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For the Parents,  
 Students, and Community  
 of Sequoyah High School



# Sequoyah High School

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to report that Sequoyah High School has been designated an **"A School"** by the Georgia Department Of Education. In addition, the Governor's Office Of Student Achievement has awarded Sequoyah HS the **Greatest Gain Award** for having a three year College and Career Ready Index **CCRPI Progress Score** that is ranked in at least the 93rd percentile. SHS was the only Cherokee County High school to be receive this recognition.

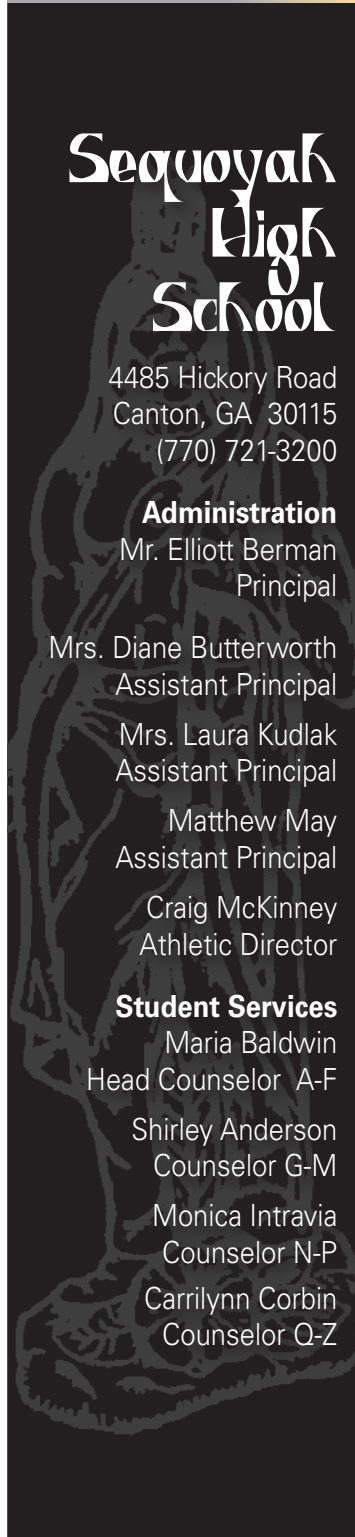
As we begin the new year, we are beginning to utilize Sequoyah East classrooms. We have assigned 12 teachers , an assistant principal, and a secretary in S. East for this semester. In addition, we have increased student passing time between classes from 4 minutes to 6 minutes. We have also begun the 2017-18 scheduling process. We are planning to have our annual 10th Grade Advisement Meetings for parents and their students in the media center on February 15 and 16 so that 10th grade parents and their students can jointly meet with their student's counselor and representatives from all departments to plan for 11th and 12th grade courses. Appointments for these meetings have been sent to parents. On Friday, February 16, we will send home with each 9th, 10th , and 11th grade student, a copy of the courses he/she has selected for the 2017-18 school year. If there are any problems, please indicate that on the form that is returned to the Homeroom teacher, because all course requests will be finalized and the master schedule will be developed. **Please be aware of all of the courses that your student selects during the scheduling process, as we will be unable to change courses that have been selected once the master schedule is developed and students are assigned into classes in March.**

I would like to remind you of the school district's promotion policy. Student's are promoted to the next grade when they have accumulated the following units:

- **End of 9th Grade** – 5 units: must include one unit of English, Math, and Science
- **End of 10th Grade** – 11 units: must include two units of English and Math and one unit of Science
- **End of 11th Grade** – 17 units: must include three units of English and Math, two units of Science, and one unit of Social Studies
- **All students must earn 23 units to graduate**

I know that this is early, but I also want to remind everyone that Final Exams for this semester for seniors will be during the week of May 15th and during the week of May 22nd for all other students. Final Exams are not given early. They are administered on the day they are scheduled on the exam calendar that will be disseminated in May. **Students must be present for all exams.** The only excuse for an absence that will be accepted during this time is a documented medical emergency.

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## News from Student Services

January - February 2017

### Principal's Message

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I encourage you to regularly check the school's website at <http://www.cherokee.k12.ga.us/schools/sequoyah-hs/default.aspx> for important information that is posted on a regular basis, as well as checking the Family Portal for your student's grades and attendance.

Parents of seniors and seniors are also encouraged to check the Graduation Information section on the SHS website regularly for end-of-the-year activity dates.

Sincerely,  
Elliott Berman



### Senior Project On Twitter

Would you like reminders of upcoming Senior Project deadlines? Follow the Senior Project on Twitter at SrProjectSHS!

Keep your grades up!! Students have access to Student Portal, and parents can access grades and attendance through Parent Portal to help students stay on track. Seniors, your graduation is at stake! If you are taking an online class, be sure you have the online school send us the transcript by May 1. Also, remember that colleges can and do pull admissions offers to students if they don't like what they see on the final transcript.

**Juniors:** If you think you will apply to a 4-year college or university during senior year, take the SAT or ACT this spring. Get information on registering from the Student Services office. Any questions – see your counselor.

### Seniors: SCHOLARSHIPS! SCHOLARSHIPS! SCHOLARSHIPS!

- File your FAFSA a.s.a.p.
- Keep applying for those scholarships!
- Check out the Scholarship Page under Student Services on the SHS website – we post these as they come in to our office.

Have you accepted a scholarship? We want to know so we can recognize you at our annual Scholarship Reception, which is by invitation only this spring. **Let Mrs. Anderson in Student Services know by mid-April of any scholarships you've accepted.** (We can't honor you if we don't

know about it.)

**Each year we usually have some local scholarships available. Keep checking the SHS College Scholarship page for these. Here are two we already have information about:**

#### Service League of Cherokee County

\$1000 need-based scholarship  
*Deadline: Postmarked by March 24, 2017*

#### Hickory Flat Masonic Lodge

\$1000 scholarship to an SHS senior  
*Deadline: March 1 – submit completed application to Mrs. Anderson in Student Services*  
(Only fully completed applications will be accepted for review.)

#### AP Test Takers

If you plan to take an AP exam this May, you must complete the 2017 AP Exam Registration that was attached to your AP Bulletin. Return the form to Mrs. Honea in the main office by Monday, February 27, 2017. Cost per exam is \$93. Pay online through the SHS website. Questions – contact [maria.baldwin@cherokee.k12.ga.us](mailto:maria.baldwin@cherokee.k12.ga.us) or stop by Student Services.

#### All students: Summer Program opportunities

See your counselor if you're interested in a summer program – these are usually held on college campuses. They have application deadlines.

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## New Department Spotlight

Community Members,

Sequoyah High School has been recognized as one of the best and highest performing high schools in both the state of Georgia and throughout the nation. Sequoyah HS has received many recognitions including some from the United States Department of Education, *Newsweek* magazine, *The Washington Post*, and the *US News and World Report*. We would like you to learn more about the faculty that has cultivated this culture of success. On the Sequoyah website there is a new section called *Department Spotlight* (located under "About Sequoyah"). Each department is represented in this section and provides you with a short biography of the teachers and some department accolades that students, teachers, and the department has achieved over the years. We invite you to check out the staff that helps makes Sequoyah a great place to learn. Take a minute and get to know them.



## Young Life and PE

Come check out Sequoyah's newest club. Young Life is starting Monday, January 30th. Come out for the best night of your week. Club starts at 7:27 at the Bradshaw Farms Clubhouse.

The PE Department is in need of new or used tennis balls, tennis rackets, board games, bean bags, and dumb bells.

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By Tori Turk

Auditions for Sequoyah High School's spring musical, Guys and Dolls, were held December 5th, 6th and 7th! Over fifty wonderful students came out to audition on the first two days and several were called back on day three! All students auditioned on their ability to act, dance, and sing. Over 55 students auditioned and 40 students were cast!

- Nicely-Nicely Johnson**..... Levi Miller
- Benny Southstreet**..... Noah Butler
- Rusty Charlie**..... Blake Galloway
- Sarah Brown**..... Amelia Westmoreland
- Arvide Abernathy**..... Christian Awong
- Agatha**..... Madelynne Dunlop
- Martha**..... Madi Ivie
- Ruby**..... Samantha Buturla
- Harry the Horse**..... Carson Newsome
- Lt.Brannigan**..... Sebastian Alfonso
- Nathan Detroit**..... John Haas
- Angie the Ox**..... Jace Nichols
- Miss Adelaide**..... Sophia Clark
- Sky Masterson**..... Slade Searcy
- Joey Biltmore**..... Max Kountz
- Mimi**..... ToriTurk
- Gen. Matilda Cartwright**.... Natalie Peters
- Big Jule**..... Clayton Thomas
- Master of Ceremonies**..... Kylie Finton
- Drunk**..... Zane Durham
- Waiter**..... Max Kountz

**Gangsters/Mission Guys ...**

Logan S., Ricardo Falco, Zane Durham, Nathan Shipman, Joshua Jenkins, Jeremy Hill, Kirk Dyer, Jackson Robinson

**Hot Box Girls**.....

ToriTurk, Kelsey Bryant, Robin Kennedy, Brisa Mendez, Emma Cantrell, Samantha Burkhart, Brenna Durham

**Featured Havana Dancers ..**

ToriTurk, Emma Cantrell, Kelsey Belair, Caroline Etheridge, Emma Seeley, Morgan Bouwkamp, Karissa Anderson

# SHS DRAMA

## 2017 Thespian Conference

By Tori Turk

The International Thespian Society holds a conference every year, known as Thespian Conference, or "Thes-Con." Sequoyah High School's Thespian Troupe #4739 will be attending Georgia Thespian Conference at Columbus State University where it is held each year. Students will have opportunities to attend various workshops, audition for scholarships and colleges, and watch shows performed by other thespian troupes!

This year's state conference will be held February 9th, 10th, & 11th.

## Update Your Thespian Card!

By Madie Dunlop

Come on out and update your thespian cards! It is of utmost importance that you keep your cards updated in order to achieve the maximum number of thespian points. Thespian points make the world go round, so make sure you have them! Officers and Mr. Parker can all update points for you anytime they are not busy! Get on it!

## Graduation Cords

by Mr. Parker

If you are a Senior Thespian or Senior Honor Thespian and would like to have a Thespian Honor Cord to wear at graduation in June, please see Mr. Parker to order. Cords are \$12 each. Cords can be ordered until March 29th, but not after.

## Upcoming Dates

By Madie Dunlop

**Thespian Conference:**  
February 9th-11th

**Creekview HS presents "The Snow Queen"**  
March 2-3 @7

**Cherokee HS presents "Legally Blonde"**  
March 24th and 25th @7

**Woodstock HS presents "Fiddler on the Roof"**  
March 17th and 23-25  
Time TBA

**Etowah HS presents "Big Fish"**  
March 23-25 @7

**Sequoyah HS presents Guys and Dolls**  
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**Academy Street Theater Group presents "101 Dalmatians"**  
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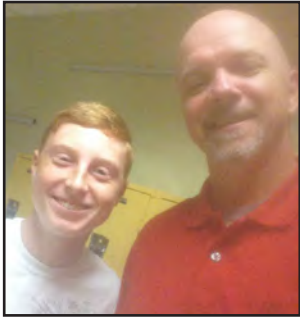
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# Math Students of the Month

## For October



Coach Key has selected Jack Norton as math student of the month for his great improvement and persistence.



Ms. Faber has selected Gabby Troche as math student of the month for always participating and paying attention in class, and helping her peers when they have questions!

## For November:



Mrs. Carnes has chosen Cameron Gregg as math student of the month for being the most improved student from freshman to sophomore year.



Mrs. Witty has chosen Anna Morris as math student of the month because she works hard and is always positive, cheerful, and truly enjoyable to have in class.

## For December:



Mrs. Nichols has chosen Preston Hooper as math student of the month for being the most improved student for fall semester who showed through hard work and positivity he could be a successful math student.



Mr. Brown has chosen Lance Leatherwood as math student of the month because he works very hard, is helpful & goes beyond what is required of him in class.

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# SJS AFJROTC Tribal Chant Input

The purpose of Air Force Junior ROTC is help young adults reach their highest potential by equipping them with the character and competencies to be successful in their chosen careers. The events continue to keep the cadets highly involved. Highlights this period include the Ridgeland and Marietta Drill Meets, Veterans Day events, Christmas Parades, the Military Ball and MUST Ministries.



## Ridgeland Drill Meet

This was our first drill meet of the school year. We went to Ridgeland High School to participate in the Panther Invitational Drill Meet. The cadets practiced hard for almost 2 months, and their hard work paid off. The ladies' color guard placed 3rd, the Unarmed Regulation Team placed 5th, and the cadets brought home 5th in uniform inspection. We are extremely proud of the cadets.



## Marietta Drill Meet

Our second drill meet was at Marietta High school. At this drill meet, we faced much tougher competition. The Heavyweight Color Guard got 5th place, and the Armed Regulation Team placed 5th. This day was also a very busy day as we left the drill meet to march in two Christmas Parades.



## Veteran's Day Programs



Every year when Veterans Day arrives, our cadets are called to participate in numerous events. This year we participated in seven veteran tributes. We did presentations at Indian Knoll Elementary School, Holly Springs Elementary School, Mountain Road Elementary School, Hickory Flat Elementary School, Dean Rusk Middle School, the Camellia Assisted Living Facility, and Christ the Shepard Lutheran Church. At each event, we present and display all of the military service flags to honor the service of the many veterans in attendance. The cadets were truly honored to be

able to show our appreciation for the veterans who turned out in mass to attend the events at the elementary and middle schools.

At the Camilla House, the cadets were extremely pleased to be able to honor Master Sergeant (Retired) Rodney Beauchamp, a retired Marine veteran, who has supported the AFJROTC Awards Banquet for numerous years. Rodney is also an honorary member of the Tuskegee Airman Society and has represented the Tuskegee Airmen at our annual awards banquet and presented several cadets with the Tuskegee Airman Award. He is a true American hero and our special friend.



## AFJROTC Military Ball



The highlight of the fall semester for the cadets is the Military Ball. The cadets planned and executed a wonderful event. It takes a lot of work to make this event a success. Early on Saturday morning, the cadets came to the school at 7:30 to set up. After hours of hard work you would not recognize the cafeteria. The theme this year was a 1940's Tribute. At 6:30 PM, the Military Ball got underway. The event started with the crowning of the Military Ball Queen. This year the cadets chose Rosemarie Stiver as the Military Ball Queen. She was crowned by Emily Stump, last year's cadet group commander who presented Rosemarie with a crown, the Queen's sash, and a dozen roses. The female senior cadets completed the Queen's Court and received a red rose. Aaron Whittle serenaded the audience by playing the Queen's Song on the piano. After the crowning of the Queen, the dance was underway. The cadets ate and danced the night away. There was Chick-Fil A nuggets, pizza, various Italian dishes, wings, fruits, veggie trays, meatballs, cheese and crackers, all kinds of snacks, and Chief's famous punch. The cakes and desserts were simply delicious. There was so much food and beverages. No one went hungry. It was like going to prom without the cost. The Military





Ball is free to all cadets and dates. We had a successful night of wonderful food and nonstop dancing. The next Sunday morning, the cadets came back, cleaned up everything, and returned the cafeteria to its original arrangement.



### MUST Ministries Food Collection

Through the help of Sequoyah High School staff and faculty, homerooms, clubs and organizations, the parents, and from our feeder schools (Dean Rusk Middle School, Indian Knoll Elementary School, Holly Springs Elementary School, Mountain Road Elementary School, and Hickory Flat Elementary School) we were able to collect 410 MUST boxes. This is a new record for Sequoyah Zone and represented almost 2/3 of what the MUST Ministries distributed. The folks at MUST were truly impressed with the Sequoyah Zone contribution to this worthy cause. A special kudo to Dean Rusk Middle School for donating a whopping 130 plus full boxes. The boxes helped families celebrate a wonderful Thanksgiving. Sequoyah Zone truly made a difference in the quality of life for more than 650 families in Cherokee County.

### MUST Ministries Food Distribution

We had a very successful Thanksgiving food drive this year at the new MUST Ministry building near Canton Market place. While most students slept through their entire break, seventy cadets collectively put in almost 750 hours of volunteer time at MUST, greeting clients, handing out Thanksgiving boxes, turkeys, and pies and sorting food. AFJROTC cadets worked hard at making Thanksgiving a happy day for over 650 needy families. The MUST Thanksgiving Program, which was Monday through Wednesday the week of Thanksgiving, is undoubtedly one of the most memorable experiences the cadets will partake in.



### Christmas Parades

64 marched in the Holly Springs and 59 Cadets in the Canton Christmas Parade. Even in the 40 degrees cold weather and rain, the cadets looked very sharp and outstandingly represented the school and the Air Force Junior ROTC Programs. We are extremely proud of them.



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## SHS AFJROTC Tribal Chant Input

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### AFJROTC Bowling Night: What did you do on Friday night January 13?

For 62 cadets, it was a lucky night. The senior cadets organized a fun night of bowling for the cadet group. They had pizza and sodas. It was fun to get together for a night of relaxation. We did note that for some it was their first time bowling. We are truly appreciative to Cherokee Lanes for the warm reception and outstanding service.



### Meeting the Air Force Thunderbird Flight Demonstration Team

A few of our cadets enjoyed a very special and rare opportunity to meet the Air Force Thunderbird Flight Demonstration Team. Cadets Valery Mangiante, Ethan Eltz, and Celeste Jordan-Thunderrock met with several members of the demonstration team to include the aircraft maintenance technicians, public affairs personnel, and the pilots to include the team's commander shown in the picture.



### Some Upcoming Events:

- 27 Jan: IKES Bingo night
- 28 Jan: Civil Air Patrol Flying
- 9 Feb: SHS Beautification Project
- 11 Feb: Tiger Flight Aviation Operations
- 4 Mar: East Paulding Drill Meet
- 9 Mar: Robins AFB Aviation Museum
- 11 Mar: Tiger Flight Aviation Operations
- 16 Mar: Space & Rocket Center Field Trip
- 18 Mar: AFJROTC Yard Sale Fundraiser
- 24 Mar: Blood Drive
- 25 Mar: State Drill Meet
- 28-30 Apr: Tennessee Trip
- 6 May: Annual Awards Banquet



## Region Technology Fair Winners



Left to right (Tyler Rutkowski, Dallas Goodwin, Daniel Haugen, Mr. Jeff Beinke, Teacher, Tyler Richards and Byron Sullivan)

The following Sequoyah students competed and placed at the Region Technology Fair on January 21st.

- Daniel Haugen and Dallas Goodwin - 3rd Place in Digital Game Design
- Tyler Rutkowski - 2nd Place in Digital Game Design
- Byron Sullivan - 1st Place in Digital Game Design
- Tyler Richards - 1st Place in Project Programming
- Dallas Goodwin - 3rd Place in Technology Literacy Challenge
- Byron Sullivan - 2nd Place in Technology Literacy Challenge

Byron Sullivan and Tyler Richards qualified for the State Technology Fair in their respective division.

FYI, Daniel Haugen qualified for state last year and is currently in the final round of GHP interviews for Software Engineering.

**Sequoyah had more students competing in the Technology fair than any other CCSD high school**

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## Marketing Students win First Place and Over \$4,000 in Social Media Marketing Contest



*Pictured: Back Row: Gavin Black, Javarii Boyer, Hunter Steng, Cassie Roppo, Payton Hood, Jacob Poole, Elaine Ware; Middle Row: Linda Smith (GA Department of Education, Program Specialist, Career, Technical and Agricultural Education), Caroline Garcia, Saigim Garcia, Sydney Neubert, Katie Kirkland, Cammie Cox, Kari Palmer (SHS Marketing Teacher); Front Row: Rhace Smith (Marketing Manager, Ecolink, Inc.), Brandon Pelissero (Chief Value Officer, Ecolink, Inc.), Laura Kudlak (SHS Assistant Principal)*

After 5 weeks of clicking, sharing, creating and promoting, the competition 'Anaheim or Bust!' has ended with Sequoyah High School taking 1st place! 19 Georgia DECA marketing programs showed off their marketing prowess by helping Ecolink, Inc. take their message to social media - while competing for their share of up to \$25,000 in prizes.

Sequoyah High School marketing students earned its chapter \$4,000 by creating the following social media stats:

- YouTube: 11 high-quality videos totaling nearly 7.5 minutes-bonus points for drone use! Talk about ending in YouTube week in style. The videos received 540 combined views & 126 likes!
- LinkedIn: 3 Blogs promoting the contest, Ecolink and Sequoyah DECA's work. Networking at it's finest!
- Page Analytics: SHS generated the most page views and were the 6th most trafficked page on the entire Ecolink site! SHS also boasted the highest time on page of any school over the course of the contest.

Ecolink and Georgia Department of Education Representatives visited Sequoyah for a class presentation of the Ecolink Social Media Marketing Contest. Sequoyah High School Marketing Pathway and DECA students won the Grand Prize of \$4,425. The money will be used for competition expenses for the DECA International Career Development Conference in April 2017 in Anaheim, CA.



## Sequoyah DECA Members Win Medals at Regional Conference



*[Pictured above (back row) Tatum Ussery, Kari Palmer, Gavin Black, Hunter Steng, Jacob Poole, Cammie Cox, Saigim Garcia (front row) Jessica Bobe, Katie Kirkland, Maddie Bruce, Hanna Palmer, Sydney Neubert.]*

The Sequoyah High School DECA club competed and won awards at the DECA Regional Career Development Conference which was held on December 1, 2016, at The Riverside EpiCenter in Austell, GA. The above pictured students competed in events directly aligned with the State Marketing Cluster Pathways curriculum requirements.

These SHS DECA members competed and placed at the Region Competition, which qualifies them to compete at the DECA State Career Development Conference next semester: Hanna Palmer, 1st place in Apparel & Accessories; Jacob Poole, 4th place in Business Services Marketing; Sydney Neubert, 1st place in Hotel & Lodging Management; Gavin Black, 6th place in Quick Serve Restaurant Management; Saigim Garcia, 1st place in Restaurant & Food Service Management; Tatum Ussery, 6th place in Retail Merchandising; Jessica Bobe, 2nd place in Principles of Finance; Maddie Bruce, 6th place in Principles of Marketing.

Mrs. Palmer is the Advisor for the Sequoyah High School DECA Club (An Association of Marketing Students). For more information about SHS DECA, please contact kari.palmer@cherokee.k12.ga.us.

## All-State Chorus

Sequoyah had 12 students make All-State Chorus this year! This is a very big accomplishment for these students. Congratulations: Maddie Bends, Kelsey Bryant, Sophia Clark, Malia Elzey, Patrick Fagan, John Haas, Jordan Jackson, Jace Nichols, Slade Searcy, Corinne Wallick, Ceci Webb, and Amelia Westmoreland!