HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS... by Principal Erin Short

Everyone is looking forward to warmer spring weather and wrapping up the last nine weeks of the 2017 - 2018 school year. As you know, the last nine weeks is just as important as the first three grading periods, so please remind your students to continue to put forth their best efforts in the classroom! **Just a reminder that athletic eligibility for next fall is based upon a student’s grades for the fourth nine weeks of this year.**

END OF COURSE STATE ASSESSMENTS

Please find below the official schedule for the state assessments our Solon High School students will take this spring:

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Delayed Start Dates and Start Times:

- **April 18, 19** Students not testing can enter building at 10:00 and 1st period will start at 10:10 a.m.
- **May 2, 3, 7, 8** Students not testing can enter the building at 9:30 and 1st period will start at 9:40 a.m.

Please refer to the school web page for the exact bell schedule for the delayed start days. Buses will run at the regular times, and students who arrive early will be provided a supervised area to study. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria as usual.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR

Please note that students are expected to remain in school until the final day, May 31. Most, if not all, classes will be administering assessments during the final days. **Students are NOT permitted to take their assessments early to leave school early for the summer.** If a student does attempt to do this, the student will be given incompletes and will be required to make up the assessments in June. These assessments will not be graded until the fall and final report cards will be affected.
ATTENTION ALL SENIOR PARENTS

Senior students and their parents need to be reminded of the following important dates:

May 4 - last day of regular classes for seniors participating in Senior Project
May 18 - All paperwork for Senior Project due by midnight
May 22 - last day of regular classes for seniors not on project
May 21-22 - Senior Project Symposium (exact schedule to be provided later)
May 31 - Graduation practice - 9:30 a.m. (meet at Community Park by 8:30 a.m.)
May 31 - Graduation ceremony - 7:00 p.m.

Please note that attendance at graduation practice is mandatory. Students who do not attend graduation practice will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Work, doctor appointments, or vacations are not acceptable excuses for missing. Please plan your schedules appropriately. Graduation from high school is a once-in-a-lifetime event, and the commencement program is a formal, dignified ceremony that necessitates proper preparation that can only be achieved by attendance by all seniors at the graduation rehearsal. Parents and students have received a letter with specific details concerning end-of-the-year activities for seniors.

GRADUATION

Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 31, at the State Theatre beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. Seniors who want to participate must attend practice on Thursday morning. Each student will receive four tickets for commencement with the option to buy three more. Detailed information regarding times, ticket availability, directions, etc. was communicated to seniors on April 3. Parents will receive a mailing mid-April with the same details the seniors received along with the four tickets.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Coach Trish Kruse and our Girls Basketball Team who finished an outstanding season as the Division 1 State Runner-Up!

Congratulations to Coach DeCesare and our Boys Basketball Team who also finished an outstanding season as the Division 1 State Runner-Up!

Congratulations to our swimmers and divers who earned All-Ohio status based on their outstanding performance at the State meet: divers - Sidney O’Donnell (5th), Jacob Smrdel (6th), Jackson Salisbury (9th), Carter Prins (11th), Josh Schwartz (14th) and swimmer Forrest Campbell (7th and 14th).

Congratulations to Emma Krantz (Vault) who qualified for the State Gymnastics meet.

Congratulations to Jake Canitano who placed 3rd in his weight class at the Division 1 State Wrestling meet!

Congratulations to Speech and Debaters Luke Qin, STATE CHAMPION in Congressional Debate and Adesh Labhasetwar, STATE CHAMPION in Program Oral Interpretation!

Congratulations to Joseph Petrunak-Hahn whose Best of School award at the regional Ohio History Day competition qualifies him for the state Ohio History Day competition in April!


CONGRATULATIONS!
### BOOK SALES IN THE SHS BOOKSTORE

**GRADING PERIOD 4**

The following books will be available in the bookstore for English and History assignments for the fourth grading period in 2017/2018. Books are sold on a first come, first served basis.

The prices may vary slightly as occasionally there can be a price change between the time of order and the receipt of books. If paying by check, checks must be payable to Solon Board of Education.

Thanks for supporting your Academic Boosters!

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2017-18 State Assessment Schedule  
SOLON HIGH SCHOOL  

State mandated tests will be given to students on the following dates. Please avoid making appointments during these dates and times for students who will be taking the test(s). Adjust work schedules accordingly.

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**END of COURSE ASSESSMENTS**

Below you will find the official testing schedule for all End of Course assessments. Because we are testing electronically, **students MUST bring their fully charged chromebook each day.** Students testing in math should bring a calculator. Room assignments will be announced in English classes. Students should be in the room at 7:45 a.m. to begin testing.

In addition to course requirements for a high school diploma, the State Department of Education requires students to take these seven end-of-year exams throughout their high school career: English/Language Arts 9 and 10, Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, U.S. History, and U.S. Government. The State Department develops the tests, scores the tests, and determines the criteria for scoring levels.

Please note that these tests are given on multiple days and the testing window allowed by the state is narrow. Therefore, if your child is taking any of the classes listed below, it is very important that he or she be in school on the following days to take the required exams:

- **English 9/English 10** – April 18 & 19
- **Algebra 1/Geometry & Honors Geometry/CP Government** – May 2 & 3
- **Biology/Honors Biology/CP US History** – May 7 & 8

PTA provides drinks and donuts on the first day of testing (April 18, May 2, and May 7).

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**EMAIL CHECK**

Solon High School and the Solon City Schools often use the family email system to communicate important information to SHS families. If you have not yet received any email notices from Solon High School or the Solon City Schools, please contact the school office to check that your email address is entered correctly into the database. If your email system includes a spam blocker, please be sure to enable your email account to receive emails from Solon High School and the Solon City Schools (snewsletter@solonboe.org, erinshort@solonboe.org, and tamarastrom@solonboe.org). Many service providers such as Earthlink block bulk emails we send and return them to sender.
HIGH SCHOOL ABSENCE/TARDY PROCEDURES

FULL DAY ABSENCE:
Parent/Guardian must call the Absence Line at 349-8037
You will be asked to leave a message with the following information:
*Name and grade of student – State student’s name SLOWLY & CLEARLY; it is helpful to spell the name
*Reason for and length of absence (illness, funeral, etc.)
*Phone number for verification
The absence line is available 24 hours a day – please leave a message as soon as you know your student will be absent from school.
If you contact a teacher or counselor, please be sure to also call the absence line.

IF A STUDENT IS TARDY:
Call the Absence Line as soon as you know the student will be tardy.
It is helpful if the student also brings a signed note from the parent/guardian listing date, time and reason.

IF A STUDENT NEEDS AN EARLY DISMISSAL:
Do Not Call the Absence Line. The student must bring a signed note from the parent/guardian listing date, time and reason.
If an emergency arises and you need to call for a student to be dismissed early, please call the main office (349-6230, press 0).
DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ABSENCE LINE VOICE MAIL.

If the Absence / Tardy Early dismissal is due to a doctor appointment please bring a note from the doctor’s office upon return.

ABSENCES MARKED IN POWER SCHOOL
Power School shows attendance records but the system can take up to 24 hours to update. Therefore, you may be texted regarding an absence even if you have already called it in.
### Solon High School Required 2018 Summer Reading List

#### 9th Grade College Prep English (Choose One)
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, Sherman Alexie ($16.00)
- *The Running Dream*, Wendelin Van Draanen ($10.00)

#### 9th Grade Honors English (Must read Both)
- *Mythology, Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*, Edith Hamilton ($10.00)
- *Anansi Boys*, Neil Gaiman ($10.00)

#### 10th Grade College Prep English
- Students must read both a fiction and non-fiction full-length book.
- Students are responsible for getting this book on their own.

#### 10th Grade Honors English (Must read Both)
- *The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini ($16.00)
- *I Had Seen Castles*, Cynthia Rylant ($7.00)

#### 11th Grade College Prep English
- Students read a memoir of their choice

#### 11th Grade Honors English
- *The Sun Is Also a Star*, Nicola Yoon ($19.00)

#### 11th Grade Advanced Placement English
- *My Beloved World*, Sonia Sotomayor ($16.00)

#### Advanced Placement Seminar
- *The Sixth Extinction*, Elizabeth Colbert ($17.00)

#### 12th Grade College Prep English (Choose One)
- *The Boys in the Boat*, Daniel James Brown ($17.00)
- *The Same Kind of Different As Me*, R. Hall & D. Moore w/ L. Vincent ($17.00)

#### 12th Grade Advanced Placement English (Must read Both)
- *Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Bronte ($9.00)
- *The Namesake*, Jhumpa Lahir ($16.00)

#### Advanced Placement World History
- *A History of the World in Six Glasses*, Tom Standage ($17.00)

#### Advanced Placement US Government

* Please refer to the Solon High School English Department’s online calendar (found under the school’s website Staff Directory) for attachments regarding book assignments to be completed while reading this book. To find the assignment on the Department’s Calendar, select “View class files” and select your subject. (active June 2018)

** Please see Mr. Northrup’s page for notes to accompany the reading.

*** Please see Mr. Ashkettle’s page for class assignments to be completed while reading this book.

Academic Boosters can provide you with these required books. Complete the form and include payment. **Checks (to Solon Board of Education) or Cash accepted.** Prepaid orders will be available for pick-up through the Solon High School bookstore or the Solon Middle School (for incoming freshmen) before the end of this school year. Give orders, with payments, to the high school bookstore or the middle school office. **Order Deadline: Wed., April 18**

Student Name: _______________________________ Amount Enclosed by Check or Cash: $________

Home Telephone Number: (            ) _______ - ___________ Current English Teacher: ________________________

This form must be completed and submitted to purchase a book(s). The bookstore will not carry extra copies to sell of these books. Books that are ordered are final sale & CANNOT be returned.
GOTCHA!

Teachers and staff award a “GOTCHA” card when students display Comet P.R.I.D.E (Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Discipline of Self, Empathy). The students turn the cards into the GOTCHA box located on the wall by the front security desk. Drawings are held and prizes are distributed weekly.

Congratulations to the GOTCHA winners for the month of March:

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Congratulations also to staff members Sue Kenzig, Mary Clare Lane and Missy FlitzGerald who were awarded a GOTCHA prize in March.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

Jostens will be at SHS on Wednesday, April 18 to distribute cap and gown orders. In order for your son or daughter to pick up their order, all fines or fees must be paid at the Bookstore. Jostens will be distributing the orders during all lunch periods outside of the Senior Commons by the Bookstore. If you have not yet ordered a cap and gown for your child, please contact John Armstrong, the Jostens sales representative, at john.armstrong@jostens.com or call him at 330.722.0131. In order to participate in the Commencement ceremonies, all students must wear a cap and gown.

GIRL UP

2nd Annual Girl Up Leadership Summit

On Wednesday, April 9, 2018 at Solon Middle School Girl Up will be hosting its 2nd Annual Girl Up Leadership Summit. The event is open to 7th and 8th graders of all backgrounds and genders. The summit focuses on increasing leadership skills as students approach high school. This event helps ease the transition to the high school and builds skills in teamwork, mindfulness, compassion, and leadership. Stay tuned for more information about the summit. The event is free for any SMS 7th or 8th grader.

Kelly Fishman
Girl Up Advisor
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Prom will be held at The Bertram Inn & Conference Center, 600 North Aurora Rd., Aurora (330-995-0200) on Saturday, May 19. Sign in and informal pictures will take place from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., table seating will begin at 7:00 p.m., dinner will be served from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and the dance will be from 8:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m. Presentation and crowning of prom royalty will take place at 10:15 p.m. Winners need to be present. No students or guests will be admitted to prom after 8:00 p.m.

NEW THIS YEAR! ALL dance guest authorization forms, ticket sales, and seating will be done electronically. Dance guest authorization forms may be completed from April 2 - April 27 and ticket(s) purchase/seating selection from April 16 - April 27 using the following link: http://tr-solonhs.eventbrite.com. The price of one ticket is $80, which includes dinner, prom favors, hall rental and entertainment costs. In order to purchase a ticket, the senior must have all school fines/fees paid. If the senior’s guest is also a senior attending Solon, that guest must have all fees/fees paid as well. If a student brings a guest from another school, he/she must complete the GUEST AUTHORIZATION FORM prior to purchasing a ticket. Students with special dietary needs should contact Mr. Perchinske via email or call Lauren Dicesare at The Bertram (330-995-7613). If you have further questions or concerns, please see Mr. Perchinske in room 201 before school. The electronic process was explained in further detail during a Senior Class meeting on April 3.

Students MUST have their ID and prom receipt (printed or on phone) for admittance. If a couple leaves prom, they are not permitted back in; there are no escorts to limos or cars. Attendees should not leave personal belongings such as purses, cell phones, cameras and tux jackets unattended at the table. For safety reasons, students should not take off their shoes at the dance.

The Senior Send-Off will be held at the high school for seniors and their prom guest. The theme this year will be “Pirates...Where Does Your Map Lead?” Seniors do not have to attend prom to attend the Senior Send-Off. Tickets are $15 and will be sold electronically April 16 - April 27 by using the link mentioned above (http://tr-solonhs.eventbrite.com). Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the event for $20. Payment at the door can be with cash or credit card. Activities begin at 11:00 p.m. and continue through 2:30 a.m. Students must have a photo ID and their After-Prom receipt (printed or on phone) and arrive at the Senior Send-Off no later than 12:00 a.m. to be granted admittance. Everyone must stay until 2:30 a.m. A community open house is offered on Saturday, May 19, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. to allow parents and friends to see the wonderful decorations.

To have the best possible Senior Prom and Send-Off we enforce a drug/alcohol free evening. Students will be subject to a breathalyzer test prior to entering Prom and again at the Send-Off. All school rules pertinent to drugs, alcohol, smoking and proper behavior are in effect for the evening. Any student found to have consumed alcohol or drugs will be removed from the activities and turned over to the custody of his/her parents or the police. No refunds will be made to students who violate behavior expectations and appropriate action will be taken. Seniors who violate the drug and alcohol provision of the Code of Conduct will not be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony. In addition, we are expecting students to dance appropriately. Remember SC - Solon’s CLASSY!
Go to Quick Links on the SHS page at www.solonschools.org for more information

SOLON HIGH SCHOOL 2018 YEARBOOK

2018 YEARBOOKS & ADS ON SALE NOW!
Go to www.yearbookforever.com to place your orders. Visit the Solon High School website under Quick Links SHS Yearbook Info to see more deadlines and details for the yearbook.

WE HAVE SOLD OUT IN RECENT YEARS AND WE CAN NOT PRINT MOR COPIES SO BE SURE TO SECURE YOUR COPY NOW!

SPRING SPORTS AND PROMPOSALS
Yearbook wants you photos from all spring sports and your promposals. Please send to solonyearbook@gmail.com

SENIOR PORTRAITS
WE NEED YOUR SENIOR PORTRAITS!SEND YOUR PORTRAITS TO solonyearbook@gmail.com
SECRET GARDEN

All of the production details, including double casts, are listed on both the ticketing website (solon.es/garden) and shsdrama.org/tickets; I know you both field calls, so here’s the casting info:

Thursday/Saturday Cast
Lily--Lilly Saunders
Mary--Andrea Friedberg
Rose--Megan Lebowitz
Martha--Bridget Miozzi
Colin—Zoe Drasner

Friday/Sunday Cast
Lily--Joelle Fisher
Mary--Emma Moughan
Rose--Samantha Weiskind
Martha--Emily McCulley
Colin—Cece Bettinger

All other roles are single-cast and will appear all four performances.

Box office open hours are Saturday from 11-1, Tuesday night, 4/10 from 7-8, then lunch sales on Thursday and Friday as usual.

   The Box Office will be open at limited times for in-person ticket purchases and one hour prior to curtain times on the day of shows.

   Box Office Hours:
   April 7 - 11-1 pm
   April 10 - 7-8 pm
   April 12 - 10:40-1:05 pm and 6-7 pm
   April 13 - 10:40-1:05 pm and 6-7 pm
   April 14 6-7 pm
   April 15 1-2 pm

SENIORS LEAVING FOR SENIOR PROJECT

May 4 is the last day of school for seniors approved to leave for Senior Project. Once these seniors have left, they will no longer be allowed in the school building. Therefore, by May 4 they should have:

• paid all fees to the bookstore
• purchased all Prom, After Prom, and graduation tickets
• picked up their caps and gowns
• turned in their RSVP & senior picture if invited to the honors banquet
• notified guidance of their final college choice
• checked the May awards academic/attendance lists hanging in the Commons
• cleaned out their lockers
Solon City Schools and the Solon High School Drama Club
Proudly Present

THE SECRET GARDEN

Book and Lyrics by
MARSHA NORMAN

Music by LUCY SIMON

Based on the novel by
Frances Hodgson Burnett

Original Broadway Production
Produced by:
Heidi Landesman
Rick Steiner, Frederic H. Mayerson,
Elizabeth Williams
Jujaumcy Theatres/TV ASAHI and
Dodger Productions

Originally produced by the
Virginia Stage Company,
Charles Towers, Artistic Director

April 12-14, 7:00pm
April 15, 2:00pm
Solon High School Auditorium

$12 Adults ~ $10 Students & Senior Citizens
(Solon Senior Citizens admitted free with proof of ID-email the box office for discount code)
Tickets on sale March 12
Box Office 440-349-6249 or solonboxofficetix@gmail.com

The Secret Garden is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.
The Senior Honor Awards and Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday evening, May 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. This is a very festive evening to honor the achievements of the senior class. For those of you unfamiliar with the event, the PTA arranges for a dinner to be served to approximately 65% of the senior class. Each student may bring only two guests to the dinner. The dinner lasts from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at which time the guests move to the auditorium for academic awards and scholarships. Students may bring additional guests to the program following the dinner. This is a formal program. Please dress accordingly. The dinner is catered and the newly-inducted National Honor Society members serve and clean up.

Invitations will be mailed in April. Every student invited must respond even if they choose not to attend. To respond, visit the link shown on the invitation. Invitations will also be mailed to parents of students who qualified for an award and/or scholarship in late April.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Traditionally, the underclass parents work to make this evening a success so that the parents of the seniors may enjoy the festivities with their students. It takes about twenty people to help get the room ready that afternoon and another ten people to help the underclass members of the National Honor Society serve and clean up that evening. Please check your calendars and see if you might be available to help on that day. If you would like to help, please contact Donna Thomas at thomasbd@roadrunner.com. Remember, one day you’ll want to sit back and enjoy the evening when you have a senior!

HONOR AWARDS LISTS

Lists will be posted with names of students who qualify for the school year’s merit and honor rolls and exemplary attendance. Announcements will be made to let students know when to check the lists, but it would be helpful for you to remind your student to check them. Lists will be posted in mid-April outside the bookstore and in the cafeteria. If you feel that your student qualifies but is not on the list, please call Pam Hesketh in the main office at 349-7294. Please also check the exemplary attendance list attached to this newsletter if you think your student qualified. Call Susan Weiss in the attendance office at 349-7295 with any questions about the attendance list.

UNDERCLASS HONORS AWARDS PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: The dates for the Freshman and Junior Award Program have been changed from what was published in the District calendar mailed in August.

The invitations for the Underclass Honors Awards Programs will be mailed the end of April. Parents are invited to attend. Students who were on merit roll or honor roll for the school year will be recognized, along with Academic Booster award recipients, departmental award winners and exemplary attendance award recipients. The programs will be held in the high school auditorium beginning promptly at 8 a.m. and should last about an hour. The freshman assembly will be held on Tuesday, May 15, the sophomore assembly will be held on Wednesday, May 16 and the junior assembly will be held on Thursday, May 17. If you do not receive an invitation but feel that you should have, please call Pam Hesketh at 349-7294.
EXEMPLARY ATTENDANCE FOR THREE GRADING PERIODS

These students have an exemplary attendance record this school year based on the first 3 grading periods, and for the shown number of years while registered in Solon High School. They will be recognized at our honor award programs. The programs will be held May 16 for seniors and juniors, May 17 for sophomores and May 18 for freshmen. If you have any questions about the list, please call Mrs. Seitz at 349-7295 no later than Tuesday, April 18. Please check for correct spelling and number of years and report any errors.

9th Grade
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Zachary Baldwin ................................................ Joon Park
Garrett Bearss ................................................... Nilima Patel
Praditha Behara ................................................... Anilene Paudel
Joshua Blade ....................................................... Cade Podracky
Ezra Bliss-Hosack ............................................... Lydia Poduska
Clay Bozsvai ....................................................... Tamar Poreh
Paige Brown ....................................................... Hao Qi
Ian Carlisle ......................................................... Isaac Richmond
Mahima Chanana ................................................. Jacob Rotsky
Kurisara Chanapai ................................................. Devin Rubbo
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Richard Chen ...................................................... Scott Siegel
Sebastian Chironi ................................................ Emily Spinelli
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LaVelle Coleman-McKnight ................................... Najee Story
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Michael Cromwell ............................................... Neil Thomas
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Daylen Ellington ................................................ Samuel Wang
Steda Eugene ..................................................... Esha Wankhade
Grace Farley ..................................................... Jayda Wells
Zachary Fitzgerald .............................................. Matthew Wilson
Ryan Funderburg ............................................... Andre' Yazhbin
Kailey Gielink ................................................... Sanem Yenibahar
Rachel Gough .................................................... Amy Zhang
Aliza Greenfield ................................................ Rachel Zhang
Wade Hamilton IV .............................................. Rachel Zhang
Alan Han ............................................................. Eric Nouafo
Kayleigh Hill ...................................................... Kimball Otteson
Garrett Holman .................................................. Joanne Park
Nicole Jackman .................................................. Nithya Nampoothiripad
Noah Jahnke ...................................................... Adha Ngezi
Ola Jirari .............................................................. Gurtej Natt.
Arielle Kantin ..................................................... Daniel Neese
Benjamin Kaplevatsky ............................................ Ada Ngozi
Lauren Kiarie ..................................................... Gregory Parries
Kristin Kim .......................................................... Arsalan Rekhif
Kanrawee Kiratikosolrak ........................................ Aden Pickus
Michael Kong ...................................................... Joshua Pollock
Lawrence Lichtig ................................................ Emily Spinelli
Serena Lim .......................................................... Ekaterina Popova
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Ethan Marigney .................................................... Kayley Ratka
Michael Mattu ..................................................... Tamar Poreh
Jason McColl ..................................................... Anilene Paudel
Caitlin McCurry .................................................. Nithya Nampoothiripad

10th Grade
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Zoe Aldana ......................................................... Giovanni Castiglione
Mattia Bailey ..................................................... Roberto Catalano
Ryan Bauza ......................................................... Anagha Chandrasekharan
Anna Bleich ....................................................... Tian Chen
Jarrett Borovac ................................................... Charles Costanzo
Cameron M. Brown ............................................. Matthew Costanzo
Grace Carlisle ................................................... Shayla Curry
Giovanni Castiglione ........................................... Sandy Deng
Roberto Catalano ................................................. Alexandra Epelbaum
Anagha Chandrasekharan ........................................ Icarus Fernandes
Tian Chen ............................................................. Cameron Fuller
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Shayla Curry ....................................................... Carson Fuller
Sandy Deng ............................................................. Hayden Geller
Alexandra Epelbaum ............................................ Shouriya Ghosh
Icarus Fernandes ................................................. Nadia Gibson
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Scheduling for the 2018-2019 School Year

From January through May the counselors have met and continue to meet with every student in grades 9-11 for individual scheduling conferences. During these meetings, counselors and students review grades, standardized test scores, course selections and career and college planning. Student schedules for next year will be mailed to students in August before the start of school.

High School Curriculum: What’s Important?

⇒ A rigorous high school curriculum shows that you are intellectually curious, willing to challenge yourself and are comfortable working hard.

⇒ Your high school record – the courses you’ve taken and how well you’ve done — is generally considered the most important factor in college admissions. Many colleges consider a challenging course load more important than top grades. Strong grades in honors and AP courses are typically more impressive than perfect grades in regular classes.

⇒ Colleges look beyond your GPA and focus on specific courses (e.g. difficulty), whether your high school grades improved over time and if you let your senior year grades slide. Junior year is most important followed by first semester senior year.

⇒ Along with the transcript, high schools provide colleges with a school profile. The profile contains information about the school, the courses offered, the number of students in the senior class, the percentage of them that go to four-year colleges, etc. Admissions officers review the profile of your high school to gain perspective of your academic achievements.

⇒ Taking the most challenging college prep curriculum you can manage, while earning strong grades, is considered the best strategy for gaining admission to competitive colleges. At the same time, don’t take too intense a work load and get bad grades. Consult with your teachers! Teachers put a lot of thought into the recommendations they make regarding specific core and elective courses.

⇒ Solon High School course selections match up with what most colleges expect from you. Do some research before earning too much college credit while in high school — it can be a mixed blessing depending on the policy of the college you attend following high school. At some colleges, credit from AP classes and high school dual enrollment courses can enable you to earn a college degree in less than four years which will make college more affordable. At other colleges, too many dual enrollment credits could make you eligible to apply only as a transfer applicant instead of a freshman applicant. Also, keep in mind that some colleges do not accept credits (or grades) from other colleges. Policies about AP credit and dual enrollment are generally available on college web sites.
AP Exam Information

AP Exams will be administered during the first two full weeks of May. The calendar of test dates is available at www.collegeboard.com/ap and on the Guidance webpage. A reminder for all current AP students; AP fees were due in March to the bookstore. These are required school fees. If you have not yet submitted your fee, please do so as soon as possible.

Please contact Mrs. Kinney in the Guidance Office with any questions regarding AP exams: (440) 349-7307; kathleenkinney@solonboe.org.

For information regarding AP exam credit policies at the college level, go to: http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp.

College Admission Tip: Some students taking AP courses choose to also take the SAT II Subject Test in June through the College Board. SAT II Subject Tests are often recommended or required by highly selective colleges and universities. Check the college/university admission websites to determine if the SAT IIIs are recommended or required for the schools your student may consider for admission.

Tips for Finding the Right Summer Program

Summer can be the perfect time to explore potential majors and career options; delve more deeply into current interests; develop your talents; gain valuable experiences that might appeal to college admission officers; expand your horizons; and improve important skills (e.g. reading, writing, math and study) that can help you on college entrance exams and throughout your life.

Summer programs, online courses, self-study, internships, employment and volunteering are just some of the ways to engage your mind and make your summer productive.

Summer programs for high school students range from enrolling in an academic course at a local college to pursuing a specific program far from home. With thousands of potential options to choose from, and program costs ranging from free to thousands of dollars, finding the right summer experience requires research. These tips can help you identify summer programs that may be right for you:

Consider Your Goals –

- If you are a student athlete looking to be recruited, seek out showcase programs attended by college coaches.
- If you are contemplating a specific major or career (e.g. business, engineering, scientific research, journalism, medicine, military), investigate programs to test and/or enhance your interest.
- If you are eager to demonstrate that you can be successful at college level work, consider a rigorous program in an area that interests you.
- If broadening your horizons through travel, adventure, cultural immersion and/or community service is important to you, explore opportunities of interest — nearby your home and/or throughout the world.
- If your time would be best spent improving fundamental skills such as reading, writing and math consider an academic program that will help you make meaningful progress.
Consider Your Budget
- Programs range in cost from free (e.g. military academy summer sessions; Telluride Association Summer Program; Udacity; edX) to many thousand dollars (e.g. Harvard, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Northwestern, Stanford).

Consider Your Schedule
- Programs range from a few days to six or more weeks. Keep in mind that it is hard to accomplish anything meaningful in a short period of time.
- Many students pursue more than one summer activity.

Get an early Start on Your Research
- Many selective programs (e.g. Research Science Institute; Clark Scholars Program at Texas Tech; Stanford University Mathematics Camp; Economics for Leaders) have early application deadlines. Interested students should track deadlines and admission criteria.

Understand Selectivity
- Programs range from “pay to play” (e.g. accepting most of those who apply) to extremely competitive. You’ll find many in between. A bit of research can help you gauge selectivity and estimate your likelihood of acceptance.
- Don’t assume that a prestigious college venue corresponds with a highly prestigious program.

Don’t Assume that Attending a Summer Program Will Help you Gain Admission to the Host College
- Often summer program information explicitly states that attending a campus program is not a stepping stone for admission. However, attending a summer program at College X might help you decide that College X is, or is not, right for you.
- Many colleges host summer programs on their campuses that are sponsored by other organizations. For example, Summer Discovery Programs are offered at U Michigan, Georgetown, UCLA, U Penn, Emerson and other schools.

Beware of Invitations to Leadership Programs
- Many students receive official looking correspondence congratulating them on their being selected to apply to a prestigious-sounding leadership development program. Research these programs carefully before pursuing. Many are considered “pay to play” and are generally not impressive to college admissions officers.

Think Twice Before Paying Extra to Earn College Credits
- Some programs allow you to earn college credits. Find out about credit transferability before paying a premium to enroll. You may learn that relatively few students have been able to successfully transfer credits earned.
HONORS DIPLOMA LIST
SOLON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018

This is the current list as of April 6. If a student feels they should be on the honors diploma list and he/she is not listed below, please contact his/her counselor by April 13.

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Note: No SAT II Subject Tests offered in March

Register at www.collegeboard.org    Register at www.actstudent.org

AP Testing: May 7-18, 2018         All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP exam.

A Reminder to Students for Testing: Please be sure you have a current ID issued by the state, picture ID from your school, or passport, AND your admission ticket. You will not be admitted to ACT or SAT testing without a valid ID and your admission ticket.

College Admission Tip: Some students taking AP courses choose to also take the SAT II Subject Test in June through the College Board. SAT II Subject Tests are often recommended or required by highly selective colleges and universities. Check the college/university admission websites to determine if SAT IIs are recommended or required for your colleges of interest.

Students Requesting Accommodations: Students on an IEP or 504 Plan who would like to apply to the testing companies for accommodations should pick up the accommodations request forms from their interventionist (IEPs) or school counselor (504s) as soon as possible. Allow at least eight weeks for processing by the interventionist/counselor and ACT/College Board before desired test date.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The final quarter of the school year has begun and the PTA has a lot of work to do! The After-Prom (Senior Send-Off) Committee has been working on an event that is sure to be one of the most memorable nights of high school! The senior and underclass awards committees are helping organize the grade level Awards Programs and Senior Honors Banquet. The Staff Appreciation Committee has started planning a wonderful luncheon for the staff at SHS to thank them for all they do for our students. Please consider offering your time to assist with any of these events.

AFTER-PROM VOLUNTEERS

Many parents are needed to help set-up and host After-Prom. We cannot start set-up until school is dismissed on Friday. Many hands are needed on Friday evening, May 18th to help set up our “Pirates of the Caribbean” event. Volunteers are also needed to work various committees on Saturday night, May 19th. Opportunities include helping with tickets, food, casino games, and as floaters. If you are able to help on either night, please contact Donna Thomas at thomasbd@roadrunner.com and I will forward the sign-up link to you.

STAFF LUNCHEON

The PTA Staff Appreciation Committee will treat the SHS Teachers and Staff to a wonderful luncheon on Thursday, May 10th. Many donations are needed from parents as we feed over 160 people. Please contact Julie Wilson jwilsonphd@yahoo.com, Leanne Jones blamejones@yahoo.com, or Valentine Ellin vel-lin21@yahoo.com to find out what is needed for this event and/or to volunteer to help set up, serve and/or clean up. The PTA is the only organization that provides these luncheons to our wonderful staff so please consider providing food or helping at the luncheon.

SHS PTA MEETINGS

Please join us for the monthly SHS PTA meetings. They are usually the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Solon Board of Education Conference Room at 9:15 a.m. The meetings are very informative and include reports from Ms. Short, SHS Principal and Mrs.Trocchio, SHS Guidance Department. The PTA meeting dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 24
- Tuesday, May 22

If you are unable to attend, the minutes will be posted online. If you have any questions regarding PTA, please contact Donna Thomas at thomasbd@roadrunner.com.
SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Valentine Ellin, our Budget Bin Chair from the high school. She has invested much time and energy into making sure our spring sale is fully staffed with volunteers. Thank you to all of the volunteers representing Solon High School PTA at Budget Bin. This is a wonderful Solon schools PTA event that funds scholarships for our high school seniors each year. Last year, Solon Council of PTAs gave away $24,000 to 24 deserving Solon High School seniors.

Lori Abraham for organizing the George Steyer PTA Scholarships for the readers to review. Thank you to Cindy Beasley Grant, PTA Membership Chair, who worked hard verifying memberships of all SHS PTA and Council PTA scholarship applicants. We will publish PTA membership periodically so PTA members can confirm exactly when their memberships were received. Our goal is to encourage more parents to join PTA in September, and not wait until March when scholarship applications are due.

The entire 2018 After-Prom/Senior Send-Off Committee! Jolie Haupert, our Chairperson, is hard at work every single day with details concerning this event. All of her work behind the scenes is truly appreciated and she deserves a HUGE thank you. Thanks also to all other committee members who are working right now behind the scenes getting decorations in order, arranging entertainment, organizing food and purchasing the awesome prizes that the students will try to win that evening.

Cheryl Kresevic, Beth Kalinowski, Kathy Soldes, Debbie Marks, Paula Telepak, and Natalie Mandry of the After-Prom Fundraising Committee, who have been busy raising all of the funds needed for this huge event. They organized a VERY SUCCESSFUL February Calendar Raffle. Our next fundraiser is the Celebrity Bartending event at Senorita Bonitas on April 19. Please join us for an evening of fun, and support this great effort.

Elizabeth Song for agreeing to be the After-Prom volunteer coordinator. Her organizational skills will help us tremendously as we attempt to staff this huge event.

Michelle Lyon, PTA Treasurer, who is very busy this time of year with all of the After-Prom purchases, deposits, etc. Michelle is another wonderful volunteer who works behind the scenes for the benefit of our students.

Andrea Rossen for organizing the GRADUATION/SENIOR SIGNS for the Class of 2018. The deadline is approaching, so order yours NOW! The flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Pam Hesketh for helping the PTA After-Prom Fundraising Committee arrange the mailing that went home before spring break. Pam is a huge help to our PTA and we couldn’t do what we do without her.

Paula Telepak and Anne Harmody for organizing the upcoming Senior Honors Banquet. This event is so wonderful for the seniors and their parents and could not be possible without PTA volunteers.
Proposed Resolution for the Solon Council of PTAs

Whereas, The Solon School District has an 8.5 mill operating levy to maintain our current excellent education program for the district on the May 8, 2018 ballot;

Whereas, the 8.5 mill levy would be phased in over two years by first recapturing 1.6 mills of retired bond debt beginning in 2019 at no additional cost to homeowners and then adding 6.9 mills for collection beginning in 2020;

Whereas, the cost of the levy will be approximately $241 per $100,000 of assessed home value (35% of the appraised value);

Whereas, this levy is critical for Solon City Schools, our communities, our children, and our future prosperity;

Whereas, Solon City Schools have been rated "Excellent" by the Ohio Department of Education and ranked as the top district in the state of Ohio;

Whereas, the district has made significant expense reductions, and along with effective contract negotiations and past voter support, it remains on solid financial footing with a positive forecast;

Whereas, the district’s overall operating expenses are increasing and state funding has been reduced by millions, the support of our local community is needed to protect our schools, knowing that without the passage of this levy, deeper cuts that directly impact our students will have to be made;

Whereas, this levy will fund classroom education and programming that are essential to keep our schools excellent and protect the quality of our communities.

It is Resolved, that Solon Council of PTAs endorses the passage of the proposed levy in the General Election on May 8, 2018.

Health, Safety and Welfare

Please see the attached flyers for several events. First is the Drug Take Back program at the Solon Senior Center on Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Officers will be on hand to take back any unused medications in your home. Unused medications should never be flushed or thrown away. Also, it is dangerous to keep unused narcotics at home because they could be taken by teens or others and abused. SAY is also hosting two upcoming events, a Spring Book discussion and a Spring Forum.

There has also been an upswing in sexting within the teen population. The average age kids now get a smartphone is 10 years old, and the older they get, the more apt they are to sext. 15% of teens say that they have sent sexts, and 27% say that they have received them. There is a great article by Patch National Staff that includes more statistics on this as well as 50 texting/sexting abbreviations that all parents should be familiar with. The article can be found at: https://patch.com/us/across-america/teen-sexting-upswing-50-terms-every-parent-should-know.
DON’T BE THE DEALER

STOLEN

LOST

MISUSED

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Solon Senior Center
35000 Portz Parkway

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FOR AFTER PROM/SENIOR SEND-OFF

Everyone is welcome to attend the After Prom Open House on Saturday, May 19th from 5:30-7:00. Come in and look at the spectacular “Pirates of the Caribbean” decorations and entertainment that the Class of 2018 will enjoy later in the evening! If you would be willing to help out this evening, please contact Donna Thomas thomasbd@roadrunner.com. Volunteers will be placed throughout the decorated areas to answer any questions and to help keep the decorations safe, as many children come through as well.

HEINEN’S FUNDRAISER

Please sign up for Heinen’s Tasteful Rewards and designate Solon High School PTA as the beneficiary. Solon High School PTA earns 1% on all sales. It’s an easy way to earn money for after-prom.

Follow these easy steps to participate -

Go to www.heinensrewards.com

◊ If you’re already a member of the Tasteful Rewards Program, simply log in (enter your email address and password) and then click on "My Profile" in the upper right hand corner.

◊ Scroll down to the ABC School Donation Program section at the bottom of the page and select Solon and Solon High School from the pull-down lists for "Your School of Choice" and click "Save Changes."

◊ If you are not a member of Heinen’s Tasteful Rewards program, go to www.heinensrewards.com to register. It only takes a minute. Once you are registered, complete the step above to select SHS as your school of choice. Customers without computers can contact Heinen’s at 216-475-2300 ext. 2337.

◊ You can also register at the customer service desk at any Heinen’s store.

Once you join and register your card, all you need to do is show your Heinen’s Preferred Customer Card every time you shop. Last year our PTA received over $1600 from Heinens which was used to help fund after-prom. You must register your card every school year.
SPRING BUDGET BIN CONSIGNMENT SALE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help set-up, sort, put merchandise on the sales floor, fold clothes, clean up, and help in various other ways at the Spring Budget Bin Consignment Sale held at Arthur Road Elementary School.

The days and times volunteers are needed:

- Monday April 9, set-up gym, 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday April 10, consignment day, 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday April 11, consignment day, 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday April 12, sale day, 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- Friday April 13, sale day, 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday April 14, sale day, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- Monday April 16, sale day and consignor pickup, 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday April 17, sale day and clean up, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

We are also in need of large and medium size shopping bags. You can bring them to a PTA meeting or contact me to make arrangements for me to get them from you.

Contact Valentine Ellin at vellin21@yahoo.com to sign up or if you have any questions.

BOX TOPS

Although high schools are not allowed to participate in the Box Tops for Education program, please continue to save your BOX TOPS. We will collect them at every PTA meeting and they will be distributed to the school of your choice in the district. If you would like you can drop them in the mail also: SHS PTA, 33600 Inwood Drive.
Please join SHS PTA for our
5th Annual Celebrity Bartending Event
in support of SHS Senior Send Off
Thursday, April 19, 6-9pm
Senorita Bonita's
6000 Enterprise Pkwy, Solon

20% of all food and liquor sales from 11am-10pm will be donated to SHS PTA
Can't make it for bartending? Come for lunch!
50/50 raffle, tons of 'celebrities', lots of fun
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GRADUATION YARD SIGNS
Sponsored by the Solon High School PTA

Attention Parents of 2018 Graduating Seniors!
Celebrate this important milestone in your child’s life by purchasing a Graduation Yard Sign!
*Please note that signs are only available through pre-order*

Signs are only $16!
Paid orders are due: Thursday, April 26
Sign pick up will be at the Senior Honors Banquet on Tuesday, May 15
Or SHS Guidance Office

Questions? Contact Andrea Rossen at ahrossen@gmail.com

GRADUATION YARD SIGN ORDER FORM
PLACE YOUR NEATLY COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK OR CASH IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.
*Checks should be made out to SHS PTA*
Note “Graduation Sign” on the outside of the envelope.

Drop off at the SHS Office or mail it to Andrea Rossen:
36821 Meadowdale Dr, Solon OH 44139 by the deadline.

Parent’s Name ________________________________________________________________
Graduate’s Name _____________________________________________________________
E-mail address ________________________________________________________________
Phone # _____________________________________________________________________

Qty__________ @ $16.00 each = ______________ Total Enclosed
SAY SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION: 
Holding Up the Universe

SAY—Social Advocates for Youth invites you to attend a discussion on Holding Up the Universe by Jennifer Niven. This Young Adult fiction book about learning to love yourself and fitting in is an engaging, quick read for both adults and teens.

The book discussion will provide an opportunity for parents and teens to talk about self-acceptance, resiliency, fitting in and relationships in a relaxed, non-judgmental environment.

“Moving … The true heart of the tale lies in personal growth and learning to love yourself.”
- Bookish.com

“Written in short chapters of alternating perspectives, this is a thoughtful exploration of identity and self-acceptance, with commentary on overcoming adversities that will hit close to home.”
- School Library Journal starred review

Book Discussions

Free and open to the public!

» April 14
10:30-1:30 a.m.
Shaker Heights Library
Bertram Woods Branch
20600 Fayette Road
Shaker Heights, OH

» April 28
10:30-1:30 a.m.
Barnes & Noble (music section)
Eton Chagrin Boulevard
28801 Chagrin Boulevard
Woodmere, OH

» May 10
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Bellefaire JCB
Building A
22001 Fairmount Boulevard
Shaker Heights, OH

(Facilitated by SAY staff)

Please RSVP:
Nancy Schaumburg, L.I.S.W.-S.,
SAY Coalition Coordinator
216.320.8469
schaumburgn@bellefairejcb.org

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Director of SAY
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www.e-say.org
Mark Your Calendars - What is Up Next?
Tuesday, April 17th from 7:00-9:00PM at the Solon Board of Education
OPEN proudly present Solon’s own, Dr. Leah Gongola, PhD, BCBA-A, affectionately referred to as “Dr. G” will be teaching us and leading a discussion on Positive Behavior Supports for Home and School. She’ll be focused on quick tips to increase positive behavior in our kids. You won’t want to miss it! RSVP is requested but not required: https://goo.gl/forms/Bdd1gjAzNbbU3Tq32 Questions or concerns can be directed to Annie Dellamorte, Solon Parent Mentor at 440-349-8039.
SAY SPRING FORUM
Respect All, Accept All, Include All

SAY—Social Advocates for Youth invites you to attend an engaging, interactive program for parents, students, school staff and other professionals who work with youth.

Presented by
Julia Ellifritt LISW-S
Amy Mitchell, LSW
Nicol Krause, MSSA
Cornerstone of Hope

Social Workers, Counselors and Psychologists attending the presentation will receive 2 free CEU's!

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Registration » 8:30 a.m.
Presentation » 9-11 a.m.

The Wuliger Center on Bellefai JCB's Campus
One Pollock Circle
22001 Fairmount Blvd.
Shaker Heights, OH 44118
(Free and open to the public)

Program
Moving From Tolerance to Inclusion

Inclusion moves beyond integration. It is not tolerance; it's unquestioned acceptance.

Join SAY for this informative, interactive workshop that will help participants become part of the change for a more inclusive community through:
• experiential activities
• movie clips
• practical interventions

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SAY—Social Advocates for Youth is a school-based prevention and early intervention program of Bellefai JCB for students in middle and high school. SAY services are offered in eight east suburban school districts in Cuyahoga County: Beachwood, Chagrin Falls, Cleveland Heights-University Heights, Mayfield, Orange, Shaker Heights, Solon and South Euclid-Lyndhurst.
SOLON PTA NIGHT AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD

CLEVELAND INDIANS VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS
FRIDAY, MAY 11th, 2018 AT 7:10 PM

OUTFIELD CLUB $56 | UPPER BOX $23 | FAMILY DECK $20

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
https://www.mlb.com/indians/tickets/specials/solonpta
USE SPECIAL CODE: SOLON
ORDER DEADLINE: APRIL 12th

Orchard Ensemble will perform the National Anthem
Pre-Game Parade. Please line up inside of the Left Field Gate at 6:00 PM

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LISA HECKMAN:
Heckman.lisa@gmail.com or 440.248.1878
Solon Academic Boosters
Promoting, recognizing, and rewarding academic achievement at Solon High School.

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COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP

Sign-ups for the College Essay Workshop will be held April 10-13. These workshops take students through the entire college essay creation process – from brainstorming to editing – using a mix of instruction, group interaction, in-session writing, and individual counseling. This is a great way for your Rising Seniors to get a head-start on their college applications before the stress of fall sets in!

There will be five workshops this year:

- May 16, 20, 22, 24 (W/Su/Tu/Th) from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- June 4 (M) from 8:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. AND June 6, 8, 11 (W/F/M) from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- June 5, 10 (Tu/Su) from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AND June 7, 13 (Th/W) from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- July 16, 22, 24 (M/Su/Tu) from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. AND July 19 (Th) from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- August 9, 11 (Th/Sa) from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. AND August 12, 15 (Su/W) from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Seats in each session are limited and Academic Boosters members get to sign up first, so if you aren’t a member be sure you join right away!

Signups will be held:

- Tuesday April 10 (7:10-7:45 and all lunch periods) – Students of current Academic Boosters members ONLY
- Wednesday, April 11 (7:10-7:45 and all lunch periods) – Students of current Academic Boosters members and anyone joining Academic Boosters with their workshop registration
- Thursday, April 12 (all lunch periods and after school until 3:30 p.m.) – all current juniors
- Friday, April 13 (lunch periods only) – all current juniors

A College Essay Workshop signup form and an Academic Boosters membership application are available at the end of the Academic Boosters section of this newsletter.

RISING STARS

Congratulations to the 311 Rising STARS recognized at a special lunch on April 5th! These students were all nominated by a teacher for showing an exemplary attitude in the classroom! They celebrated with lunch provided by Giant Eagle and Gionino’s of Solon. Many thanks to our Rising STARS Chairs, Lisa McCurry and Joy Schneider, for planning another great event! And thank you to our wonderful volunteers: Lisa Heckman, Mary Ann Mooney, Stephanie Chisling, Lori Abraham, Jenn Drasner, Richelle McCoy, Donna Thomas, Valentine Ellin, and Tammy Simone.

Recognition Programs
Academic Awards, Academic Teams, Exemplary Attendance, Graduation Medals, National Merit Scholars, Rising Star, Scholarships, Shining Star Program, Strive for .5

Fundraising
Book Sales, Membership, Corporate Donations
ORDER SUMMER REQUIRED READING BOOKS BY APRIL 18

Current SHS students and incoming 9th grade students can order their summer required reading books for English classes now. English teachers have forms available for students or you can use the order form attached to the end of the Academic Boosters section in this newsletter.

SHS students can submit their order forms at the SHS Bookstore and SMS 8th graders can submit their forms at the SMS Office. Orders may also be mailed to the high school at 33600 Inwood Road. All orders must include either cash or a check made payable to the Solon Board of Education. The books will be bagged and available for pickup before the end of school.

Please support Academic Boosters’ programs and scholarships by ordering summer required reading books through the Bookstore!

Order deadline is Wednesday 4/18.

Fourth-quarter Required Reading books are also currently available at the Bookstore, and they also support our programs!

UPCOMING DINNER FUNDRAISERS

Planning to be hungry on Monday, April 9 and Wednesday, May 18? Solon Academic Boosters Club is happy to help you with your dinner plans!!

We will be having a fundraiser at Chipotle on Monday, April 9 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Just bring a copy of our flyer to the Solon Chipotle and they will donate a portion of your bill to the Academic Boosters!

Then join us on May 18 for our a-little-late-for Cinco de Mayo dinner fiesta at Senorita Bonita’s! We will be holding our end-of-the-year celebration at 7:00 p.m., and we welcome everyone to join us for that! Or come with your family and friends for your own celebration – or even pick up dinner and take it home with you! Look for our flyer as that date approaches, bring it with you, and a portion of your dinner will benefit the Solon Academic Boosters!

SHINING STAR AWARDS

Shining Star forms were distributed to the Senior class this past week. A “Shining Star” is any Solon Schools’ employee who has made a difference in your student’s education or school experience. Each Senior can nominate as many Shining Stars as they would like; they just need to use one form per nominee. Please ask your student about the Shining Star and encourage them to turn in their forms. The recipients really appreciate knowing they’ve made a difference! Forms are due April 11.
EXEMPLARY BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

Believe it or not, there are actually students who make it through their entire high school career without missing a day of school! On April 12 we will honor the 16 seniors who earned 4 years of the Exemplary Attendance Award with a breakfast celebration held at Chicago Deli. Best wishes to these seniors, and congratulations on your impressive attendance record!

Ariel Cahn  Darius Harrison  Jang-Der Lin  Taylor Siegel
Hannah Carlisle  Zoe Katz  Cassidy McColl  Karanjot Singh
Andy Chen  Adrienne Kvaka  Emily McCulley  Dominic Sutter
Jenna Freireich  Grace Li  Jay Patel  Thomas Wilks

STRIVE FOR .5

Our second Strive for .5 Dessert Bar will be held Wednesday, April 25 during all lunches. Students qualify for .5 by raising their quarterly GPA by .5 or more. Your student will be notified in the mail if (s)he qualified. If so, please remind them to stop by the Dessert Bar across from the Bookstore and fill their plates high with treats to share with their lunch friends. If you would like to volunteer for Dessert Bar (any time from 10:15-1:15 any increment of time is welcome), please send us an email at solonacademicboosters@hotmail.com

NEXT MEETING

Please join us for our April meeting on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Giant Eagle Market District (upstairs). Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Please take an opportunity to get to know us better! Check out our website at: http://www.solonacademicboosters.com Or like us on facebook (Solon Academic Boosters Club). Or send us an email at solonacademicboosters@hotmail.com We’d love to hear from you!

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Recognition Programs
Academic Awards, Academic Teams, Exemplary Attendance, Graduation Medals, National Merit Scholars, Rising Star, Scholarships, Shining Star Program, Strive for .5

Fundraising
Book Sales, Membership, Corporate Donations
We need YOUR help to promote the achievements of every SHS student!!!

* Rising Star
* National Merit Scholars
* Graduation Medals
* Academic Letter Awards
* Academic Teams
* College Essay Workshop
* Strive for .5
* Exemplary Attendance
* Scholarships

Solon Academic Boosters Club Membership Form

Name(s)__________________________________________________________________

Address___________________________________________________________________

Email address______________________________________________________________

Home Phone_______________________     Cell Phone____________________________

SHS Student(s) Name and Grade
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
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Type of Membership (pick one): Please ask your employer if they will match your contribution!

[ ] Basic Membership ($10 minimum)       [ ] Strive for .5 Recognition
[ ] Family Membership ($25 minimum)       [ ] College Essay Workshop
[ ] Silver Membership ($50 minimum)       [ ] Any – no preference
[ ] Gold Membership ($75 minimum)
[ ] Platinum Membership ($100 minimum)
[ ] Corporate Membership ($250 minimum)
[ ] Solon Schools Staff Membership – Solon Schools employees only ($5 minimum)

Make check payable to Solon Academic Boosters Club

Please return this form and a check to the SHS Main Office or mail it to Solon Academic Boosters Club, Solon High School, 33600 Inwood Road, Solon, OH 44139

Or use Paypal to join online at: http://www.solonacademicboosters.com/becomeamember/

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Solon Academic Boosters

Promoting, recognizing, and rewarding academic achievement at Solon High School

- **Rising Star** – Students recognized for academic efforts and attitude in the classroom (1 student/class each grading period). Students are rewarded with lunch and a certificate.

- **Academic Letter Awards** – For students with a 3.5 or above grade point average for the academic year. Students are awarded chenille letters the first year and silver and gold pins for second-year and third-year achievements.

- **Strive for .5** – Students recognized for improved grade point average of .5 or more from one grading period to the next. After the second and third grading periods students are rewarded with lunch and a certificate. After the fourth grading period, students are rewarded with a gift card from a local business and a certificate.

- **National Merit Scholars** – National Merit Commended and Semi-Finalist students are treated to lunch at a local restaurant with the Principal and Assistant Principals.

- **Exemplary Attendance** – Seniors with four years of exemplary attendance are treated to breakfast with the principal and assistant principals at a local restaurant.

- **Graduation Medals** – Seniors attaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and above for seven semesters receive medals to wear at graduation.

- **Scholarships** – College scholarships awarded to select Seniors based on their application. Parents of scholarship recipients must be an Academic Boosters member.

- **Academic Teams** – Academic teams may request money to be used for competition entry fees, travel, and other approved expenses.

**Your help is needed to fund our efforts to promote the achievements of every student!!! Ways YOU can help…**

- Complete and return membership form (or online at [http://www.solonacademicboosters.com/becomeamember/](http://www.solonacademicboosters.com/becomeamember/))

- Purchase Student Planners and required reading books at the SHS Bookstore (see list of available books on our website)

- Attend our meetings on the third Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm at a local restaurant – check our website for location: [http://www.solonacademicboosters.com/](http://www.solonacademicboosters.com/)

- Sign up to help with our events
College Application Essay Writing Workshops

Presented by Solon High School college essay advisors Susan Elliott Blashka and Hollace Schmidt
and sponsored by Solon Academic Boosters

These 10-hour workshops (divided into four 2 1/2-hour sessions) take students through the entire essay creation process—from brainstorming to editing—using a mix of instruction, group interaction, in-session writing, and individual consulting.

Top 5 Reasons to Sign Up

Applying to college is stressful! Even without the essay portion, applications are time consuming, exhausting, and stress inducing. Most applications do not open until the fall, so getting a jump start on the main essay over the summer makes fall much more bearable.

Students have other time commitments in the fall. Beyond challenging academics, many students have activities—athletics, music, clubs, work, and volunteering—that compete for their valuable after-school and weekend hours. Writing a good college essay takes time. Do it while that time is available.

Many students have supplemental essays too. Students applying to competitive universities or to a specific school within a university likely will have supplemental essays to write in addition to the Common App or Coalition App essay. Working on the main essay during the summer will free up time to focus on supplementals in the fall.

Getting expert advice is simply smart. Picking a good essay topic and addressing it thoroughly and appropriately isn’t easy. The workshops provide guidance throughout the whole process to eliminate wasted time and effort.

Past students (even those whose parents made them come!) are so glad they attended. Here’s what a few of last year’s participants said about the workshops:

“I don’t know what I was expecting, but this sure wasn’t it. [Mrs. Schmidt and Ms. Blashka] made it really fun and entertaining.”

“I couldn’t have written a college essay of this caliber without your help.”

“I never would have come up with this topic on my own.”

“Made my application process so much easier and less stressful. Literally the best money my parents could have spent!”
SHS College Application Essay Workshop Registration Form

Bring completed registration form with $200 payment (check or cash) to sign up. Must be a current JUNIOR to apply.

Student Name: ____________________________________________
Academic Boosters member? _____Yes _____No
Student Phone _________________ Parent Phone ________________
Student email _______________________________________________
Parent email ________________________________________________

Workshop Dates: Indicate top 3 priorities in case workshop closes.

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Note: A minimum number of students is required to hold each workshop. A workshop will close once the maximum number of students is reached. Parents will receive an email confirming their workshop date AFTER sign-ups. All sessions are held at SHS in the Media Center.

Fee: $200 (A portion of the proceeds benefits Solon Academic Boosters.) Make checks payable to Solon Academic Boosters. Payment MUST accompany registration. No refunds; student may switch to another workshop if open.

SIGN-UP PROCESS and DATES – Academic Booster Members register first.
All sign-ups will take place across from the bookstore.
~ TUESDAY, April 10 7:10-7:45 a.m. and all lunch periods – Students of CURRENT Academic Booster Members
~ WEDNESDAY, April 11 7:10-7:45 a.m. and all lunch periods – Students of current Academic Booster Members and anyone joining Academic Boosters with their workshop registration (fill out attached membership form)
~ THURSDAY, April 12 all lunch periods and after school until 3:30 p.m. – all current juniors
~ FRIDAY, April 13 lunch periods only – all current juniors
Guess what time it is???? Time to talk marching band. I know it's hard to believe that our school year is winding down and we are gearing up for another marching band season. Forms will soon be available to sign up and register your students for band camp. Below are listed some important dates to remember for this summer. It is imperative that your students attend band camp and rehearsals in the summer. Please try and schedule all family vacation and outings around these dates. If you do have a conflict, please contact the band directors as soon as possible.

We are looking for people to step up into key roles that will be open starting July 1, 2018. If you are interested in the following positions please contact me.

Vice President
Water/band assistant shadow
Purchasing

It takes a lot of volunteer hands to have our organization run smoothly. Please consider giving some of your time to SMP.

Spring concessions are open and in full swing. Head over to solonmusicparents.org and sign up today. Remember students need a total of 12 volunteer hours to be considered for a leadership position in the band and these are the last chances to get those hours. Parents, your hours count too.

**Band Camp Important Dates:**

- **May 10** - start switchovers to marching band instruments
- **May 17** - Marching band percussion auditions
- **July 16-20** - percussion rehearsals 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **July 18-20** - Freshmen/new marchers rehearsal 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **July 22-27** - BAND CAMP at Walsh University
- **July 27** - performance for parents after band camp approximately 4:30 p.m. at Solon High School
- **August 7-9** - rehearsal 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the high school.
- **August 8** - Picture Day for marching band

**Mark Your Calendars:**

- **April 25**: SMS Spring strings concert 7:00 p.m. SHS auditorium
- **April 26**: Orchard Spring strings concert 7:00 p.m. auditorium
- **April 30**: Show Choir awards dinner 7:00 p.m.
- **May 1**: Music Parents Meeting 7:00 p.m. High School band room (last meeting of the year)
- **May 2**: Spring band concert 7:00 p.m.
- **May 3**: Spring Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m.
Spring sports are in full swing even if the weather is not cooperating! Solon Athletic Boosters are proud to have been able to fund the following requests:

- Girls’ lacrosse: 30 Equipment bags.
- Track and field: 30 hurdles and 8 blocks + 1 block cart. Cost split with Athletic Department.

We are always looking for volunteers! Please contact Nancy Westrich at nwestrich@advantagemri.us.com
FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE - DIRECT LINES

Solon Schools phone system has direct lines to make it more convenient for parents and others to call the various offices and individuals at Solon High School. You will find it easier and quicker to dial direct to the office of the person with whom you wish to speak. Important numbers are:

**Attendance Office - 349-8037**
- Athletic Office - 349-6244
- Athletic Hotline - 349-8060
- Main Office - 349-6230
- FAX - 349-8041

**Counseling Office - 349-7304**
- Cindy Russell  A - C  349-6242
- Richard Nowak  D – Ho  349-6243
- Ann Trocchio  Hp - Mc  349-7407
- Kathleen Kinney  Md - See  349-7307
- Brad Sims  Sef - Z  349-6241

If you need to reach a specific teacher, dial the Voice Mail line at **349-7757**, then refer to the voice mail directory in the September newsletter or on our website for the correct extension.