A message from Mr. Varela

As we prepare to enter the 2015 – 2016 school year, I think of the challenging times we are living in today. Students have their share of hurdles – dealing with peer pressure, performing on standardized testing, balancing academics with extra-curricular activities, becoming expert time managers, being accepted to colleges, and making sure that they are meeting the needs of the family – to name a few.

With one of my sons attending high school this year as a freshman, I stand with you as a high school parent. As you may be doing, I continue to ask myself, “Where has the time gone?” At the same time, the excitement of this year brings a smile to my face. The lessons I have learned in my 21 years in education will help me guide him as he starts his journey. These same lessons will also help me guide your sons and daughters – almost 2,900 students – who will enter our doors on September 3rd.

We expect great things from your children and you are an integral part of their success. This equation also includes our highly enthusiastic and distinguished faculty and staff. Students will be challenged each and every day. The lessons they learn this year will assist them in their academic and personal growth. We will require them to take academic risks, as well as expose them to rigorous curricula. This approach will prepare them for the rigors of higher education.

We have a winning formula at SBHS and the data reinforces this fact. This formula includes our students wanting to be challenged, our teachers preparing rigorous, relevant and challenging lessons, and our parents having high expectations for their children, our faculty and staff. We are consistently recognized as an institution that stands above many others.

Our challenge is not to rest on our laurels, but to continue to raise the academic bar. “Challenge Your Limits”, which is this year’s district theme, is critical to our continued success. I will be challenging our faculty and students to identify our limits and create goals and action plans to push ourselves further than we have ever gone before. I also invite you to talk with your children and support them with this challenge. You, too, may want to “challenge your limits”. Take these last few weeks of summer not only to enjoy the weather and the ever important family time, but also to have honest conversations about limits and challenges. Write down the challenges and your goals, and periodically check them. Stay on course and exceed your limits!

Looking forward to a rewarding and fulfilling 2015-2016 school year!

Library Media Center News

Welcome back to our returning students and greetings to our new freshmen! We are looking forward to meeting our new 9th graders when they visit for library orientation with their English classes.

We have many exciting programs and events planned this year! The Viking Challenge returns for a fourth year. This reading contest is designed to broaden our students’ horizons as they plan for life after high school. This year’s selections come from the updated list for the college bound and lifelong learners published by the American Library Association. We hope you will encourage your child to participate. Additional information on the contest can be found on the library wiki page. In addition, we are proud to partner with the South Brunswick Public Library for our sixth annual South Brunswick Reads program. Check back in the coming months to find out more about the theme selected for this year.

Our library continues to grow with new books arriving throughout the school year. Our librarians are always ready to recommend print and online materials. To support students as SBHS begins BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), the library will offer charging stations to power up student devices. We will work to educate our students on device etiquette and looking for teachable moments to share how and when to use a device. We are increasing our electronic resources by expanding our ebook and database offerings. The SBHS databases supply credible, quality information on many topics, including: history, current events, international and domestic politics, literature, science, and health. Passwords are available at the library desk. Beginning this fall, our library catalog will be available online to parents and students. Check the library website for more details.

This year our library will launch the SBHS MakerSpace. Maker spaces are designed to appeal to students’ natural intelligences by building diverse learning opportunities into the school day. The SBHS MakerSpace begins with three stations. A Disassembly Line, where students can deconstruct simple electronics to better understand the components, design, and function. A Creation Station, where students can construct a simple product to donate to a child in need. Finally, the future of printing is here, as we unveil our 3D printer. All students are welcome to try out the MakerSpace!

Please encourage your child to come and visit the SBHS Library Media Center. The library is open at 7:10 a.m. every morning. Students may visit before school, during HAP classes, and at lunchtime. Our desktop computers are available to students throughout the school day and our laptops and iPads are available for class use. The library staff looks forward to working with everyone this year.
Mark Your Calendar!

Convocation & Senior Class Photo Friday, September 11th

Our Convocation for 9th and 12th graders will take place on Friday, September 11th. 9th & 12th graders will report to school at the regular time. 10th and 11th graders will be picked up two and one half hours later than their normal bus pick up times and should report to school by 9:50 a.m. We will follow a special schedule on this day.

Yearbook Pictures September 17th, 18th, 21st & 22nd

All 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will have their yearbook pictures taken on these days. Freshman and Sophomore pictures will be taken during HAP classes. Junior pictures will be taken during PE classes. Students can also have their pictures taken during lunch.

Senior Portrait Deadline September 22nd

If your graduating senior has not had his/her senior portrait taken during one of these previous sessions, the final one is coming up beginning on September 16th and ending on September 22nd. Prestige Portraits mails to each student’s home address an appointment card, but if he/she has not received it or misplaced it, students can check the appointment lists posted at www.mslehre.weebly.com. Students MUST use their confirmation codes included on the appointment card (and posted at www.mslehre.weebly.com) to confirm their appointment at www.photoappointment.com.

Important Phone Numbers
Dial 732-329-4044, then the appropriate extension

| Attendance  | x3225 | Principal | x3226 |
| Nurses’ Offices | | | |
| Class of 2016 & 2017 | x5234 | Guidance | x3205 |
| Class of 2018 & 2019 | x5208 | James Kimple Center for Alternative Education | x3203 |
| Grade-Level Offices | | | |
| Class of 2016 | x3205 | School Resource Officer | x3281 |
| Class of 2017 | x3272 | Special Education | x3216 |
| Class of 2018 | x3383 | | |
| Class of 2019 | x3244 | | |
| Library | x5207 | Student Assistance Counselor | x3321 |
| Athletics Office | x3247 | BRIDGE Center/ School Based Youth Services | x3246 |
| Athletic Director | x5233 | | |
| Student Activities | x3316 | Student Services/ Coordinator | x3216 |
| Lost and Found | x3203 | 504 Coordinator | x5220 |
| Department Supervisors/Chairs | | | |
| Art, Business, Family & Consumer | | | |
| Science, Technology | x3229 | | |
| English | x5230 | | |
| Math | x3241 | | |
| PE/Health | x3208 | | |
| Performing Arts | x3846 | | |
| Science | x3201 | | |
| Social Studies | x3288 | | |
| World Languages | x5201 | | |

School Goals

Our District theme “Challenge Your Limits” is critical to the success of our school this year. The message applies to all of us. I am challenging your children to take some time to think about what this statement means for them.

In a school this large, we are all important, both individually and collectively. We are all linked in one way or another. Our success depends on each other – teachers challenging students academically, athletically and artistically, and students challenging the status quo and stretching their learning and pursuit of knowledge.

As a high school community, we will focus on four school goals this year.

- Self-Regulation
- Physical Health and Wellness of the Community
- Mental Health Awareness and Wellness
- School Climate: Safety and Security

I know we can meet and exceed our goals by challenging our limits; I also know that it will take all of us to succeed.

Vince Lombardi once said, “The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.”

I challenge each of us – students, parents, teachers, support staff, administrators – to answer an important question: “What personal actions will help me contribute to the success of South Brunswick High School?”

Remember, our results will represent the “combined efforts of each individual.”

PSAT Testing Wednesday, October 14th, 2015
Mission Statement: The South Brunswick High School community values academic excellence, diversity, and a safe learning environment. The school empowers students to develop skills and character as they explore their talents and interests in order to become informed citizens and leaders in the global community.

SBHS Core Values:
- Honesty
- Kindness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Service

South Brunswick School District
2015-2016 Theme
“Challenge your limits”

Remember that Student IDs must be worn on a lanyard throughout the school day.

Photo IDs and Lanyards can be purchased throughout the school year in Room C301.

Important Reminder: Don’t forget to complete summer math assignments.

Please be aware that most math classes have summer assignments.

Please go to our website and click on “Summer Assignments” under Quick Links or go to http://www.sbschools.org/schools/sbhs/academic_departments/SummerAssignments2015.php

All students entering any level of Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, or Pre-Calculus will be expected to complete a summer assignment before the first day of class.

In addition, there are summer assignments for AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, and AP Computer Science A. The assignments and instructions are posted on the High School website, under Quick Links, entitled “Summer Assignments”.

The purpose of the assignments is to practice skills over the summer and ensure a good start with math coursework in the fall. The assignment will also give students the opportunity to review and receive help with the math concepts that students find most challenging. Answers for the assignments will be provided, work will be checked on the first day of class, and the content will be quizzed on the third day of class.

In order to make certain that students are able to successfully complete the packets, the high school is offering tutoring on August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., August 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and September 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Room assignments will be posted at the front desk. There is no need to register for tutoring sessions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anna Alfieri at anna.alfieri@sbschools.org

Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores:
Take some time during this summer and access your Naviance account. Your counselor will be discussing your college or career options with you this year.

Freshmen:
Your Naviance Code will be distributed on the first day of school. Please take some time to log in and become familiar with Naviance. Please keep your code in a safe place as you will need it during the school year.

Please access our website at: http://www.sbschools.org/schools/sbhs/index.php to find out additional information.

Important News for Seniors
Please download the “Authorization to Release Student Transcript”. Please sign and return to Mrs. Epps in the Guidance Office by September 11th.
Nurses Corner - Some tips for a healthy school year

The Health Offices welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year! This year, the Main Health Office will care for grades 9 and 10 and is staffed by Donna Moreen CSN, RN and Rena Eng RN. They can be reached at extension 3264. The Annex Health Office will care for grades 11 and 12 and is staffed by Donna Sichta CSN, RN and Be Socienski RN. They can be reached at extension 3843. Your child will stay with the same health office and nurses for their four years at the high school. This allows for continuity of care with your child throughout their high school years.

Please visit our page on the South Brunswick High School Website. It is located on the drop down bar for Departments and select School Nurse (http://www.sbschools.org/schools/sbhs/nurse/index.php). Here, you will find all health forms which can be printed to your home computer. Current information regarding Sports Physical forms and tryout information is located on the Athletic Department and the Nurses page under Sports Physical forms.

Our goal is to keep your student in school and learning. Please return the Health Form you receive in your packet from the High School. You will need to sign the bottom portion so we can administer Tylenol or Advil to your child throughout the school year when necessary for minor aches and pains.

Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs is a learning theory which states that basic needs must be met in order for an individual to learn and become self actualized. Sleepy, dehydrated and hungry teens do not perform well in their academics. Here are three things you can do to ensure your child’s academic success this school year.

SLEEP: Make sure your student gets a full 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night. Sleep improves cognitive recall for learning and testing. Research shows that students who stay up and cram for tests but only get 4 hours of sleep perform worse on tests than their peers who slept a full 8 hours prior to testing.

WATER: Make sure your child is adequately hydrated. Avoid caffeine products that cause dehydration. Student athletes need to pay special attention to hydration. Headaches and sleepiness in school can occur when teens are dehydrated. You can place a water bottle or two in your child's backpack for the day. Water fountains are located throughout the school for refilling.

FOOD: Students who eat breakfast in the morning perform better academically than their peers who do not eat breakfast. If a child’s last meal is at 6pm, they may have to go 18 hours before lunch break. They then become hypoglycemic and symptomatic with headaches, dizziness, sleepiness. If your teen tells you they are not hungry in the morning, throw a protein bar, dry cereal and piece of fruit in their backpack. They probably aren't hungry at first awakening but they do get hungry at 9 or 10am and would really appreciate the snacks you pack at that time!

Also, please remember that students are not allowed to carry their own medication at the high school unless we have a specific order from your physician allowing for this. All medications must be given through the Health Office unless specified by your physician.

We look forward to ensuring your child’s health and well-being this school year. We partner with parents to guide your child to create good habits in their teen years which will carry into the adult phase of their life. If you have any specific concerns you would like to discuss with your child’s school nurse, please call or email us at any time. Health Office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Welcome Back!

Guidance Department - Important Course Deadlines

Entering a New Course  – If a schedule change is approved, students may enter a new semester course within the first 2 weeks of the semester or may enter a new year-long course within the first 4 weeks of the school year. Students entering within this time frame are expected to make up any work deemed necessary by the teacher in a reasonable period of time.

Deadline dates:
October 2, 2015 to enter first semester courses
February 12, 2016 to enter second semester courses
October 2, 2015 to make a course level change for full year courses

Changing a Course Level – If approved, students may switch to a different course level within the same discipline by the deadlines noted above for “dropping a course” with NO indication on the transcript of the original course level. However, ALL grades from the original course will transfer with the student to the new class and be used as deemed appropriate by the teacher in computing quarterly and final grade averages.

* If a change of level occurs AFTER the deadlines, the consequences are substantial:

The original course will be included on the transcript with a grade of WP (Withdrawn Passing) or WF (Withdrawn Failing), whichever is representative of the student’s cumulative grade average in the class at the time of withdrawal. Just as with an F, both WP and WF have a negative impact on a student’s overall Grade Point Average, counting as credits attempted but no grade points earned.

The new course will also be included on the transcript. The grades from the original course will transfer with the student to the new class and be used as deemed appropriate by the teacher in computing quarterly and final grade average.

Dropping a Course  - If a course is dropped after the deadline date, the course will appear on the student’s record and transcript and it will negatively affect the student’s GPA.
**Viking Athletic Club News**

**5K and 1 Mile Fun Run**
The 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run – Sunday, November 1st at South Brunswick High School.

**For further information or online registration please visit WWW.rwtv5k.com.** Questions can be directed to Bob Tona at (732) 940-3111. Event times are: The 1 Mile Run – 9:30 AM, 5 K Run – 10:00 AM, Kiddie Run – 11:00 AM (under 8 years old). Awards and trophies will be handed out to age group winners. This is a great time to get your family out for a fun day. There will also be an award for “Fastest South Brunswick Resident and the Fittest Family that is made up of 3 or more family members. Please join us!

**The Catalyst SAT Boot Camp is back! (Athletics fund raiser)**
In just one weekend, come learn everything you need to know to outsmart the SAT from the only prep company whose curriculum developers have earned multiple perfect scores on the test. With Catalyst’s SAT Bootcamp, you’ll arm yourself with a strategy for every type of question guaranteed to be on the exam, learn how to avoid the most common traps, and discover how to compose a perfect-score essay -- no matter what question is asked! The Bootcamp is a momentum-building weekend seminar that gives students not only the insights and confidence they need the day of the test, but also Catalyst’s self-study materials for sustained practice right up to the SAT itself. South Brunswick High School will be hosting two SAT Boot camps this fall.

1. SAT Bootcamp (For Students Preparing For The Current SAT) 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19th & 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26th. Students attend both days.
2. Redesigned SAT/PSAT Bootcamp (For Students Preparing for the Redesigned PSAT in October and the Redesigned SAT in Spring 2016) 4pm - 8pm on Thursday, October 8th & 9am - 1pm on Saturday, October 10th. Students attend both days.

The cost to enroll is $175 per Bootcamp. If you have any questions or would like to enroll please call 1-800-235-0056 or visit us online at [www.catalystprep.com](http://www.catalystprep.com).

**Pay to Participate**
Please e-mail [SBHS.PTP@SBPARENTS.ORG](mailto:SBHS.PTP@SBPARENTS.ORG) if you have any questions regarding online payments.

Any discrepancies on transcripts must be addressed directly to the event advisors. For club discrepancies, please e-mail Gina.Welsh@sbsschools.org.

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**Yearbook Information:**

**Order your yearbook by October 31st and receive the “early bird” price**

**Yearbooks**
Get the early bird price of $75 by ordering a 2016 yearbook before October 31st. Visit [www.smart-pay.com](http://www.smart-pay.com) to place your order before the price increases to $85. Surplus yearbooks will not be available in June.

The only way to guarantee a yearbook is to pre-order it today.

**Senior Dedications**
Any family that wishes to purchase a dedication for the graduating senior in the 2016 yearbook must submit an order form, payment, and materials by Friday, October 2nd. Please visit the Valhalla section of [www.mslehre.weebly.com](http://www.mslehre.weebly.com) for ordering information. Late submission CANNOT be accommodated due to strict printing deadlines, so please plan early if you wish to honor your senior.

**Senior Portraits**
Week-long senior portrait sessions were held in June, July, and August. If your graduating senior has not had his/her senior portrait taken during one of these previous sessions, the final one is coming up beginning on September 16th and ending on September 22nd. Prestige Portraits mails to each student’s home address an appointment card, but if he/she has not received it or misplaced it, students can check the appointment lists posted at [www.mslehre.weebly.com](http://www.mslehre.weebly.com). Students MUST use their confirmation codes included on the appointment card (and posted at [www.mslehre.weebly.com](http://www.mslehre.weebly.com)) to confirm their appointment at [www.photoappointment.com](http://www.photoappointment.com). Any student who does not have their portrait taken during this session WILL NOT be included in the 2016 yearbook.

In addition, ALL seniors must choose a pose to be printed in the yearbook by November 25th. Instructions on how to complete this task were provided with each student’s proofs.

**Underclassmen Yearbook Pictures**
All 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will have their yearbook pictures taken on September 17th, 18th, 21st and 22nd. These will be scheduled during gym classes, HAPs, or lunch. Photography schedule will be released once school begins.

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**News from the BRIDGE Center**

The BRIDGE Center will continue to offer Freshman transition counseling, in an effort to provide incoming students with a variety of supports and services as they transition into high school. In addition, the BRIDGE Center will be offering programs to seniors as they prepare for their transition out of high school. Services are free and confidential and include group services, brief individual counseling and drop-in sessions to deal with immediate needs. For more information, please contact the BRIDGE Center at 732-329-4044 ext. 3246.
First Quarter Highlights

Opening Day of School for students
September 3rd - FULL DAY
A Day

Dates school will not be in session
September 7
September 14 & 15
September 23
November 5 & 6
November 11 - Staff only (PD Day)
November 26 & 27

Early Release Days
October 14
Professional Development (PD)
November 25

November 9, 10 & 12
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Closing (Evening HS conferences on November 10)

Convocation & Senior Class Photo
Friday, September 11
10th and 11th graders report to school by 9:50 a.m.
9th & 12th graders report to school at 7:25 a.m.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Freshman Parent Night
September 9 - 7:00 p.m.

Back to School Night - All Grades
September 16 - 7:00 p.m.

Senior Parent Night
September 30 - 7:00 p.m.

College Testing Night
October 21 - 7:00 p.m.

College Night for Juniors
October 28 - 7:00 p.m.

Check our online school calendar at www.sbschools.org for a complete list of school events and updates. Follow the calendar link at the top of the page.

PTO News including Project Graduation Information

It is hard to believe we are preparing for the start of another school year already! Didn’t I just wish everyone a safe, relaxing summer yesterday?

The PTO extends a warm welcome to all of the new families joining us at SBHS this year! We are here to help answer any questions you may have (or point you in the right direction!). We can be reached via email at PTO.SBHS@sparents.org if there is anything we may be able to help you with.

Here at SBHS, the PTO fund raises in order to support our teachers via mini grants for classroom necessities, dinner or desserts in between conference sessions and most importantly to help send our seniors off to college through our scholarship program. The PTO awards multiple $500 scholarships to eligible graduating seniors who will be attending an accredited academic institution the following school year. In order to be eligible to apply for a PTO Scholarship, a student’s family must be PTO members for the entire time the student attends SBHS. They do not have to be a straight “A” student, an athlete or a musician in order to apply for our scholarships, but simply hold a family PTO membership. Our membership dues may seem higher than what you are used to; however, membership is our only source of fundraising. We do not run any fundraisers throughout the school year as we understand that families are being asked to support many fund raising events in the course of a school year. You can find our membership form on the PTO page of the schools website or stop by our table near the main entrance at back to school night.

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. followed immediately by the School Site Council and Project Graduation meetings. Our first meeting is September 15th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation is an event that takes place throughout the country on the evening of high school graduation to allow students to celebrate their accomplishment together free of drugs and alcohol. It began in 1980, in Maine, after the death of seven teens due to alcohol or drug use during the previous graduation season.

Through a massive fund raising effort, this event is of little or no cost to students in an effort to encourage as many students as possible to attend. We typically have 85%-90% of the graduation class at our event. Our graduates meet at the high school on graduation night where they board buses along with chaperones at approximately 9:30 p.m. for a 45 minute ride to their celebration. Once they arrive, there will be various activities, plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages for all to enjoy throughout the night. At approximately 4:30 a.m., everyone boards the busses once again and return to the high school where they can pick up their diplomas and head home for some much needed sleep. The goal is to keep all of our graduates SAFE as they celebrate their big accomplishment!

The Project Graduation Committee meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month immediately following the PTO meeting in the high school library. We hope to see some new faces at our first meeting. You do not have to be the parent of a senior to get involved with Project Graduation for the night to be successful. We need your help!

What is the School Site Council?

The goal of the School Site Council is to explore issues of concern at SBHS through an open forum of communication.

The Site Council is a parent group which meets with Mr. Varela monthly. We gather community input, brainstorm different ideas and make suggestions.

Some items that the School Site Council has brainstormed and discussed in the past included Homework policy, mental health and well-being of SBHS students and the dress code policy.

We welcome you to join if you would like to be part of the robust discussions. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the SBHS Library.
Below is the chart outlining the online registration dates and cost for programs. Your username and password has not changed from last year. If you are new to SBHS you can e-mail SBHS.PTP@sbparents.org to get the information to establish an account. Please note that some of our fee-based programs do not fall under the Pay to Participate fees that have a cap of $250.00 per family. If a family does reach the $250.00 cap for Pay to Participate parents must still register for any additional activities, however they will receive notification through this system that they have already reached their cap. The following is a current list of programs and exams that families must pay a fee for if applicable, along with their due dates:

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<th>Name of Program or Exam</th>
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<th>Online registration/payment dates</th>
<th>More Information</th>
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<td>Pay to Participate Athletics</td>
<td>$75.00 for each</td>
<td>-August 18th to first official game -T/B/A -T/B/A</td>
<td>Information will be given to students from Athletics</td>
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<td>Pay to Participate Clubs/Organizations/Performing Arts</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
<td>Must pay after attending second meeting</td>
<td>No transfers or refunds. Print and submit payment receipt to advisor.</td>
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<td>Pay to Participate Marching Band</td>
<td>$75.00</td>
<td>August 18th to September 15th</td>
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<td>Pay to Participate Color Guard</td>
<td>$75.00</td>
<td>August 18th to September 15th</td>
<td>Information will be given to students from Athletics</td>
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<td>Pay to Participate Advanced Placement Courses</td>
<td>$50.00</td>
<td>October 15th - November 15th</td>
<td>Information will be given to students by Assistant Principal for Academic Leadership</td>
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<td>Fall Senior Parking</td>
<td>$12.00</td>
<td>September 9th to September 18th</td>
<td>Information will be sent with electronic summer mailing</td>
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<td>Spring Senior Parking</td>
<td>$12.00</td>
<td>January 27th to February 5th</td>
<td>Information will be sent with electronic summer mailing</td>
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<td>PSAT Exams (October 14th)</td>
<td>$18.00</td>
<td>August 1st to September 30th</td>
<td>Information will be sent with electronic summer mailing</td>
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<td>Advanced Placement Exams for May</td>
<td>T/B/A</td>
<td>January 15th to February 29th. A late fee will be charged from March 1st to March 25th</td>
<td>Information will be given to students by Assistant Principal for Academic Leadership</td>
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**Performing Arts**
- Jazz Group
- Percussion Ensemble
- Small Ensemble
- String Quartets
- Pirandello Players Play (one time fee for Fall and Spring Production)
- $25.00 | September 1st to April 1st | Information will be given to students by the Performing Arts Supervisor | Yes |

To register and/or make an online payment, please follow the steps below:

Go to www.sbschools.org
Select “Online Registration and Payments” from the quick link along the left side of the webpage
Use your debit/charge card to make online payments – Please remember that there is no transaction fee for making an online payment.
For anyone who has ventured into the South Brunswick High School building, he or she knows firsthand the daunting task of finding a classroom, office, and areas such as the Auditorium, the Gymnasiums, or the Digital Learning Center. In fact, orientation for both teachers and students who are new to our building begins with a tour and scavenger hunt to learn the three expansive floors of our learning community. Invariably, we hear phrases such as, “a labyrinth” or “a maze” to describe the first trek through the halls.

Thanks to one of our 2012 graduates, Rhea Gopal who now studies architectural design, we have You Are Here maps to help guide travelers as they journey through our building. Rhea developed a prototype for these maps as part of a senior project in 2012, and worked over the course of this year to bring these maps to completion. Those who are new to our building, or visiting will have color-coded maps on every floor at entrances that they can reference. Welcome, or Welcome Back to the high school! You Are Here!

### 2015-2016 School Wide Events

- **Wear Light Blue or Teal, Get a Deal**
  September 24th
  Help us spread awareness about Prostate and Ovarian Cancer. Wear Teal or Light Blue and get a prize.

- **Homecoming Spirit Week**
  September 28th – October 2nd
  SBHS will be flipping through the TV Channels for the 2015 Homecoming Halftime Show.

- **Fall Bonfire**
  October 1st
  Celebrate our Fall Sports Teams, band and VIPs. Help us get into the Homecoming Spirit!

- **Homecoming**
  October 2nd
  The Court, the Big Game, and a Float Parade. Wear your black and gold!

- **SBHS Thinks PINK**
  October 16th
  Raise awareness about Breast Cancer. Think Pink!

- **SBHS Supports Our Troops**
  Month of November
  Support our current and future SBHS military Annual Care Package Collection

- **Powder Puff Football**
  November 20th or 21st (Contingent on football playoffs)
  Come join the classes as they raise money for charity and play to become the new Powder Puff Champions!

- **Month of Giving**
  Entire Month Of December
  Adopt a South Brunswick Family or provide a gift card for our Giving Tree.

- **Winter Spirit Week**
  January 19th - January 22nd

- **Winter Pep Rally**
  January 22nd

- **Hugs-4-Brady Blacklight Dance**
  January 22nd
  Support 2 great organizations for kids! Wear ANY Hugs-4-Brady shirt to school and show us your moves at night to raise funds for Christine’s Hope and Hugs-For-Brady.

- **Valentine’s Gram Sales**
  February 8th-February 11th
  Let your friends know you care! Send flowers, grams, and much more.

- **SBHS Has Heart**
  February 11th
  South Brunswick HS raises awareness about Heart Disease. Wear Red!

- **Quidditch Tournament**
  March 18th
  The Harry Potter themed game is back! Build a team and jump on a broomstick!

- **SBHS Feeds the Hungry**
  Month of March
  Support the South Brunswick Food Pantry during our food drive all week.

- **Mr. SBHS**
  April 8th
  Our Seniors will show off their Disney side in a competition for the 2015 title of Mr. SBHS!

- **Spring Spirit Week**
  April 18th - April 22nd
  Show your sense of adventure by dressing up for spirit days!

- **Spring Pep Rally**
  April 22nd
  Let us see your Viking Pride!
  Don’t forget to wear your Black and Gold for our in-school Pep Rally.

- **SBHS Goes Blue**
  April 28th
  Support Autism Awareness in our Community. Wear Blue and learn about Autism.
Viking Closet News

Our mission is to have the South Brunswick community along with businesses, students and high school staff work together in donating the basic clothing and accessory essentials for any students who are in need. No forms are required and no questions asked. All items have been donated and in turn all items are free of charge to all students.

We are collecting Back to School items from August 1st until the end of September.

Back to School essentials needed:
Backpacks, drawstring bags, calculators, book covers, notebooks, pens, markers, glue sticks, pencils, etc.,

The Viking Closet will not be taking CLOTHING donations until the end of September.

The donation bin will be located in the main lobby of the high school. Items can be dropped off when the school is open. All Back to School items will be available to students from the beginning of the new school year.

We want to give a special thank you to Ms. Arango, Ms. Stefanidis and the Asian Cultural Club for the $1,000.00 donation that was given to us at the end of June. It was so very much appreciated and needed!

The Viking Closet is open when school is in session. We are located on the 3rd floor, in Room C300.

Any questions please email vikingcloset@gmail.com or visit us on our FB page @ South Brunswick Viking Closet

Sign up for Informative E-mails and remember to update your account as your child advances to the next grade level.

Please sign up to receive emails that we send out periodically with news/updates to our parents.

As high school students advance to the next grade level, parents must sign up for the appropriate class subscription so that you receive the correct information that pertains to your child's grade.

To update or sign up for your parent email subscription, please click here. For current subscribers, please input the E-mail address you had originally used to subscribe and follow the instructions listed to update your subscriptions.

Get your planners....

FBLA will once again be selling the school planners (aka "agenda" books). We will have them available for sale for $5.00 each in the school store and Freshmen cafeteria at lunches on September 3rd & 4th, as well as in the school store after school on those initial days. We will continue to sell in the school store from September 8th to 10th at lunch and after school and then just after school in the school store beginning the week of September 14th until they are sold out.

PSAT will be administered on October 14th

PSAT 2015 will be administered at SBHS on Wednesday October 14, 2015 from 7:30 to 11AM.

♦ There is no Saturday PSAT exam this year.
♦ School will be in session for all SBHS students.
♦ This is an early closing day with dismissal at 12:00 p.m.

All SBHS students wishing to take this exam must register online through pay to participate.

♦ The cost is $18.00
♦ 900 tests have been reserved
♦ Registration deadline is October 1st or when all tests are reserved
♦ The PSAT is open to any student
♦ Juniors wishing to be eligible for National Merit Scholarship (NMSQT) must take this test
♦ Sophomores wishing to approximate their scores on upcoming SAT’s can use this test as a base
♦ For further information contact Pat Abitabilo at extension 5235
Target Donates to SBHS

REMEMBER to use your Target credit card and SBHS students will reap the benefits.

At no cost to the cardholders – designate South Brunswick High School as the school you wish to receive funds on your behalf.

There are three ways to do this:
* Internet – Target.com/tcoe
* In-store kiosk
* Call 1-800-316-6142

Shop at your favorite Target store and charge your purchases on your REDcard. Target will donate up to 1% of all purchases made by South Brunswick High School parents, teachers and community members to our school twice a year.

Afterschool Information

- **Students are not allowed to wander the building unsupervised after school.** By 2:40 p.m., all students must be in a club, program, team or after school approved event with a supervising staff member. Students found wandering the building after hours will be subject to a day of in school suspension which will be served the following day.

- **The 4:15 Late Bus Returns!**
  There will be late buses at 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. again this year, with the support of the Board of Education. The 4:15 p.m. bus will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only. These busses will be for students involved in clubs, homework help, and students serving detention. The 5:15 p.m. busses are for athletes.

  Because these buses are limited and tend to overcrowd quickly, students should also have another way of getting home in case the buses are filled to capacity.

BYOD

**Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** is an initiative that our district is supporting at SBHS. With a few limitations, our students will be able to utilize their own technology in school starting mid-September. Teachers will share with students their expectations regarding the use of phones, laptops, Ipads, to name a few, in classrooms. Students are expected to follow teacher guidelines without exception, as well as understand and sign/acknowledge a new Acceptable Use Policy. When teachers utilize technology in the classroom, they will make accommodations for those students who do not have their own devices. BYOD will be used for instructional practices and will enhance teaching and learning. More guidelines will be shared with you in September.

2015 Summer Institute

**SBHS scholars complete summer coursework**

This summer approximately 580 students attended the 2015 Summer Institute that was held from June 26th to August 7th. Classes ran daily from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The SBHS Summer Institute offered a set of courses which enabled scholars to advance a course level in a given sequence of courses, begin post-secondary study in an interest area, take a course of studies not currently offered during the school year at South Brunswick High School, complete more advanced or intense study in a given area of interest, or respond to a scheduling conflict which precludes the student taking a course critical to his/her educational plan.

This year, the SBHS Summer Institute offered 16 courses, including some courses for rising 9th graders, as well as one for rising 8th graders. Scholars had the opportunity to take Advanced Biology, Advanced Geometry, Organic Chemistry, SAT Preparation, Personal Financial Management, and Robotics.

New courses this year included Introduction to Web Design and Online Personal Financial Management. Additionally, the STARS transition program provided incoming 9th graders an orientation to the high school and resources available to them. This program was developed with the goal to better prepare students for their freshman year.

Get Involved

Join a club

We run approximately 50 clubs during the school year and are always looking for new members.

Please tell your children to be sure to listen to VTN Announcements for Club meeting dates and locations.