

MUSTANG MESSENGER

Fall Semester Edition November 7, 2011



As the end of the first marking period draws to a close, it will soon be time to see our updated reporting system in action. The new report card will display a separation of our students' academic performance and behavior. This will enable our students, parents, and teachers to see specific areas of the curriculum where individuals need additional attention and where academic success has been achieved. We are

Principal's Round Up

also excited to announce that our students' progress on their Graduation Projects will be included on the report card in addition to an estimated Grade Point Average (GPA).

Student behavior will be evaluated using a four-point scale. Students who earn a 3 in any of the four areas of Motivation, Cooperation, Communication, and Responsibility are doing well. We are reserving issuing a 4 when the student has exceeded the expecta-

tions. 3 is GOOD!

All of these steps are part of our effort to help our students achieve their best academically and provide our teachers with accurate data to identify specific areas of concern for each student.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions related to grades and contact me if you have any questions related to the new reporting system. We look forward to your feedback.

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Fall Play "Carol for Tiny Tim" 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 7:30 PM
- Thanksgiving Break Schools Closed 11/23-11/28
- Music Dept. Holiday Concert 12/18, 2:30 PM

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Get Your Yearbooks Here!

It's yearbook time once again...and now is the time to order a copy of the 2011-2012 edition of *Equestrian*. Make sure your child gets a copy of the 2011-2012 yearbook with pictures of all the school year's highlights including sports, academics, band, clubs, student and faculty portraits

and so much more. It's all beautifully printed and bound in one spectacular edition!

The 2011-2012 edition of *Equestrian* is just \$69.95 and ordering the book has never been easier! **To be eligible to**

win a FREE NINTENDO 3DS, log onto www.smart-pay.com to place your order using your credit card! The yearbooks will be delivered to the school in the Spring but you must order now, before it's too late!

“Taking the SAT is like going to the doctor. It scares the willies out of you, but once you get there it's really not that bad, and in the end it's all for the best.”

- Unknown

SAT Prep Program

Once again our Student Council will be offering an SAT prep program to students who wish to get an “upper hand” on taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Students who wish to participate in the prep program pay a nominal fee of \$12.00 and come to the high school on November 19 to take a “practice test” similar to the SAT. This will provide students the opportunity to experience a full-

length assessment with test questions that mirror those found on the SAT.

There will also be a representative from the Kaplan organization to share feedback, tips, and suggestions with individual students to help increase their chances of a positive experience on the SAT exam.

Students MUST register in advance since “walk-ins” will not be permitted to

participate.

Please contact Mr. Kyle Kauffman if you have any questions at 717-632-2548 ext 21601 or kyle_kauffman@swsd.k12.pa.us

Plan ahead and do well!

A Carol for Tiny Tim

The South Western Drama Department is presenting *A Carol for Tiny Tim*. This is a story of Tiny Tim, fifteen years after Scrooge's encounter with the Christmas ghosts. What happens to a child whose world suddenly turns around, giving him everything he

wants? He becomes a self-centered, self-serving man. Is there any way to reach someone with that mindset? Can anyone make Tiny Tim realize the folly of his ways? Come support the students in the drama department and get your answers. The show will

be performed for three nights, December 8, 9, and 10. The curtain opens at 7:30 each evening. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for reserved seating, \$6.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for students and Senior Citizens.

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!

4SIGHT

TESTING DATES:

NOVEMBER 8

FEBRUARY 8

Powder Puff Football

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2011 Youth Serving Youth Project charity fundraiser, Powder Puff 2011, by coming to the game, making donations, volunteering time, or buying t-shirts and DVDs.

Our Freshmen girls were victorious over the Sophomores with a score of 25-18 and our Seniors were able to end their four year career **undefeated** with a 22-12 victory over the Juniors.

Currently, our total money raised for the Ronald McDonald House is \$3,650 and we hope to see that number grow to \$4,000 over the next few days as we continue to accept donations. There are 9 t-shirts (in Black and Gray) remaining in a variety of sizes that can be purchased for \$12.00. Also, we are selling a highlight DVD of both games for a \$10.00 donation.

Special thanks to the following people who generously donated time to

help make the event a success: Coaches: Bob Glover, Judy Berryman, Jeremy Renoll, Matt Bosley, Chris Bowman, Molly Berwager, Jill Kirkpatrick, Kyle Simon, Tony Meckley; Officials: Roland Bosley, Eric Updegrove, Jeff Smale; General help and support: Walt Graves, Don Seidenstricker, Ruth Meckley, Sherry Meckley, Diana Cassetta, Caryn Flaherty, Jeff Myrdal, Paul Zeroth.

"IDEAL TEACHERS
ARE THOSE WHO
USE THEMSELVES AS
BRIDGES OVER
WHICH THEY INVITE
THEIR STUDENTS TO
CROSS, THEN
HAVING FACILITATED
THEIR CROSSING,
JOYFULLY
COLLAPSE,
ENCOURAGING THEM
TO CREATE BRIDGES
OF THEIR OWN."

- NIKOS
KAZANTZAKIS

Miss Hanover

Congratulations to South Western senior, Erin Haafke, who was crowned Miss Hanover Monday, October 24, 2011. She competed against other young ladies from our area and earned the crown with talent, poise, and dignity.

There were several South Western contestants who participated in the pageant including Kelsey Holt (First Runner up), Cheyenne Sturgis, and Stephanie Warner (Second Runner Up).

Congratulations to Erin and all of our South Western ladies who represented themselves and our school extremely well.

Got Mustang Pride?

Check out the various items we sell to promote our school spirit and share our pride with the community and all who enter the Corral!

Please e-mail Tammy Fritz at
Tammy_Fritz@swsd.k12.pa.us

Teacher Recognition

Mr. Bruce Lee was recognized by the Hanover Chamber of Commerce on the evening of Thursday, October 20, 2011, as Teacher of the Year in the Hanover area. He was presented a framed and mounted Certificate of Achievement during the annual Chamber meeting where many of his professional accomplishments were shared

with the audience.

Mr. Lee is an outstanding Technology Education teacher who spends countless hours planning and preparing lessons that expose our students to real-life metal fabrication careers and experiences. Bruce has been employed by the South Western School District for 27 years. He is

also an Adjunct Instructor for HACC teaching welding and metal fabrication techniques to adult learners.

Congratulations again to Mr. Bruce Lee on being such an outstanding teacher and positive role model to all of his students and colleagues!



Pre-Engineering Chair Competition

Congratulations to Mr. Seig's Pre-Engineering class that is participating in the annual SWHS Chair Competition.

Students in teams of two design, promote, and build a chair made out of cardboard. The teams utilize all aspects of the design process to build a chair that will not only withstand the scrutiny of their classmates, but also

the testing abilities of one of our Tech. Ed. teachers.

Teams create an original design, build a miniature prototype, create a formal presentation, and then build a full-size chair. Once the chairs are complete, Mr. Myrdal (the official tester) sits in the chairs to determine which can withstand his unique testing skills.

The winners of this year's competition are Kyle Smith and Aaron Kelch! They blew the competition away winning 74% of the "Form" vote and receiving an almost perfect grade from Mr. Myrdal on the "Function" evaluation. Congratulations to the reigning champions who will now have bragging rights until next semester.



MUSTANGS HELPING MUSTANGS

South Western Alumni and Friends:

The South Western Dollars for Scholars provides scholarship opportunities for graduates who go on to further their education. Since 1998, South Western Dollars for Scholars has provided scholarships to 226 students totaling \$213,200, who attended or are attending 95 post-secondary institutions. In 2011, 27 students received \$23,500.00 in scholarships to help further their education.

How does this happen? It happens as a result of ongoing fundraising activities and monetary gifts from individuals like you. You can help shape the lives of young adults in our community by making a tax exempt contribution to South Western Dollars for Scholars. Show your South Western Mustang spirit and help us help other Mustangs.

On average, 47% of all full-time undergraduate college students attend a four-year college that has published charges of less than \$9,000 per year for tuition and fees. At the other end of the spectrum are private four-year colleges that cost \$35,000 or more yearly in tuition and fees.



Help our South Western Chapter of *Dollars for Scholars*

From 1998 – 2011

226

Student recipients!

95

Post-secondary institutions!

\$213,200

Awarded!

____ Cut Here _____ Cut Here _____ Cut Here _____

Donate to South Western's Dollars for Scholars \$ _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

Donations to: South Western Dollars for Scholars 225 Bowman Road Hanover, PA 17331

Academic Booster Club

The Academic Booster Club (ABC) is a parent organization that meets monthly during the school year and promotes all of our students' academic achievements. The Academic Booster Club is an excellent way for parents to be informed of the "happenings" at the high school, but more importantly, to be aware of the academic accomplish-

ments of our students and our school. Parents who participate in the ABC do not necessarily have to have top student scholars to join. Everyone is welcome! ABC does not sponsor any fundraisers. There are no monetary requirements to join. This is truly a group of parents who want to continue to be a part of their children's educational jour-

ney, interact with other parents and the principal, and learn more about various programs at South Western High School. ABC meets the first Monday evening of each month at 7:00 PM in the library. Meetings usually do not last longer than one hour. We would like to see you there!

PSBA Conference Presentation

Members of the South Western High School faculty were asked to present information on our Intervention Period at the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) conference in Hershey on October 20, 2011.

Becky Black, Megan Pilarcik, Stacy Kipple, David Vega, Kyle Kauffman, Doug Wherley, and Walt Graves shared the

structure of the 5th period that contains the various components of our Intervention Program.

Many people and representatives from districts across the state stopped to hear about how we are attempting to help our students succeed academically in addition to how we are helping kids adjust to the expectations of the high school. We

were also able to share detailed information on Link Crew, HOTShots, and Peer Tutoring.

The faculty representatives spoke on behalf of our entire staff and did a wonderful job sharing the details of this critical part of our daily schedule.

Well done!

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association is a nonprofit statewide association of public school boards, pledged to the highest ideals of local lay leadership for the public schools of the Commonwealth.



Guidance Corner

College Board SAT Test Date

Upcoming SAT and SAT Subject Tests dates are as follows: December 3rd- register online by November 8th. January 28th- register online by December 30th. These exams will be held at Gettysburg HS and New Oxford HS. Please register soon to ensure testing at close locations.

Financial Aid Information Night

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

@ 6:30 p.m. in the HS Auditorium.

This program is for parents of juniors and seniors. The presenter is a representative from Penn State- York.

FAFSA Completion Workshop

Thursday, January 30, 2012

@ 6:30 p.m. in the PAC

This program is for parents of seniors only. The presenter is the Regional Director of PHEAA.

College Applications

It is very important to watch and meet any deadlines a college has set for applications. If your college has a January 1 deadline, you should make the guidance office aware of your application no later than December 14th. We must send you transcript to each school you apply to! Please see a guidance office secretary or your counselor to have your transcripts sent.

Don't forget to visit the Guidance Office Webpage for advertised scholarships. This page is updated frequently and should be reviewed often!

"Diversity in the world is a basic characteristic of human society, and also the key condition for a lively and dynamic world as we see today. "

- Jinato Hu



**From
the
Nurse**

Diversity Summit

This year the 3rd Annual Diversity Summit, sponsored and organized by the Hanover Hispanic-American Center and the Hanover YWCA, was held at South Western High School on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. Twenty seven students set up all day on Monday, and then facilitated and cleaned up on Tuesday. "We could not

have done it without South Western students," said Hispanic-American Center Executive Director Mirna Wildasin. The following students gave up their vacation days and worked, despite the distressing news concerning a lost classmate, giving up to 15 hours of service to their school and the ideal of diversity

and tolerance.

These students have proven once again that South Western students are generous, socially responsible and committed to helping the agencies and people of our community.

Students:

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Physicals are due for 11th grade students. Please turn them into the health room ASAP.

Please be advised that there were new state laws passed this year regarding immunizations. If your student has not yet received an immunization and/or the immunizations were not spaced accurately, you should have received a letter. Please hand in proof to the health room ASAP that the immunization was given. If we have not received proof by May 2nd your student may be excluded from school.

Please call the health room with any questions! Ext. 21810

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist

Congratulations to senior, Alissa Wagner, who earned the semi-finalist status to the National Merit Scholarship.

1.6 million teens take the Nation Merit Scholarship each year and less than 1% earn

Semi-Finalist status!

The South Western School Board publicly recognized Alissa at the October 26 School Board of Directors meeting.



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Anthony Aguilar, Chris Beaghan, Aalajah Courtney-Jones, Ryan Dotson, Erin Haafke, Eric Hench, Matt Hoke, Lily Horner, Jess Kulka, Nathan Mart, Cassidy Mart, Kinsey Miller, Katie Porter, Daniel Rainville, Kelly Raleigh, Gabrielle Schott, Joe Sheldon, Tyler Simmons, Jake Simons, Johanna Sites, Mitch Smith, Lauren Steigen, Cheyenne Sturgis, Stephanie Warner, Katie Weisman, Sean Wheeler, Samantha Whitall.



Graduation Project Presentations

Attention Juniors! Please make sure to mark May 18, 2012, on your calendars, as this is the day scheduled for Graduation Project presentations. Juniors must satisfactorily complete all requirements of the graduation project, including the paper and the presentation by this date. If not, juniors will not be eligible for senior early release until the end of the first marking period of their senior year. They will also not be eligible for any senior programs that are offered off campus.

Habits of Learning

"BUT UNTIL A
PERSON CAN SAY
DEEPLY AND
HONESTLY, "I AM
WHAT I AM TODAY
BECAUSE OF THE
CHOICES I MADE
YESTERDAY,"
THAT PERSON
CANNOT SAY, "I
CHOOSE
OTHERWISE."
— STEPHEN R.
COVEY

Parents may be seeing a letter (F) next to some of the **Habits of Learning** comment codes when viewing the Parent Portal on Sapphire.

Please DISREGARD the (F) or any letter associated with the **Habits of Learning** number that appears on the Parent Portal.

We are still in the process of updating our Sapphire System to reflect the changes we have made assessing our students' behavioral comments and we have found this glitch that we are currently rectifying.

Please know there will not be any grade assessment associated with our students' behavior evaluation in the **Habits of Learning** category.

Also, when a student earns a "3" on the 1-4 scale assessment for student

behavior it equals an excellent reflection of the student's behavioral ability. 3 = Meeting the Expectations established by the teachers. Earning a 4 is reserved for those instances when students *exceed* the expectations. So, the bottom line is when a student's behavior assessment in **Habits of Learning** is a 3 – that is on target and very GOOD!

A letter of explanation will accompany our students' report cards this marking period. Hopefully, it will help answer some questions.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the high school principal, Mr. Graves, at 717-632-2548 ext 21900.

Go Mustangs!

Block Party

The South Western High School Orchestra will sponsor a Block Party and Movie Night for kids and adults of all ages (but no pets, please) on Saturday, November 19, starting at 2:00pm. Games will take place in front of the school from 2:00pm until 6:00pm and will include the football toss, milk can pitch, soccer kick, bowler roller, crab pot launch, hook it, and more! There will also be a Zumba fitness session from 2:30 until 3:30. Two family-friendly movies will be shown in the SWHS Auditorium at approximately 4:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. Refreshments will be sold throughout the day, including pizza, hot dogs, and soft drinks.

Admission is free, but you'll want to bring money for game tickets and refreshments. In addition, a free-will offering will take place throughout the day to raise funds for the South Western Music Department Spring Trip. So come to the Block Party for a good time while you support the efforts of our community's talented young musicians!!!

If you have any questions please contact Larry Kuntz, Orchestra Director 717-632-2548, Ext. 22129
larry_kuntz@swsd.12.pa.us

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200 Bowman Road
Hanover, PA 17331-4299

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Tri-M Induction

There will be an induction ceremony on Tuesday, November 15th beginning at 7p.m. in the auditorium. The ceremony will conclude with a recital performance from: Scott Kuntz, Lindsay Miller, Jasmine Null, Brianna Rohrbaugh and Stephanie Warner.

The evening will last just over an hour with a formal induction ceremony, beautiful music from our talented students, and a special presentation from our Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Barbara Kehr, who will speak on the positive impact that music has had in her life since she participated in band in high school.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend this wonderful evening.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and their musical endeavors.

Congratulations to the following Music Department students on their induction into the Tri-M Music Honor Society: Chelsea Gatz, Courtney Helt, Scott Kuntz, Krista Mamet, Lindsay Miller, Rebekah Myers, Jasmine Null, Brianna Rohrbaugh, Alecia Sigmon, Jessica Smith, Stephanie Warner, Dale Wagner, and Lindsay Zumbrum.

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