School Code that students take the state's required assessment to be eligible for promotion to grade 12, unless eligible to take the alternative assessment or otherwise exempt from testing and measure students' progress in the areas of reading, writing, language and math. In accordance with Illinois School Code, the results of the State-sponsored SAT will be posted on students' official high school transcripts. The SAT is also used by many colleges and universities as an entrance assessment and this state-funded test will provide a valid score for this purpose. Students can choose take an additional SAT on a national test date to improve test scores. This option may be discussed with your child's school counselor to determine the benefits of additional testing and to receive information about national SAT tests the dates and costs. You can find detailed information about the SAT online at <http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>.

Fees charged by College Board for testing on national test dates are the responsibility of the individual students and/or parents. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students through the student services department.

<b><i>SAT National Test Dates</i></b>	<b><i>Registration Deadline</i></b>	<b><i>Late Registration</i></b>	<b><i>Online Score Release</i></b>
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 17, 2018	May 18-24, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	April 25, 2018	July 11, 2018

## ***Sophomore Testing***

Sophomores will be administered the PSAT 10 on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, to measure their academic progress in reading, writing, language and math. Performance on this assessment will also help District 211 improve curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready upon graduation from high school. The PSAT 10 provides students with individualized details about areas for academic improvement prior to taking the State-required junior year assessment. You can find additional information about the PSAT 10 online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>.

On April 10, freshmen and senior students will not report to school. It is recommended these students pursue educational opportunities independently on April 10. Sophomore and junior students will report to school to complete the SAT or PSAT10, and will be dismissed at approximately **1:05 p.m.** Please mark your calendars. Bus transportation will be available for those who normally use bus service to school and back according to their schedule.

***Tuesday, April 3, 2018 PSAT 8/9***

## ***Freshmen Testing***

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, all freshmen will complete the PSAT 8/9 on a regular school attendance day. Students will be excused from class to complete the assessment. Performance on this assessment will also help the school district improve curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready upon graduation from high school. For more information online about the PSAT 8/9 go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

## ***April 16-27, 2017 Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)***

Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) is a State-required science assessment administered to students enrolled in Biology I (S131, S137, and S138). The assessment is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science and incorporates the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Visit <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isa.htm> for more information. Students enrolled in Biology I will complete the Illinois Science Assessment within a single class period during their regularly scheduled Biology class between the dates of April 16 – 27, 2018.

## ***APRIL STATE TESTING***

### ***SAT***

Juniors are preparing to take the state-funded SAT on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. The SAT is required for receipt of a regular high school diploma. Because SAT will be administered as the state assessment in high school, it fulfills the requirement of the Illinois School Code that students take the state assessment in order to receive a regular high school diploma, unless eligible to take the alternative assessment or otherwise exempt from testing. The SAT is used by many colleges and universities as an entrance assessment. These assessments measure student knowledge related to state standards with respect to examination purposes. The results for junior students will be a part of their official transcript. Sophomores will be administered the PSAT 10 Tuesday, April 10th to measure their progress in reading, writing, language and math. Performance on these assessments will also help us to improve our curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready.

On April 10, freshmen and senior students will not report to school. Sophomore and junior students will report to complete the SAT or PSAT10, and will be dismissed at approximately 1:05pm. Please mark your calendars. Bus transportation will be available for those who normally use bus service to school and back according to their schedule. Tuesday, April 3 while the freshman students are taking the PSAT 8/9 all students will complete their regularly scheduled school day.

### ***PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10***

To help our freshman and sophomore students prepare for the SAT, District 211 will administer additional assessments that are aligned with the SAT - the PSAT 8/9 and the PSAT10. On April 10, sophomore students will take the PSAT10. On April 3, freshman students will be excused from classes to take the PSAT 8/9. Performance on these assessments will also help us to improve our curriculum and instruction to ensure that all students are college and career ready. Both of these tests assess student proficiency in reading, language and writing, and math. Additional cross-test scores measure Analysis in History/Social Studies and Analysis in Science. You can learn more about these assessments at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org>.

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