

Science Hill High School

Topper Tidbits

Winter Issue
SY 2016-2017

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Seniors should now be completing college applications. The quicker a student applies to the school of his or her choice, the better the chance of being accepted. If a teacher and/or counselor recommendation is needed please allow at least two weeks for the letter to be completed and be sure to give an updated student resume to the teacher and/or counselor. After completion of a college application remember to log in to your Parchment account to have your transcript sent electronically to that college/university. See your counselor or Kristi Robinson in the Registrar's Office with questions.

Important information about colleges and scholarships can be found in the daily announcements on the school website (www.sciencehillhighschool.weebly.com) and under the Counseling tab on the school website (www.shcounselors.weebly.com)

- ACT deadline for the **Saturday, February 11, 2017** test is **Friday, January 12, 2017**
- SAT deadline for the **Saturday, January 21, 2017** test is **Monday, December 21, 2016**.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration #1

- For ten (10) current Science Hill High School students
- December 7, 2016
- 8:00 – 10:00 am
- First come first served basis with payment of \$175.00

Registration #2

- For ten (10) current Science Hill High School students
- January 19, 2017
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm
- First come first served basis with payment of \$175.00

Location

- Columbus Powell Service Center
- 100 East Maple Street
- Johnson City, TN 37601

Contact

- Danise Slayton
- (423) 434-5219

Registration Form can be accessed at this link:

http://www.jcschools.org/jcs/images/DEPARTMENTS/Secondary_StudentServices/SummerSchool/Drivers_Registration_Form.pdf

FAFSA

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.gov to apply for grants, loans, work study, and Hope (lottery). The FAFSA should not be completed until after October 1, 2016 for the new Fall 2017 school year. Some grant funds such as the TSAA and SEOG run out early, so apply as early as possible. Students should go ahead and sign up for a username and password NOW in order to minimize delays in completing the FAFSA later. You can create your username and password at fsaid.ed.gov starting now. Keep accurate records and passwords secure to renew your applications. Use the IRS Data Retrieval on your FAFSA and/or order a Federal Tax Transcript from the IRS for your records to use if you are selected for the verification process. Review your FAFSA before turning in any verification documents to the Office of Financial Aid. Apply Early, read your emails, check your financial aid status, and follow up often! The deadline for you to complete your FAFSA for TN Promise is January 17, 2017. Call your college financial aid office or the FAFSA hotline at 1-800-433-3243 with questions regarding your FAFSA.

FINALS SCHEDULE

For questions, refer to the Student Handbook.

<i>December 15, Thursday</i>	3rd & 4th Period -FULL DAY
<i>December 16, Friday</i>	1st & 2nd Period - HALF DAY

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Food for Thought is a meal service program at SHHS High School Campus. Students can use *Food for Thought* 2 times in a 9 week period AND they are not required to pay it back. It is confidential, easy to use and for any student to use for lunch for any reason. Students can request to use *Food for Thought* by asking the dining services staff at the time of check out.

Food for Thought is an award-winning program. *Food for Thought* is the recipient of local, regional, and national recognition. "People helping People" is the primary reason for receiving the *Point of Light Award* from President George Bush, November 2007. **FFT** partners with local fast food establishments to provide lunches "*outside of the lunch box.*" **FFT** recognizes that lunch does not stop on weekends, holidays and break periods, which is why the program expanded its vision to provide meal service beyond the lunchroom and into homes, as needed. **FFT** works directly with the guidance counselors at school campuses, which are able to reach out to students with meal/hunger needs. Thanks to the support and food donations from Chick-fil-A at People's Crossing in Johnson City, **FFT** continues to provide lunches (\$5 meal cards) to students outside of the lunch room.

To access any of the services *Food for Thought* has to offer, contact Suzy Cloyd at 423-278-6347, bcloyd4755@comcast.net or see your guidance counselor for more information. Send donations to: **FFT, 2717 Cherokee Road, Johnson City TN 37604.**

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Did you know that there are enough ink cartridges used each year to wrap around the globe three times and less than one third of them are being recycled? It takes about 450 YEARS for a laser toner cartridge to decompose in a landfill. Science Hill's Future Business Leaders of America are managing an on-going ink/toner cartridge recycling project. Items to be recycled can be dropped off at the Science Hill CTE building. If you would like to place a collection box at your place of business, contact Marsha Salyer at salyerm@jcschools.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SHHS Library Media Center Hours are now **7am to 3:30pm**. Come check us out! Our card catalog and databases can be accessed from your smart phone or home computer. For more information, visit our website: <http://shhslmc.weebly.com/>

GRADUATION SUPPLIES INFORMATION

Dates subject to change due to inclement weather. Cap and gown orders can be placed online at www.jostens.com. A late fee will be applied to all orders.

<i>March 23, 2017</i> <i>Thursday</i>	Senior Cap & Gown Distribution	SHHS Café	During Flex Time and 2:40-4pm
<i>March 30, 2017</i> <i>Thursday</i>	Senior Cap & Gown Distribution #2	SHHS Café	During Flex Time

HOLIDAYS

Winter Break- *Monday, December 19, 2016 through Tuesday, January 3, 2017*. Students attend school ½ day on *Friday, December 16, 2016*. The SHHS Offices will be closed for Winter Break. The first student day back after the holiday is *Wednesday, January 4, 2017*. All students will report to homeroom to pick up their schedule.

NEED TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER?

SHHS parents are encouraged to communicate regularly with their child's teachers through phone calls, email, web sites and conferences. If you would like to make an appointment to see any of your child's teachers, please call the main number 232-2190 at the campus and leave a message for the teacher to call you back OR look at the following web site: <http://www.jcschools.org/shhs/> (Scroll down the side to the *Teacher* link and you will find all of the teacher's email addresses). Last year the Parent Portal was opened to students and parents. With a private code, parents can access individual teachers and see their child's daily and test grades, attendance, and assignments. If you need more information about how to get a private code and directions to access the Parent Portal please call 423-232-2190 or email Crystal Barrett at barrettc@jcschools.org.

PARENT/TEACHER or PARENT/COUNSELOR CONFERENCE

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2017 (3:00-6:30pm) by appointment. A parent may schedule an appointment with a teacher or counselors by calling Janice Johnson in the Science Hill Counseling office at 232-2184 between 7am-11:45am or email Jan Johnson at johnsonj4@jcschools.org. Parents may enter the school at each office on the campus they are visiting.

Please note:

- Parents may access student reports any time using Grade Book Portal.
- To request a progress report, the parent may contact a counselor.
- Daily Progress Reports can be obtained by contacting Anthony Jones, graduation coach, at: jonesa@jcschools.org.

RHO KAPPA

Members of the Social Studies Honor Society, Rho Kappa, organized a school-wide Mock Presidential Election. The Election was open to all students during Flex-Time on November 1st. Students were given the opportunity to vote for any of the candidates on the ballot in Tennessee. 394 ballots were cast, which equated to 16% voter turnout, the junior class had the most participation in the election. The results for the Mock Election were:

Donald Trump	56%
Hillary Clinton	21%
Gary Johnson	10%
Rocky DeLaFuente	4%
Mike Smith	4%
Jill Stein	4%
Alyson Kennedy	1%

SENIOR REMINDERS

Be sure to complete the **Senior Transcript Release Form** and turn it in to Kristi Robinson in the Registrar's Office along with the **\$5.00 Senior Fee**.

Community Service hours are also turned in to Kristi Robinson. 40 hours of documented community service are required in order to graduate.

Remember to check for and clear any **obligations**. See Janice Johnson in the Topper Student Center with questions or to clear an obligation. Obligations must be cleared prior to graduation.

Male students need to register with the **Selective Service** at www.sss.gov as soon as possible after turning 18 years old. Failure to do so will delay college admission and financial aid.

TESTING DATES

Fall 2016 Testing Schedule											
Week 1						Week 2					
Date	Subject	Subtest	Time limit	Location	How	Date	Subject	Subtest	Time limit	Location	How
28-Nov	Algebra 2	1	35	Classroom	Regular	5-Dec	Algebra 1	3	55	Classroom	Regular
28-Nov	Geometry	1	35	Classroom	Regular	5-Dec	Algebra 2	3	55	Classroom	Regular
28-Nov	English 9	1	85	Library	In Waves	5-Dec	English 11	2	50	Computer Lab	Make-up
						5-Dec	Geometry	3	55	Computer Lab	Make-up
29-Nov	Algebra 1	1	35	Classroom	Regular	5-Dec	US History	2	45	Computer Lab	Make-up
29-Nov	US History	1	50	Classroom	Regular	5-Dec	Chemistry	1	75	Library	In waves
29-Nov	Algebra 2	1	35	Computer Lab	Make-up						
29-Nov	Geometry	1	35	Computer Lab	Make-up	6-Dec	US History	3	45	Classroom	Regular
29-Nov	English 10	1	85	Library	In Waves	6-Dec	Biology	1	75	Library	In Waves
						6-Dec	Algebra 1	3	55	Computer Lab	Make-up
30-Nov	English 9	2	50	Classroom	Regular	6-Dec	Algebra 2	3	55	Computer Lab	Make-up
30-Nov	English 10	2	50	Classroom	Regular						
30-Nov	Algebra 1	1	35	Computer Lab	Make-ups	7-Dec	English 9	3	50	Classroom	Regular
30-Nov	US History	1	50	Computer Lab	Make-ups	7-Dec	English 10	3	50	Classroom	Regular
30-Nov	English 11	1	85	Library	In Waves	7-Dec	English 11	3	50	Classroom	Regular
						7-Dec	US History	3	45	Computer Lab	Make-up
1-Dec	Algebra 2	2	55	Classroom	Regular	7-Dec	Chemistry	1	75	Library	Make-up
1-Dec	Geometry	2	55	Classroom	Regular	7-Dec	Biology	1	75	Library	Make-up
1-Dec	Algebra 1	2	55	Classroom	Regular						
1-Dec	English 9	1	85	Library	Make-up	8-Dec	English 9	4	45	Classroom	Regular
1-Dec	English 10	1	85	Library	Make-up	8-Dec	English 10	4	45	Classroom	Regular
1-Dec	English 11	1	85	Library	Make-up	8-Dec	English 11	4	45	Classroom	Regular
						8-Dec	English 9	3	50	Computer Lab	Make-up
2-Dec	English 11	2	50	Classroom	Regular	8-Dec	English 10	3	50	Computer Lab	Make-up
2-Dec	Geometry	3	55	Classroom	Regular	8-Dec	English 11	3	50	Computer Lab	Make-up
2-Dec	US History	2	45	Classroom	Regular						
2-Dec	English 9	2	50	Library	Make-up	9-Dec	English 9	4	45	Computer Lab	Make-up
2-Dec	English 10	2	50	Library	Make-up	9-Dec	English 10	4	45	Computer Lab	Make-up
2-Dec	Algebra 2	2	55	Computer Lab	Make-up	9-Dec	English 11	4	45	Computer Lab	Make-up
2-Dec	Geometry	2	55	Computer Lab	Make-up						
2-Dec	Algebra 1	2	55	Computer Lab	Make-up						

ATHLETICS

All Athletic Event Schedules can be viewed at: <http://ww2.jcschools.org/SHHS/acalendar.htm>

SPORTS PASS 2016-2017 (STUDENTS & ADULTS)

SHHS students can purchase a \$40 General Admission sports pass for ALL SHHS home athletic events excluding varsity football for the 2016-2017 school year. Students may purchase a \$40 sports pass throughout the school year from Janet Phillips in the Topper Student Center (old administration office).

Adults may purchase a \$75 general admission sports pass for regular season SHHS home athletic events excluding varsity football. Contact Janet Phillips at 232-2205 or email phillipsj1@jcschools.org

RESERVED BASKETBALL SEATING

Reserved Season Basketball Tickets for season 2016-2017 are available. Seating charts can be viewed in B101N in the Topper Student Center. Ticket cost is \$110 for the season which includes the bucket-type seat and admission to both JV and varsity games (girls and boys). For more information please call Janet Phillips at 232-2205 or email at phillipsj1@jcschools.org.

WINTER SPORTS "SENIOR NIGHT" SCHEDULE

Wrestling	January 13, 2017, Friday	5:45pm
Swimming	January 10, 2017, Tuesday	5:30pm
Basketball	February 7, 2017 Tuesday	Approximately 7:30pm

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS 2017

A required parent meeting will be held on **Monday, February 6, 2017** at 6pm in the SHHS Cafeteria for all rising 7th -12th grade students who wish to try out for the LBMS 7th & 8th Grade Cheerleading Squad and the SHHSJV/9th and Varsity squad. All students who wish to tryout **MUST** have their parent/guardian at this meeting or you will not be able to try-out. It is important to be on time for the required parent meeting. Specific times and locations will be discussed at the mandatory parent meeting.

Optional Clinic for rising 7th- 12th candidates will be on **Monday, March 27, 2017**, SHHS Gym 4pm- 6pm. The optional clinic cost is \$15.

VARSITY & JV/9TH GRADE TRYOUTS

Monday & Tuesday, April 3rd & 4th practice days **Wednesday, April 5th** informal tryouts, **Thursday, April 6th** formal tryouts, **Friday, April 7th** letters will be distributed by Janet Phillips in the Topper Student Center. Further details will be discussed at the cheerleading meeting.

Parents/Guardians of rising 9th-12th graders - all forms and physicals must be completed and submitted to Janet Phillips at SHHS by **Friday, February 24th @ 3pm**. **Parent** signatures are required when turning in forms and physicals.

DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS 2017

A required parent meeting will be held on **Monday, February 6, 2017** at **7pm** in the SHHS Cafeteria for all rising 9th -12th grade students who wish to try out for the Varsity Dance Squad. All students who wish to tryout **MUST** have their parent/guardian at this meeting or you will not be able to try-out. It is important to be on time for the required parent meeting. Specific times and locations will be discussed at the mandatory parent meeting. The dance tryouts will take place April 10th, 11th, and 12th. Letters will be distributed by Janet Phillips in the Topper Student Center On Thursday, April 13th at 3pm. Further details will be discussed at the dance meeting. Parents/Guardians of rising 9th-12th graders- all forms and physicals must be completed and submitted to Janet Phillips at SHHS by **Friday, March 3rd @ 3pm**. **Parent** signatures are required when turning in forms and physicals.

SCIENCE HILL HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Emphasizing creativity, inquiry, personal responsibility, and cultural awareness, Science Hill High School will graduate students proficient in math, science, social studies, written/oral language, and solving real-world problems through teamwork in order to compete successfully in the global marketplace.

