

Monthly Parent Newsletter
March 2018
William R. Galati, Principal

Spring is here! The school year is running by quickly.

Currently, students are meeting with their respective guidance counselors finalizing course requests for the 2018-2019 school year. Please expect for your child to share with you such requests and in the event you or your child wish to revise course selections, please schedule a meeting with your child's guidance counselor for advisement. All elective based courses will only run based upon sufficient enrollment and pending appropriate budgetary support. For descriptors of all anticipated courses offered to students, please review the Program of Study posted on our website or contact Mr. Crimi or Ms. Cavallaro in the guidance office. A letter detailing specifics regarding finalizing course selections will be mailed to all families for their reference and review. Please contact the guidance department in the event of any questions or concerns.

The performance of The Phantom of the Opera took place a couple of weeks ago. This was truly an outstanding production with great talent showcased by our students. Appreciation is extended to our students, parents, and the Southold Community for their continued support given to the Theatre Arts department in making this production a positive experience for our students. I appreciate the hard work and dedication our talented students devoted to this production.

The annual Military Ball took place on Friday, March 16th. Similar to all years – the Cadets and their guests at the event looked great and all had a great time. Thank you to our NJROTC team for making this a great experience. On Friday, March 23rd Student Council hosted the annual Semi-Formal; here too, students had a fun night of dancing and enjoyed music and festivities.

The Robotics Team competed in the Greater Pittsburgh Regional at California University Convocational Center a week ago with additional competitions to follow. Appreciation is extended to our parents for their continued support and assistance in once again making this opportunity a reality for our students.

Students are expected to be in school daily. In the event students are absent, a parent (guardian) is expected to make contact with Mrs. Claudio, district attendance clerk, informing her with the reason for absence. As per our BOE attendance policy, students will be in jeopardy for loss of course credit if they accrue 12 or more absences for semester based courses / 24 or more absences for full year courses. Even if a student is late with parental support, the lateness is still deemed as being not excused. Please reference the attendance policy or contact your child's guidance counselor if you have questions.

As the warmer weather approaches, we request parents to review with their child our dress code expectation policy. Students are advised to dress appropriately for school daily. In the event students select to dress inappropriately, students will be requested to make contact with the home for a parent (guardian) to bring to school appropriate attire and/or will be provided with appropriate discipline if a pattern is observed.

Third quarter is quickly coming to a conclusion. As always, please access and review grades posted on the portal to assess your child's academic progress. If you have questions regarding your child's overall achievement, I encourage you to contact your child's guidance counselor as well as your child's teachers. April 20th, the third quarter concludes with an expected release on The Parent Portal of third quarter report cards on/about April 27th.

6th Grade orientation for parents took place on Thursday, March 22nd at 6:00pm in the district auditorium. Mr. Crimi, 7th grade guidance counselor, and I shared with parent's related information pertaining to a 7th grade student's schedule, after school opportunities and more. Mr. Flanagan, Athletic Director and Dean of Students, shared with families opportunities available to 7th graders. In the event

parents were not available to attend, they are requested to contact the guidance office to either schedule a meeting with a counselor or request for information to be mailed home.

During the months of April through June, students in 7th and 8th grade will be taking State assessments in ELL (NYSELAT), ELA, mathematics, and science. A calendar of related testing dates has been posted on the building webpage for your reference. Additionally, select subject areas (English 11, English 7 and Physics) will be participating in Field Testing.

The June final and Regents exam schedule for June 2018 testing has been posted on the building webpage. You are requested to review and be attentive to dates when your child will sit for upcoming final exams and Regents exams.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and look forward to fostering a collaborative and meaningful relationship with parents/guardians to best support all students' academic, social, and emotional development. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming concerts, sports events, and district events.

For additional information highlighting the great programs and offerings to students at Southold Junior-Senior High School, please access my BLOG at <http://principalgalati.wordpress.com> , as well as connect with us through Facebook and on Twitter.

Have a safe and relaxing spring vacation and happy holiday!

Other Relevant News

Mr. Myers

During the weekend of March 10th, senior Mario Contreras attended the Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute (PRHYLI) in Albany, NY. The three-day event was attended by more than 300 student leaders from around the state and the weekend's activities included leadership workshops, participation in a mock assembly at the state Capitol building, and a personal tour given by New York State assemblyman Phil Ramos of Brentwood. Mario made the most of his time at the institute, meeting other student leaders, participating in all activities, and even winning a scholarship funded by PRHYLI. This was the fourth straight year Southold has participated in the event and we hope to send even more student leaders to the institute in the coming years.



Mrs. Santiago, Junior Class

The Junior Class is working hard on the final touches for Prom 2018. The year's prom will be held at the Suffolk Theater in Riverhead on May 11, 2018. The students have added a few last minute fundraisers to help reduce the price of tickets. A mandatory pre-prom meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on April 17, 2018 in the High School Auditorium. Tickets sales will begin at the conclusion of this meeting.