

## **SHAKOPEE HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Parent Connections - Oct 2018**



#### **Dear Shakopee High School Families:**

Just like that, September is in the books, homecoming is now a fond memory and we are moving into fall weather with the start of October. The students have done a fabulous job adjusting to their new surroundings and we are all enjoying this beautiful new high school.

I want to take a moment to reflect on our recent College and Career Readiness Day. Overall, the day was a success for our students at all levels. The building was buzzing with a positive energy from our students, staff and business partners. Despite some technical issues we had with a  $3^{\rm rd}$  party vendor during our  $10^{\rm th}$  and  $11^{\rm th}$  grade practice ACT testing, students were able to get into the testing sites to be exposed to ACT test questions and to get familiar with the testing format. While moving in and out of classrooms to help problem solve with students and teachers, we were continually impressed with the students' flexibility, resilience and persistence to trouble shoot and help their classmates. It was very heartwarming to see our school culture be so supportive of each other.

Beyond this practice ACT day, please know that students are able to log-on to MCIS, at any time, to engage in ACT preparation on their own. Future preparation could be reviewing quick lessons tailored to their needs, reviewing flash cards and even taking another Practice ACT test. Our juniors specifically, will want to utilize this resource as they prepare for our state and district testing on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The 9<sup>th</sup> graders left the school to visit Apple Autos here in Shakopee. Throughout the morning, rotating tours arrived at the dealership who is also the Academy Champion for the Freshman Academy. Students got an up-close look at various careers and toured the finance, mechanic, service and detailing departments. They also learned how each position could tie into an existing academy at Shakopee High School. While half of the 9<sup>th</sup> graders were touring Apple Autos, the other half engaged in team building activities

from the Minneapolis-based comedy group Comedy Sportz. A great time was had by all as students participated in comedy skits and games.

Finally, 12<sup>th</sup> grade students had the opportunity to learn about many aspects of college and career planning as part of the day. It was great to see our students interacting with professionals in the field whether they were learning about their options to serve in the military, enter the skilled trades, or plan for their financial future. In addition to career readiness, we had many students who started or completed their college applications, and a number of students explore their possible college futures. We expressed to the seniors that we want them to have a great year, but that they are down to about 150 days left of school in their K-12 experience and we want to do everything in our power to prepare them for a smooth transition out of high school and the world beyond.

I hope the year is off to a great start for your family. We still have lots to offer in the fall season so I hope to see you out at an event soon. Thanks for your continued support of SHS!

#### Go Sabers!

**Jeff Pawlicki** Principal

# Check out the latest announcements on our website!

#### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED!**

We are looking for one more parent volunteer for PICTURE RETAKE DAY
Friday, Oct 5 from 8-11am at the High School

Please contact Melissa if you are interested melolson@shakopee.k12.mn.us 952-496-5165

## Financial Aid Workshop

Learn about the college financial aid process and the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

## HOSTED BY: THE SHAKOPEE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

When: Tuesday, October 9th Two Sessions: 5:30pm or 7pm

Where: Shakopee High School Studio Stage (Near East Main Entrance)

Who: Parents and students grades 9-12

Presenter: Susan Ant, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships at Normandale Community College



#### **Pictures from College and Career Readiness Day!**









#### CHANGE TO CHILL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

CHANGE TO CHILL, A FREE, ONLINE MENTAL WELL-BEING PROGRAM OFFERED BY ALLINA HEALTH, IS LAUNCHING THE CHANGE TO CHILL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP THIS FALL. SHAKOPEE HIGH SCHOOL IS ONLY ONE OF NINE SCHOOLS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY. WE WILL RECEIVE HANDS-ON SUPPORT AND FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM THIS SCHOOL YEAR. THE PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTS SCHOOL-WIDE EFFORTS TO CREATE AND NURTURE A CULTURE OF MENTAL WELL-BEING AMONG STUDENTS AND STAFF. TO OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THE PARTNERSHIP, EACH PARTICIPATING HIGH SCHOOL IS HOSTING "CHILL WEEK" DURING THIS WEEK, SEPTEMBER 10-14. STRUCTURED TO RESEMBLE A TRADITIONAL HOMECOMING WEEK, CHILL WEEK FOCUSES ON A THEME EACH DAY TO **ENGAGE STUDENTS IN THINKING ABOUT** AND PRACTICING SELF-CARE.

### **Change to Chill**

Change to Chill aims to help teens figure out what stress is, what causes it and how to manage it through mindfulness, meditation, guided imagery, practicing gratitude and more. Want to stay in the loop with the Change to Chill happenings at Shakopee High School? Check out the Change to Chill website at <a href="http://www.changetochill.org/">http://www.changetochill.org/</a>

Do you feel like you have too much on your plate? Your teen is probably experiencing the same feelings. Take a few minutes this month to watch this video on managing time with your teen or family - it just may help!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?
time\_continue=4&v=IFj6x4hzOHo

### **Attendance Policy:**

If you are excusing your child from school for any reason
-Student needs to leave early
-Student is coming in late
-Student is out for the day

Please leave a message on the attendance line. We check the messages every few minutes and write passes as necessary so they are at the door and ready when you pull up to the building! The message provides us a way to ensure your student is being called out by only their parent or guardian and no one else. You can even call days ahead and we will have the passes ready to go! On average, it takes students 15 minutes to receive their pass, gather their things from class, and leave the building, so please call us at your earliest convenience so we are able to get your student out on time. We prefer them to be on time as much as you do! Thank you!

Attendance Line: 952-496-5153

## Oct at a Glance

Oct 9th Financial Aid Night, 5:30pm or 7pm

Oct 11th High School Choir Conert, 6:30pm

Oct 17th
No School, Teacher/Staff Development

Oct 18-19th No School, Fall Break

Oct 29th <u>High School Band Concert,</u> 6-9pm



#### **Palmer Bus Service**

(952)445-1166

Follow us on Twitter!

PalmerBus1

Any time we have a bus running late, we make every effort to send out a notification, via Twitter, letting our followers know what is happening!



## Follow @SHSAcademies

to get real time updates and information on our school and students

#### **Driver's Education**

Shakopee Community Education provides classroom and behind-the-wheel driver's education instruction for students age 15 & older.

Information is available at the following locations:

\*Shakopee Community Education Online

\*Shakopee High School, 100 17th Ave. W.

\*Shakopee East Junior High School, 1137 Marschall Rd. S.

\*Shakopee West Junior High School, 200 10th Ave. E.

\*Community Education Office, 1200 Town Square

For more information or questions, call the Community Education Office at 952-496-5029. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Community Education office is located at 1200 Town Square, Shakopee, MN 55379.



**Activities Website** 

**HS Calendar** 

Phone: 952.496.5152 Attendance: 952.496.5153

Si usted tiene preguntas o le gustaría obtener más información sobre alguna de estas formas, favor de comunicarse con Yael Ripoll al 952-496-5813 y dejar un mensaje. Se le regresará su llamada lo más pronto posible. iGracias!

Если у Вас возникнут вопросы относительно этой информации или Вам понадобится объяснение на русском языке, пожалуйста, позвоните Светлане Мшар по телефону 952-496-5094 и оставьте ваше сообщение. Вам ответят на звонок вскоре. Спасибо!

Haddii aad u baahatid Tafaasiil intaas kasii baddan ama turjumid, Fadlan la xidhiidh Ibrahim Mohamed oo ah Howlwadeenka idman ee Waalidiinta iyo Iskuulada Shakopee, Teleefonkiisana waa 952-496-5041.