
TIGER PRIDE

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Week 8

Week's over tomorrow! But, we've still got a week's worth of engagement events for our families. We begin with tonight's PUSH meeting at 6, followed by tomorrow's State of the School meeting at 5, and conferences Tuesday and Wednesday. Also, the South Foundation is hosting a luncheon Wednesday, with Lea B. Olsen, Class '85, as the headliner. Enjoy the extended weekend ahead, and know while students are out, we'll be here learning for the benefit of our own hardworking students!

Principal Aponté

P. S. Congratulations to math teachers Stephanie Woldum and Morgan Fierst! They are recipients of the very huge honor of being THE state finalists for the Presidential Math & Science teaching award....this ensures that the state winner is indeed a South High teacher!

October Events

Monday

PUSH MEETING

October 12

Tuesday

Indian Education Field Trip

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Parent Teacher Conferences

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Title I Meeting

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State of the School Meeting

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Wednesday

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

October 14

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Indian Education Field Trip

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Thursday

No School

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Friday

No School

October 16

PUSH Meeting

Parents United for South High meets for the second time this year. We start at 6 p.m., with a light dinner; business gets underway at 6:30.

Conferences

Drop-in sessions:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 13, 4-8 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 14, 8 a.m. to noon**
 - ♦ If you can, **please print your child's schedule** from the **parent portal** and bring.
 - ♦ If you cannot, **please don't worry, we can print** for you here at school.

These dates don't work for you? Remember, conferencing can happen year around by scheduling time with teachers.

State of the School

Learn about the state of South High School at tomorrow evening's Title I meeting, 5 p.m. in conference room 149. Please read our letter to families, outlining South's designation as a continuous improvement school in English, Spanish, Somali - on our website. This meeting is an opportunity to know more about South High School's school improvement plan and your right to be involved in your child's education.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

At South it's a tradition that we treat our teachers to a fun, breakfast buffet conference morning. That will be this Wednesday, and we invite families to contribute breakfast goodies, if inclined: fruit, yogurt, pastries, coffee, juice, granola, etc.

Food donations (and \$) will be appreciated and accepted in room 110, Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday, you may also bring directly to the teacher's lounge, across from the main office, 7-7:30 a.m. That is also the time period for set up. If able to volunteer, email: Sharon.White@mpls.k12.mn.us

South teachers are award finalists!

We are very pleased to announce that math teachers Stephanie Woldum and Morgan Fierst are the state finalists for the nation's highest honor in math teaching. The Minnesota winner (and other state winners) will be announced by the White House, flown to DC for a week of professional development and celebratory events, where they will receive a \$10,000 cash prize from the National Science Foundation.

To get to this point, [i.e. finalist status, for The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching (PAEMST)] Ms. Woldum and Ms. Fierst had to submit a video of themselves teaching a class. Respectively, they showed an intermediate algebra class and an advanced algebra class. They also had to complete a 15-page application, in which they explained the video and moments that reflected their thought processes behind learning targets and how material was conveyed to the students.

Congratulations, Ms. Fierst and Ms. Woldum!

Soudan Underground Lab

Of course, our entire South faculty excel as teachers and continue to bring amazing experiences to our students!

Kate Rosok's Earth Science & Astronomy class just brought in **Al Lipke from the University of Minnesota's Soudan Underground Laboratory**. The lab, a half mile beneath the earth's surface, is where cosmic radiation is at its lowest, allowing the study of neutrinos. We'll have more on his visit on our website.

In the meantime, Ms. Rosok shared a nice note from Prof. Lipke, complimenting our South students: "I had a great time with your students. I had better interactions with them than at xxxx (suburban school). Keep up the good work. We need caring, dedicated teachers to make that happen!"

Native teacher imparts history and identity

We've got more in the category of rich, classroom learning experiences. Curt Summers of Oneida, WI is a teacher of native descent, and a lacrosse expert, and he recently visited Vince Patton's Social Studies class. Summers shared with our Native students the basics of the traditional game of lacrosse, which originated with the Natives of the plains. That history lesson was followed by a run of outdoor drills with students and with Principal Aponte, too!

Summers imparted that "the game is more than a sport. It's a way to reconnect with history and identity." He also shared his perspective on issues facing native youth. Summers teaches the Oneida language and works as both a high school teacher and a coach to his school's lacrosse team. He is also the advisor of the youth program at his school. More on our website, soon.

PSAT exam date at South High: Wednesday, October 28

Juniors and sophomores, registered for the Wednesday, Oct. 28 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, should mark calendars and make note of the date above plus the following:

Test check-in: **8 - 8:25 a.m. (Students may be admitted until 8:45 a.m.)**

Test time: **8:30 a.m.**

Test site: **South High auditorium**

Test length: **3.5 hours**

Bring: **# 2 pencils**

Bring: **Scientific or graphing calculator, if desired.**

Do NOT bring: **cell phone/smartphone**

Do NOT bring: **back pack**

Do NOT bring: **food or drink**

IMPORTANT: *Students must arrive and be seated prior to test time.*

ACT testing dates approaching

The next American College Test, required for admittance to many four-year colleges and universities, can be taken at [Dunwoody College](#), **Saturday Oct. 24**. Tests are scheduled every other month throughout the school year. See upcoming test dates and [registration information](#).

Barn Dance and Costume Fest

We're still having hayrides, bonfires and prizes for costumes....but the namesake "Sadie Hawkins," as well as the fiddlers and the square dances have been replaced. The new name, as the headline says, is the Barn Dance and Costume fest. The new entertainment will be a DJ.

Families please encourage your high schoolers to attend. This is a dance intended to be without dating pressure. The entire student body is welcome and needed to enhance school spirit.

Attending students must get a permission slip in the office and to buy tickets at lunchtime in the commons. Any student short on cash can talk to a social worker to cover the ticket cost.

Tickets are: \$22/person; \$42/pair.

Note: Tickets will **not** be sold at buses.

Last day for ticket sales is **October 21st** or until buses are filled.

Don't miss out!

Dance notes from teacher and advisor, Arthur French:

Buses will begin boarding at 6:00 pm and depart at 6:30 pm. Students must have ticket and school ID to board. Dance ends at 10 p.m. All students must ride a bus and return on the same bus they were manifested on. Buses will return by 10:45. Parents please be waiting for them in the parking lot.

Students taking the SAT on Saturday will be offered a special bus with early return time at 9:00, to return by 9:30. All buses depart and return from 32nd Street off the South High Parking Lot.

Wear a crazy costume! Cash prizes for individual (3), pair (2), and group of three (1). No weapons or weapon replicas are allowed. Your face may be

painted, but must be uncovered. In any case dress warm, as it may be cool! No packs, beverages or water bottles will be allowed on bus.

There will be **hayrides, bon fires, chuck wagon, drink shack, and a DJ in the barn** with a contemporary playlist. Dance admission, hayride and bus is included in the price of the ticket. Food and beverages available for cash. Event is same format as Sadie Hawkins, save for no requirement for date, and we have switched square dancing for a DJ for popular appeal. Come with your friends! Friends from other schools must additionally submit a guest form to be certified by their school of attendance.

We need chaperones, both staff and parents! Chaperones will receive free beverages all evening at the drink shack. Please email arthur.french@mpls.k12.mn.us to volunteer as chaperone or for other dance information.

This event is sponsored and produced by the South High School Chapter of National Honor Society (NHS) and its members. All net profits will be used for charitable service projects. Hope to see you there!

Q Quest coming to South

South's welcoming inclusive reputation and progressive work in achieving establishment of gender neutral bathrooms made it a prime candidate to host the next Q Quest conference this month.

As such, the two-day conference will be here at South and will include a **middle school track on Friday, Oct. 29** and **high school track Saturday, Oct. 30.**

The day of workshops, some by our own South students, and activities will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. and is dedicated to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Allied youth.

To register, visit: www.mnschooloutreach.org

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Other resources include: [MPS Out 4 good](#)

Nordic Ski Boosters go the distance with 5K Walk/Run!

[Sign up HERE](#) for the **2015 Tiger Trail 5K Run/Walk!** This is a fun event for the entire family with a spectacular drawing to boot and helps support the Minneapolis South High School Nordic Ski team.

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m.

WHERE: Quaking Bog, near Theodore Wirth Beach

DIRECTIONS: <https://goo.gl/maps/Tw6Pi>

FACEBOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/TigerTrail5k>

Entry fees:

- \$20 online, if submitted by midnight, Thursday, Nov. 5
- \$25 race morning

Lea B. Olsen, '85, headlines All Alumni Fall Luncheon

Make your reservations now for the South Foundation's Fall Luncheon!

All Alumni Fall Luncheon

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Knights of Columbus

1114 W. 79th Street

Bloomington, MN

Social Hour: 11:00 a.m. | Luncheon: Noon

Tickets: \$18 per person | \$20 at the door

Online reservations due: October 9

Mail-in reservations* due: October 7

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enclose check)

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Give your input about the MPS School Year Calendar

As the Minneapolis Public Schools calendar committee develops the district calendar for the next three years, they are offering families the opportunity to

weigh in on: school start and end dates; length of winter and spring breaks; and more, by completing [this survey \(see mid page\)](#) in **English, Spanish, Somali or Hmong**. Survey closes **Oct 22**. The MPS Board of Education will vote on the final district calendar in December. **Read more.**

Tiger Pride archive is available under "Quick Links" on the South High School [homepage](#). Submissions may be emailed to: [Lisa Ramirez](#)

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