

Mustang

MESSENGER

South Western High School
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Back to School Edition

Principal's Message

On behalf of South Western High School, we are excited to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. We are looking forward to a year of partnership and commitment towards the growth of every learner. Throughout the year we will continue to communicate about our journey toward customizing learning, goal setting and having a growth mindset (the belief that abilities can be cultivated) for success.

At South Western High School we believe it is important for learners to collaborate with facilitators to engage the learners in their education by concentrating on areas of interest, targeted goals and career aspirations.

Growth mindset is essential to learner success. By using growth mindset language we will help learners understand the importance of assuming more responsibility for their education. Successful skills such as completing and submitting work on time, and using experiences to judge the need for improvement will communicate that success is not instantaneous but rather a process.

Family expertise about their children is invaluable. It is important the learner understands the importance of the school and family working together to support them and share responsibility for success in high school.

Warmest Regards,
Cathy Harner—*Interim Principal*

Welcome Back!

Please remember to provide your school with updated contact information (i.e.; mailing address, e-mail, phone contacts). *Help us stay connected.*



First day of school for Grade 9
Thursday, August 24, 2017

First day of school for Grades 10–12
Friday, August 25, 2017



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From the School Nurse

Health Room Notes —

All medications **must** be delivered to the school nurse by a parent/guardian, in the original bottle/package, with the necessary prescription written by the physician. Students are **NOT** permitted to transport medications to school at any time.

We hope that you will continue to support us in following the School Board policy that helps to insure the health and safety of all the students.

Any student with a known health concern (i.e., asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, seizures, etc.) should return an updated plan to the Health Room prior to the start of school in August. If your child has a change in or a new medical diagnosis during the school year, please update the school nurse by calling 717-632-2548, ext 21810 or 21811.

Please complete and/or update and sign your child's Emergency Information Sheet when it comes home the first day of school. Please return them by **Friday, September 1, 2017** to the Health Room. These forms keep your child safe in the event of an emergency and the district must have accurate and up-to-date information. The information on this sheet is also required for the district's "School Messenger", an automated system that will contact parents via phone with important updates.



Each 11th grade student must have a physical examination completed as required by the Pennsylvania School Health Law. You may pick up a blank form in the Health room and then return the completed physical form to us.



Graduation DVDs are Still Available

Mustang Vision Productions has been providing production services to the graduating classes of South Western for several years. Utilizing a three camera set-up, they are able to capture every moment of the commencement ceremony, including a close-up view of each senior receiving their diploma.

2017 DVDs are available for \$20.00 in the main office. DVDs from the past 8 years are available by contacting Mr. Jeff Myrdal (717-632-2548, Ext. 21335). All proceeds benefit the Mustang Vision Club. Checks should be made payable to *South Western High School*.

The Zombies Are Coming!

The Zombie Invasion 5K is back! This year, our campus will be invaded by zombies on Saturday, October 28th. The Zombie Invasion 5K is a trail fun run through the fields and woods surrounding South Western High School. Can you complete the run without losing your three lives to the zombies?



Registration is NOW OPEN for the event. Visit www.swzombieinvasion.weebly.com to find more information including the registration form.

Are you interested in being a zombie for the event? Register for the event as a Zombie. You will report before the race for training and make-up.

It will be a Halloween to remember for a great cause!

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Student Parking Permits

The *SWHS Parking Permit Vehicle Information* card and the *2017-2018 SWHS Student Parking Procedures* are available from the main office to students with a valid driver's license that are planning to drive their vehicle to school. It is extremely important that all drivers realize their responsibilities as outlined in the

Student Parking Procedures and that failure to comply may result in appropriate disciplinary action, which could include the loss of parking privileges.

Students must fill out the **Student Parking Permit Vehicle Information** card completely and return it to the high school office along with the signed/initialed portion of the **Student Parking Procedures** (and must include a parent signature). The student must also present a **Valid Driver's License** to obtain their parking permit.

Student Parking Policy and Vehicle Information Forms may be picked-up in the high school main office.

Cafeteria Information

High School Lunch & Breakfast Prices: Lunch: \$2.45, Breakfast: \$1.55

Free & Reduced Meal Application: Please apply for free or reduced meals at www.schoolcafe.com

Find Menus at: apps.swsd.k12.pa.us/wordpress/foodservices/menus-2



Attention Seniors

Don't miss your opportunity to have your senior portrait included in the 2017-18 yearbook. Any current seniors who have not had their Yearbook portrait taken should call JB Photographers at 717-637-7950 to set up your appointment.

Art Department News

N.A.H.S. Upcoming Save the Dates



Fall Paint Day, Saturday, September 23rd
Winter Pottery Day, Saturday, December 9th
Spring Paint Day, Saturday, March 10th

Check it out here: swhsnahs.weebly.com/paint-days

Congratulations to NAHS members: Bekah Rocha, '17, Hannah Derry, '19, Isaiah Washington, '19, Tori McDonald, '21 Hope Burbank, '21 for creating this year's Chalk It Up win!

Winner - Judge's Choice!



**South Western High School
National Art Honors Society**

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Counseling News

Welcome Back Mustangs!

Please be sure to check out our website at <http://swhscounseling.weebly.com/>

Please consider registering for our blogs to receive timely and informative updates regarding scholarships, student programs, college visits, career opportunities, etc. To register, click "Subscribe to blogs" on the lower left column of the Counseling Office Webpage.

Seniors

Have you taken the SAT yet? South Western hosts the SAT on Saturday, October 7th and Saturday, November 4th. Please register at <https://sat.collegeboard.org/register>.

Now is the time to consider asking teachers to write you letters of recommendation for application and scholarship purposes. Remember to PERSONALLY ask your teachers, providing them with a list of your accomplishments, activities, gpa, class rank, and other important information. Please be sure to give them plenty of time. Completed letters may be emailed, scanned, or hand delivered to the guidance office.

Now is also a great time to begin writing college application essays. Check out <https://professionals.collegeboard.com/guidance/applications/essay> for more information.

Early Action/Early Decision: As you consider applying to post-secondary institutions, please be mindful of deadlines. Some schools and/or programs have deadlines as early as October.

Mustang Mentors

Current upperclassmen who are interested in informally mentoring new students who enroll at SW during the upcoming school year should contact Mrs. Devine at amy_devine@southwesternsd.org. Mentors are required to give students tours of the building, accompany them to lunch, review student procedures, assist in guiding them to and from during the first few days of enrollment, and offer them a friendly smile and words of encouragement! Please consider offering to help your fellow students!

The PSAT will be administered to Juniors on Wednesday, October 11th. All college-bound juniors are encouraged to take this test. Students should take this PSAT even if they took the PSAT 10 last March. More information will be available during the first week of school. Students should sign up in the Counseling Office.

GET THEM WHILE THEY ARE HOT!

If you are interested in football season tickets this fall...please call the athletic office at (717) 632-2548, Ext. 21951 to reserve your tickets now! The cost for the football ticket package is \$25.00 per seat for the 5 home games.

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Friday, September 8, 2017	Manheim Central High School	7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 15, 2017	Carlisle High School	7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 29, 2017	Central York High School	7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 13, 2017	Dallastown High School	7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 27, 2017	Northeastern High School	7:00 p.m.



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The Veteran Project

veteransdayswhs.weebly.com/the-veteran-project.html

The mission of the School-Community Collaboration Project was created to foster relationships between community veterans and student learners to enrich their experiences by connecting the history of the American past and to the present. Each year we work with 10 veterans from the community.

Register to attend our 3rd annual Veteran's Day Assembly www.veteransdayswhs.weebly.com/

On Friday, November 10th, 2017 SWHS will hold our 3rd annual Veteran's Day Assembly. It will pay tribute to our community men and women who dedicated their service to our country. The mission of South Western High School includes preparing students to become productive citizens in an ever-changing world. The activities surrounding this assembly will help our students recognize the importance of "service to others".

The events for the day will begin at 8:30 am with a continental breakfast for veterans, family members, and distinguished guests. There will be an assembly immediately following the breakfast in the school gymnasium to honor veterans in attendance. Performances will be conducted by our students and special guests. Following the assembly, veterans are invited to share memorabilia, pictures, and stories from their experiences with students in a "living museum" in our front lobby. The Living History Museum will be open to all until 12:30 pm. Formal activities conclude at 12:30pm.

The entire assembly will air live on Mustang Vision Youtube channel.

Website info and Registration to attend: www.veteransdayswhs.weebly.com/

Questions or contact: julie_gelsingers@southwesternsd.org; ryan_melhorn@southwesternsd.org

SWHS Boosters Make Preparations for the New School Year



The **Spirit Cards** are now available for purchase. They are \$10.00 each and are valid August 1, 2017–July 31, 2018. Some of the participating businesses include:

- *Sweet Frog*
- *Top it Off*
- *Brusters*
- *The Famous Hot Weiner*
- *Cooper Motors*
- *South Hanover Bowling Lanes*
- *Whislars Dry Cleaners*
- *Sal's Pizza and Subs*
- *Genova's To Go*
- *Snyders Factory Store*
- *Staub's Landing*
- *Utz Factory Store*
- *Hickory Falls*
- *Little Everett's BBQ*

Spirit Cards are available from any music department member or in the high school main office. The boosters hold monthly meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the band room. Information about events/fundraisers can be found at www.swbandboosters.org.



Blood Drive

The SWHS Key Club invites you to help us save lives by donating blood at our fall blood drive for the Central PA Blood Bank. The blood drive will be held from 8:00-3:00 on Tuesday, November 7th in the high school gymnasium. Walk-in donors are welcome.



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Welcome to Our New South Western High School Mustangs!

We would like to extend a friendly welcome to several new faculty members as we begin our 2017–2018 school year. Joining our Mustang family in August will be:

Suzanne Wimsett — *English*

Laura Murphy — *Science*

Kristen Eaton-Vlcej — *Science (LTS)*



Our faculty and staff members look forward to getting to know our newest members better as we all work together to bring the best educational opportunities to our students and families.

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Dear Mustang Fans

Would you like to support the athletic programs by placing a Patron Ad/Message in the 2017 SW Fall Activity Program?

The three levels of patronage are available:

- **\$10.00** (*Steel Patrons*) — Three lines (maximum 30 characters per line) for your message and name(s).
- **\$5.00** (*Fire Patrons*) — Two lines (maximum 30 characters per line) for your message and name(s).
- **\$2.00** (*Coal Patrons*) — Name(s) only.

Please contact Mr. Paul Zeroth, 717-632-2548, Ext. 21331, Paul_Zeroth@southwesternsd.org, or Mrs. Nancy Costello 717-632-2548, Ext. 21951 for more information.

Thank you from the South Western Varsity Club

On the Calendar

Mandatory Parent Meeting (9th grade).....	August 14	SAT Testing.....	October 7
Fall Sports Practices Begin.....	August 14	Columbus Day (Schools Closed).....	October 9
Athletic Booster Club Meeting.....	August 14	Teacher Inservice (Schools Closed).....	October 10
First Day of School (9).....	August 24	Athletic Booster Club Meeting.....	October 10
First Day of School (10-12).....	August 25	PSAT/NMSQT (Grades 10 & 11).....	October 11
Labor Day (Schools Closed).....	September 4	Homecoming Game.....	October 13
Music Booster Club Meeting.....	September 5	Homecoming Dance.....	October 14
Parent Get Acquainted Night.....	September 7	Athletic Coaches Council Meeting.....	October 17
Picture Day.....	September 7	Picture Retake Day.....	October 19
Athletic Booster Club Meeting.....	September 11	First Marking Period Ends.....	October 27
Preschool Parent Orientation.....	September 12	Zombie Invasion 5K.....	October 28
Fall Paint Day.....	September 23	District Open House.....	October 29
Hanover Area Rotary College Fair, Delone HS.....	September 25	SAT Testing.....	November 4
FAFSA Presentation.....	September 28	Parent Advisory Board Meeting.....	November 6
National Art Honor Society Induction.....	September 28	Music Booster Meeting.....	November 7
FAFSA Presentation, Hanover HS.....	September 28	Key Club Blood Drive.....	November 7
Parent Advisory Board Meeting.....	October 2	Veteran's Day.....	November 10
Music Booster Meeting.....	October 3	Planning for Your Future (9/10 gr).....	November 10
Parent/Teacher Conferences.....	October 5	Athletic Booster Club Meeting.....	November 13

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