



MAY 2023

WAR EAGLE MONTHLY

THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF SFHS

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NOTEWORTHY DATES

May 1-5

Virtual Week to accommodate
AP, IB, EOC Testing

May 6

Prom at Lanier Tech

May 9

Honors Night
*by invitation only

May 8-12

**Senior Week &
SENIOR Final Exams**

May 19

Rising 9th Grade Tailgate
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Blue & White Football Game at 6 p.m.

May 22-25

Final Exams-Underclassmen
Early Release Days

May 23

Graduation
@ Gas South Arena, 7 p.m.

May 25

Last Day of School

For a full list of extracurricular meeting dates and school events,
please use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/mryzdf7r>

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WILSON'S WAR EAGLE UPDATE

War Eagle families-

May is here and we are in the final push toward successful completion of the academic year and graduation. We need your help. School attendance is vital these last few weeks, so please make sure your student is informed about testing times and locations, shows up for testing early - not right at start time, has no missing assignments in the grade book (use your parent portal login for one final check and help your student set a plan for completion) and, most importantly, communicates with teachers about everything! Please--no requests for extra credit. Credit is what we are aiming for, so let's stay focused on the learning and the grades should follow accordingly.

FAMILIES OF SENIORS

Whooo hooo Class of 2023! It's getting real now! Caps and gowns as well as yearbooks were distributed to seniors on Friday, April 28. If your graduate did not receive theirs and has ordered - see Ms. Iracondo in the College and Career Center for pick-up of the cap and gown. If you have not ordered one, it is not too late. Please see the information on the senior class page.

Yearbooks are under the auspices of Ms. Wendy Burkus. They are absolutely lovely and make for great memories down the road. If you still need to purchase one, please reach out to Ms. Burkus. We encourage students to bring their yearbooks to the senior breakfast and picnic for signing opportunities.

See page 6 for a complete list of the senior week (May 8-12) activities and all information pertinent to year-end senior must-knows.

Graduation tickets for those who have successfully completed graduation requirements will be distributed on Friday, May 12, after the mandatory graduation practice. Students can pick up the tickets just before they exit campus after the senior picnic. **See page 6 for more info about extra tickets.** Please feel free to share your extras with others seeking additional tickets or return them to the main office so we can share them with those in need. You must have a ticket for admission to the Gas South Arena. Unfortunately, no exceptions will be made for safety and security reasons. Distance and traffic make returning home to grab forgotten items nearly impossible, so please put a reminder in your phone, on your dashboard or on your forehead! Graduation walks at prior schools are controlled by those schools - please see their respective websites for more information.**Please note that Gas South Arena has a clear bag policy!**

Any senior off-track for graduation will be requested to be in the building during our virtual week so we can assist in getting them caught up with the hope of getting them on track for graduation. Please be receptive and supportive of those calls. **May 8-12 is senior final exam week.** We will continue our work with those most in need. Contact us with questions, please.

Chatting with several students at cap and gown pick-up found them quietly reflective and loudly celebratory. This time of year, where 13 years of the same comfortable routine is now ending, evokes a wide range of emotions (from families too), and all are appropriate. Keep the tissues handy. Exciting, terrifying, nostalgic, tearful, fearful, happy, sad, and more - all appropriate and likely felt. Each student handles the future in their own way...hug them a lot and listen closely. You have raised amazing children!

If you have questions or concerns, please call us!!!

FAMILIES OF 9-11th GRADERS

Please assist your student in finishing the year strong. Again, review the grade book, and help them form a plan. Communication is key here. Assist them in communicating with teachers about missing work or grade concerns. If your student is unsuccessful in a core (ELA, math, science, social studies) course, there are opportunities to get back on-track for graduation over the summer. **See page 7 for more information.** Counselors will be communicating options and opportunities closer to the end of the month.

Yearbooks will be distributed during IF on Wednesday, May 10, when students are fully back on campus. If you have not purchased one, please connect with Wendy Burkus for information. There are a few extra books available for sale.

Schedules for next year will be released in late July.

RIISING 9th GRADE FAMILIES

Welcome to War Eagle Nation! It's a great place to connect and thrive. We look forward to seeing you on May 19 to familiarize yourself with campus, grab some War Eagle swag, and take in the Blue and White Spring game to learn how we do Friday Night Lights. Tailgate at 5 p.m.; the game is at 6 p.m.

As we round out the year, I want to say thank you to all War Eagles, present and past. It has been an honor to serve this community for the past 8 years as your principal and many years before that in other roles. Our school is strong and a place you can be proud to say your children graduated from because the community, family, and staff are connected, supportive, and united in the pursuit of excellence for our children.

I want to thank you for your trust, honesty, understanding, and involvement. Our children are so blessed to grow and learn in this community with so many opportunities present. I hope they take time to be 14- to 18-year-olds and really value this time in their lives. Too soon, adulthood with adult responsibilities arrives with no chance to turn back to more carefree days. Thank you for encouraging your children to live in and value each moment every day. The friendships they create in high school can last a lifetime and most certainly have an impact on them. I wish each of you and your families health and happiness as the years pass. As for me, I am off to focus on my own family and explore the world! So many places to see and skills to still learn! Blessings to you all as you have been blessings to me.

Stay strong South Forsyth! The world needs you!

With warm affection, great pride, and a few tears,

Laura

COUNSELING CORNER

Congratulations Class of '23, you have made it! You all went from being bright-eyed freshmen to almost understanding everything sophomores, likely a mixture of both as juniors, and now seniors ready to take on the world. We are proud of you and everything that you have done to show what it is to be a War Eagle. From prestigious academic scholarships to athletic scholarships of all sports and levels, all the way to those signing up to serve our country, the fruits of your labor are evident at every turn. Our Class of '23 includes future doctors, teachers, engineers, plumbers, business owners, leaders in the military, etc. - the possibilities are limitless. It's talent, it's skill, but it's also hard work and perseverance more than anything.

As you round out your final days, soak it all in and remember what it's like to be a high school student. Remember how excited you would get for the small things like seeing your friends in the hallway, getting the call that we are having a snow day, or putting in hours and hours on a project and getting back an "A". Remember all of those adults in the building who spent so much time helping and teaching you, making sure you could get to this point in the end. Thank them and remember the feeling that you get when doing this. Let your family know you love them and are appreciative of what they have done as your relationship grows to different levels as you now enter adulthood. Don't forget the sacrifices that they have made and will continue to make every step of the way.

From the South Counseling Department to you, we say thank you. Thank you for teaching us what the world will become, and the great future that lies ahead. Thank you for giving us purpose in our jobs, and for continuing to show us why we do what we do. Your hard work and perseverance have been inspirational, and your accomplishments are top-notch. You are a special class, and one we will never forget. As we close our time with you, we want to exit with a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. "You don't have to see the whole staircase; just take the first step." This is the first step for many of you--now go find the top of your staircase!

For our future graduates, some important links are listed below to have handy for next year.

SFHS Counseling Twitter: [@SOFOcounseling](#)
SFHS Counseling [website](#)

Wondering what you/your student should do during summer? Check out the presentation we did during IF focusing on making the most of summer.

[Summer Presentation](#)

The PSAT and SAT are going digital!

What's on the new test? How should I prepare for it? What strategies are most effective? Should I take the paper SAT, the new digital SAT, or the ACT? How will this impact my college application process?

Get your questions answered at this free session provided by Applerouth tutoring.

May 3rd, 8:00 - 9:00 pm

<https://tinyurl.com/ypmvux6t>

SFHS RISING 9TH GRADE TAILGATE EVENT

**FRIDAY
MAY 19TH
5PM-6PM**



School Tours
Fun Activities
Blue and White Game



PARTICIPANTS GET A T-SHIRT

DON'T MISS IT!

**BEGINS IN THE SFHS
PLAZA BY THE ARENA**



Local
SCHOLARSHIPS



National
SCHOLARSHIPS

May Mindful Momen²

COME PARTICIPATE IN A LESSON TO
INCREASE FOCUS & ATTENTION
+
DECREASE STRESS & ANXIETY

Wednesday, May 10th
During IF-2nd passing period
30 Seats Available
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

TO SIGN UP
SCAN TO EMAIL MRS. C OR
STOP BY THE COUNSELING
OFFICE




Please review this important information!


- PARKING AT GRADUATION
- PURCHASING EXTRA TICKETS
- BRINGING BAGS INTO GAS SOUTH ARENA.








For more information, please check the SFHS Senior Page:
<https://tinyurl.com/ms6xwjd3>



class of
2023
 Senior Week
MAY 8TH - 12TH




TUESDAY MAY 9TH	ODD DAY: 5TH & 7TH PD FINAL EXAMS	SENIOR HONORS NIGHT @ 7:00PM	
WEDNESDAY MAY 10TH	EVEN DAY: 4TH & 6TH PD FINAL EXAMS	SENIOR BREAKFAST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHEN: DURING 2ND PERIOD • WHERE: DINING HALL • STARBUCKS AND CFA • SENIOR LETTERS 	
THURSDAY MAY 11TH	ODD DAY: 1ST & 3RD PD FINAL EXAMS	SPIRIT DAY - WEAR YOUR COLLEGE/CAREER/ MILITARY GEAR	
FRIDAY MAY 12TH	EVEN DAY: 2ND PD FINAL EXAM	MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE: 10:30AM IN THE ARENA SENIOR PICNIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHEN: AFTER GRAD PRACTICE • WHERE: WAR EAGLE STADIUM • CHICK-FIL-A • KONA ICE 	



**SFHS CLASS OF 2023
EXTRA GRADUATION
TICKET REQUEST**


If you would like to request additional tickets to the graduation ceremony, please fill out the form linked [HERE](#)





SENIORS:

IN ORDER TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR HONORS NIGHT*, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AT THE QR BELOW REGARDING ANY SCHOLARSHIPS, ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS, AND/OR MILITARY ENLISTMENTS. THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE FORM IS MAY 2ND AT 4PM.

*PLEASE NOTE: ALL SUBMISSIONS ARE REVIEWED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE IF THEY WILL BE RECOGNIZED DURING HONORS NIGHT.




GRADUATION PARKING

- Parking is \$5 per vehicle
- Students will be given a parking pass (no fee)
- Link for parking will be open until 24 hours before the ceremony
- Cards will be accepted on the day of the event

SCAN HERE
to purchase



APPROVED BAGS



Clear Plastic, Vinyl, or PVC Bags



Small Clutch Bags



Diaper Bags & Medically Necessary Items

2023 HS Summer School Registration Parent Information

Program Leader: Mary Cooper

Email Address: mcooper47@forsyth.k12.ga.us

Location: Otwell Middle School
605 Tribble Gap Road
Cumming, GA 30040

Office Phone: 770-781-2264 ext. 100107

Cost: No Fee

Transportation: Bus Transportation is available

Time Frame:

Week 1: June 5-9

Week 2: June 12-15

Week 3: June 19-23

Week 4: June 26-29

Attendance Policy: Due to the shortened summer session and the fast pace of the courses, students are allowed only TWO absences and then they are automatically withdrawn from the program.

Session A: Morning Session (Math and 9th Grade Algebra Readiness Camp) 9:00 AM-12:00PM

The courses below are offered for credit recovery only:

GSE Algebra I* GSE Algebra II Statistical Reasoning

GSE Geometry AMDM Pre-Calculus

Session B: Afternoon Session (ELA, Science, and Social Studies) 12:30-3:30 pm

The courses below are offered for credit recovery only:

9th Lit/Comp World History Physical Science

10th Lit/Comp United States History* Biology*

American Lit/Comp* American Government Earth Systems

Economics Environmental Science

*EOC (End of Course Tests): EOCs will be administered June 26-29. The following courses have an EOC at the end of the course:

GSE Algebra I United States History

Biology American Literature/Comp.

HOW TO REGISTER: Please complete the HS Summer School registration at your base school with your school counselor during the times provided below. Transportation information will be provided for those requiring bus transportation by the FCS Transportation Department once registration is complete. Lunches will be provided for those students attending both sessions.

Registration Timeline:

May 1-May 17: Registration Window

May 22-May 26: Late Registration

On-Site Registration: June 2 at Otwell Middle School 9:00-11:00am



SFHS TESTING CALENDAR 2023

APRIL

See bottom of page for color coding key.

[Click to download this calendar as a PDF](#)

7 PD SCHEDULE

24

OOD PD BLOCK SCHEDULE

25

EVEN PD BLOCK SCHEDULE

26

OOD SCHEDULE

27

EVEN SCHEDULE

28

BI Business SL, Paper 1

MAY

7 PD VIRTUAL

1

OOD VIRTUAL

2

EVEN VIRTUAL

3

OOD VIRTUAL

4

EVEN VIRTUAL

5



VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS



ALGEBRA 1

AP US Govt & Politics
AP Chemistry
AP Spanish Literature & Culture
BI Business SL, Paper 2

BIOLOGY

AP Environmental Science
AP Psychology
BI Physics HL/SL, Papers 1 & 3

AMERICAN LIT, SECTION 1

AP English Literature & Composition *
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science A
BI Physics HL/SL, Paper 2
BI Literature HL, Paper 1

AMERICAN LIT, SECTIONS 2 & 3

AP Human Geography
AP Macroeconomics
AP Statistics
AP Spanish *
BI Literature HL, Paper 2

US HISTORY

AP European History *
AP US History
AP Art History
AP Microeconomics

7 PD

8

OOD

9

EVEN

10

OOD

11

EVEN

12



SENIOR WEEK



Senior 5th Pd Exam *

Senior 4th Pd Exam *

Senior 1st Pd Exam *

Senior 2nd Pd Exam *

EOC Makeup

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Computer Science Principles

BI Math AA / AL, Paper 1

EOC Makeup

AP English Language & Composition

AP Physics C: Mechanics

AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism

BI Latin HL/SL, Paper 2

BI German HL/SL, Paper 1 & 2 (reading)

BI Math AA / AL, Paper 2

EOC Makeup

AP Spanish Language

AP Biology

BI German HL/SL, Paper 2

BI Latin HL/SL, Paper 2

BI History HL/SL, Paper 1 & 2

EOC Makeup

AP World History

AP French Language

AP Physics 1

BI History HL, Paper 3

BI Chemistry SL, Papers 1 & 3

EOC Makeup

AP German Language

AP Latin

AP Physics 2

BI French HL/SL, Paper 2

BI Chemistry SL, Paper 2

7 PD

15

OOD

16

EVEN

17

OOD

18

EVEN

19

10 French SL, Papers 1 & 2

BI Spanish SL, Papers 1 & 2

BI Spanish HL/SL, Paper 2

BI Biology HL, Paper 1 & 3

BI Biology HL, Paper 2

BI Psychology SL, Paper 2

EARLY RELEASE

22

EARLY RELEASE

23

EARLY RELEASE

24

EARLY RELEASE
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

25

26

Instructional Focus

7th Pd Exam (9-11)

5th Pd Exam (9-11)

6th Pd Exam (9-11)

3rd Pd Exam (9-11)

4th Pd Exam (9-11)

1st Pd Exam (9-11)

2nd Pd Exam (9-11)

Class of 2023 Graduation
7 PM, Infinite Energy Arena

Color Coding

AP Exams, morning (7:30 am start) [yellow]

IB Exams, morning (7:30 am start)

EOC Exams

AP Exams, afternoon (11:30 am start) [red]

IB Exams, afternoon (11:30 am start)

SPHS Final Exams

* Some AP tests are being administered digitally at school.

* 12th grade students take final exams before 9th-11th grade students.