

Principal's Corner – December 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of SHHS:

I hope everyone had a wonderful, restful Thanksgiving. What a busy month! I am so proud of all of our scholars, athletes, musicians and supporters of SHHS. Congratulations to our Girls' Soccer team for making it to the state tournament. There has been much community spirit within and outside of our SHHS walls. The pep rally on Wednesday was fun, and I was very impressed with the amount of school spirit. Students were encouraging, spirited and positive. Thank you to our Student Council advisor, **Amy Foley**, our band members and **Ryan Caster**, and **Eric Castonguay** for organizing this event.

Mr. Ryan Bradley has joined our SHHS community as a new Special Education paraprofessional. Welcome, Mr. Bradley! **The Golf Fore Autism Committee** has generously awarded our Special Education department over \$2,000 to buy Chromebooks and noise cancelling headphones. Thank you for your generosity!

We had the VFW and American Legion veterans come to our school November 9th for a Veterans Day assembly commemorating the 100th year anniversary of the end of WWI. Veterans wore WWI uniforms and **Anna Evans** gave her award winning speech *Voice of Democracy: Why My Vote Matters*. Thank you to **Sgt. Brian Willette** for organizing the event. Thank you to all of our veterans, soldiers and their families for keeping us safe!

Planning has begun for Bag the Community, under Sue Broulette's leadership. Please encourage your students to bring in canned goods (monetary donations are accepted, as well) to help out local families in need. Don't forget to check your expiration dates! Bag the Community occurs January 19th for distribution of bags and on the 21st for collection throughout the town. This event is so critical to our town and to all of the families who are food insecure. Since close to 40% of the district is on Free or Reduced lunch, many families would benefit from this event. It would be great to have all of our student groups and sports team play a role in this event!

Midterm exams will be January 15-19. Attached is the schedule of exam dates and times. Unless we have an overabundance of snow days, we will stay with this schedule. Remember, midterm exams count for 10% of a student's grade in a full year course. It is crucial that all students are present and on time for these midterm exams- unexcused absences will result in zeros for midterm exam grades. Please help your students to establish proper study habits and encourage them to stay after for extra help when necessary. No students are exempt from midterms.

Congratulations to **Rainy Wortelboer & Jake Simon** for being honored with the National School Development Council Award for academic growth and student leadership. The NSDC seeks to acknowledge the positive contributions students make to schools. Recipients of this award exemplify admirable character and accomplishment.



We need your input on two important matters, our mission statement and school safety! We are in the process of evaluating our mission statement and learning expectations, which guide the direction of SHHS. I'd be grateful if you could take two minutes and fill out the following online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDD8YRD>.

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Also, there is a Parent Survey at the back of our newsletter. While we have distributed this at various Open House events in past years, we hoped that by offering it in December, more parents and guardians would participate, especially those of 9th graders. Please tear out the sheet and have your student return it to the main office. Both surveys are completely anonymous and all responses are confidential. I appreciate your candidness and honesty.

Congratulations to our latest Students of the Month! All students who earn “Student Commendations for Excellence” are considered for this monthly drawing. Students of the Month have their pictures displayed in our foyer. They will also receive a coupon for a free lunch (plus one guest) to our very own Tiger’s Den! Our culinary students and Chef Ezra Bleau are incredibly talented. We encourage all of our students to perform positive, helpful and kind acts, as well as demonstrate improvement or leadership in class.

December Students of the Month:

Grade 9: Alyshah Perez

Grade 10: James Isakson

Grade 11: Kayla Simon

Grade 12: Ethan Ortyl

A heartfelt thank you to December’s Teacher of the Month, **Ms. Heidi Ragno**, for everything that she does for our students! Congratulations!

Respectfully,
Diana Bonneville
Principal