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## Week 14



Happy Thanksgiving!

Principal Aponte

## Thanksgiving holiday break!

No school Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 25-27.  
Have a safe, splendid holiday!

### This week

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#### Monday, Nov. 23

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#### Tuesday, Nov. 24

Sr. Class Officer Apps Due  
BLACK Field Trip  
French Class Field Trip

#### Wednesday, Nov. 25

No School

#### Thursday, Nov. 26

No School

#### Friday, Nov. 27

No School

### Next week

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#### Monday, Nov 30

Site Council Meeting

#### Tuesday Dec. 1

Financial Aid Night, 6-8 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 2

9th Grade Open Field Trip  
Partnership Outing  
South Spirit Gear Sales-Lunch

#### Thursday, Dec. 3

9th Grade Open Field Trip

#### Friday, Dec. 4

9th Grade Open Field Trip

## **ACT Trial Run!**

Not every high school student gets this opportunity, but thanks to inquiries made by Principal Aponte and testing coordinator Elizabeth McMillen, South High is giving our **juniors** a shot at taking the ACT exam as a trial run.

At our request, the American College Testing service is sending retired ACT exams, which we will administer to students and send back for actual, but unofficial scoring. Students will get a sense of the exam, see results and get the opportunity to zero in on areas for focused improvement, all for \$5!!!!

Ms. McMillen explains, "Our students will get a feel for the 'real deal' which we will offer March 15, 2016."

**ACT Practice Test**  
**Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016**  
**8 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**  
**(Sign up and \$5 fee Required)**

- The Practice Test is open to the first 150 juniors who sign up.
- Sign up is in the Testing Office, located in the Media Center (next to the Writing Lab).
- Fee is \$5.00 (The school is offsetting the actual cost of \$16.00 per student.)
- Sign up **begins next Monday, Nov. 30 and ends Friday, Dec. 11.**

Please contact Testing Coordinator, Elizabeth McMillen at 668-4365, with questions.

## **South High Family Tours Dec. 2 - Jan. 27**

Prospective high schoolers and their families are invited to South High to visit classes and talk to students. Reserve your spot on the tour schedule for a date in December or January. **See schedule here.**

Note: Families interested in the Open Program should select any date, except the Dec. 2 date, when our Open staff and students will be out of the building.

## **Math Tutor of the Quarter!**

The South High Math Center is open every school day and staffed by our illustrious math faculty. However, it also relies on the expertise of our student tutors.

In recognition of outstanding scholarly service and efforts in assisting fellow students, the Center is naming one of our exceptional student tutors as "Math Tutor of the Quarter."

For the first quarter of the 2015-16 academic year, the honor goes to senior **Laurel Neufeld**. Congratulations Laurel!

Students interested in becoming math tutors may contact Mr. Rumppe or Mr. Henry.

## **Results from MN Urban Debate League!**

Word from the MN Urban Debate League is that our students were very successful at the third debate tournament of the season, held at Roseville Area High School.

South's **Josiah Ferguson** and **Townes Nelson** won 6<sup>th</sup> place in the Varsity division.

We congratulate these students and their coaches Chris Stinson, Kendall Wtiaszek, and Erick Taggart for the fantastic job they are doing!

## **Host an AFS international exchange student now!**

Mattia, from Italy, is a student at South High this year, placed temporarily with a Minneapolis family. We are now looking for a family to take him in for the remainder of the year. His current family enjoys having him around and says "he's an easy young man to host! Very polite, loves animals, and recently joined the Nordic ski team at South HS."

Mattia is enjoying being a student at South and would love to find a South family to continue hosting him so he won't need to change schools!

American Field Service host families come in all shapes and sizes - single parents, single adults/no kids, two-parent families, and LGBT families are all welcome!

### **Host family responsibilities:**

- Provide 3 meals a day.

- Provide student with own bed (students can share a bedroom with one host sibling of the same gender)
- Transportation to-and-from school (this can be a school bus, carpool, or if you're close enough, walking!)
- An American family experience!

**As a cultural exchange experience, your family will:**

- Get a chance to learn about life in Italy.
- Share your favorite things about Minneapolis with an international teenager!
- Acquire a new member of the family! Many former hosting families remain in contact with their exchange students throughout their lives.

If you're interested, or would like more information, please contact **Emily Turner** [eturner@afsusa.org](mailto:eturner@afsusa.org) or 612-219-6041 (AFS field staff in Minneapolis.)

**StuCo Winter Clothing Drive ends tomorrow, Nov. 24**

South's Student Council is encouraging students to bring in fairly new or gently used winter wear to support fellow students. Donations are being accepted in Room 111 through tomorrow!

**Seniors: Final call for Cap & Gown Orders!**

If you haven't already ordered your cap and gown, please report to Ms. Woldums's room 224 by end of tomorrow/Tuesday to complete your order form. It will be submitted Wednesday! No cost.

## Indian Education Update | Tami Johnson

Last week we had students review their transcripts and compare to MN college admissions criteria. We also talked about credit make up options and ways students can challenge themselves academically through honors or dual credit programs in MPS.

This week was our final college group of the year and the students shared food and enjoyed reviewing all they learned with a fun (and sometimes very competitive) game of Jeopardy!

We also wrapped up Native American Family Involvement Day (NAFID) with a metro-wide college fair at the Lake Street YWCA - open to the public. We had a great turn out with more than 30 colleges plus students, families and staff from many schools:

- MPS: South, Sanford, Henry, Lyndale, Roosevelt, Bdote, Broadway, Dowling and Anne Sullivan
- St. Paul: Lincoln, Harding and Central
- Augsburg Fair Academy (Mpls)
- St. Francis Middle and High Schools
- Columbia Heights
- Moundsview
- Eden Prairie
- Irondale (New Brighton)
- Andover
- Minnehaha Academy
- Job Corps (St. Paul)

Thanks to all of you who supported us this year with groups and participation in trivia!!!!!!

We will continue to meet with seniors on their post high school planning and you'll hear a lot from us as American Indian Month approaches in May.

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Thanks,  
Tami

## **QQuest | Ethan Dean**

South was the host site for Q-Quest, a regional summit for LGBTQA students from around the state. In its 11th year, more than 600 students, volunteers and community partners came together October 29, 30 for the largest Q-Quest yet.

Day one was for middle school students; day two was for high school students.

As a resource fair dozens of workshops were presented. Among them:

- "Queer Sex Ed"
- "How to get a Gender Neutral Bathroom in your School"
- "Queer Communities of Color."

Additionally, open mic entertainment, student caucuses and a keynote speech from Cheryl Reeve, the coach of the World Champion Minnesota Lynx, were all part of the conference.

Conference support comes from the MPS office of Out4Good, Family Tree Clinic and other community partners.

Out4good: <http://osfce.mpls.k12.mn.us/out4good>

Here is a summary of the value of Q-Quest for South students and SHS:

- South as the host site, provided an opportunity for Q-Quest to have its largest and most successful event yet. Minneapolis Public School students and students from around the state were able to see South High and its commitment to providing safe and inclusive learning environments for all students.
- South High students were involved! The Gay Student Alliance was actively engaged and students had the opportunity to be the dominant voice in their building as opposed to a marginalized voice. This aligns with Acceleration 2020's goal of Improved Student Outcome and Equity.
- Another goal of Acceleration 2020 is Family and Community Partnership. South High was an active partner in the creation of Q-Quest which was put together by a team of educators and community partners.
- Q-Quest is an event that students look forward to and seek out. Friendships are formed, students report feeling less isolated, and are given the opportunity to learn about themselves and their community.

## **Audition for Grease!**

Auditions for the spring musical "Grease" will be after school **Dec.**

**15-17.** Students need to be present all three days in order to be cast. Meet in the auditorium.

## **Upcoming Theater Performances**

**You Can't Take It With You**

**Thursday, December 10**

7 p.m. South Auditorium Main Stage

**You Can't Take It With You**

**Friday, December 11**

7 p.m. South Auditorium Main Stage

## **Upcoming Music Performances**

### **Holiday Performances for Pop Singers**

**Friday, December 11:**

12:15pm US Bank Plaza (downtown Mpls)

1:30pm Highland Riverview Senior Apartments

2:30pm Minnehaha Senior Living

4:05pm KFAI Radio Spot (Live on-air)

**(NOTE:** There is no Dec. 4th performance date as listed in the Sunday reminders. Apologies for the error.)

**Sunday, December 13:**

8:00pm Mall of America Rotunda

## REHEARSAL

**Friday, Jan 8**

Tenors & Basses WITNESS Rehearsal #2 at Southwest High School

## South Holiday Concert

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015** - South High Community Bands & Pop Singers

## South High Swing Night (Formerly "Singer Showcase")

**Thursday, January 14, 2016** - Jazz Ensemble I, Dance Company, & soloists from Pop Singers

## **9th Annual South Pops Concert**

**Thursday, January 28, 2016** - Chamber Orchestra, Varsity Choir, & Wind Ensemble

\$5 adults; \$3 students, staff free with ID

## **Two Music Fundraisers**

South Music Students are headed to Memphis, and Nashville, Tennessee on a music tour in April, and they are raising funds to help get them there.

Here are two ways you can help:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 1, 8 -10 p.m. only**  
**Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble - Edina Galleria Location.**
- **Baker's Square \$15 Pie Cards - Buy now through Tuesday, Dec. 1!**  
Each card is good for one pie. Perfect as a gift, or to redeem for your

next gathering with family and friends. Purchase from a music student, or arrange purchase with Laurie.Meyers@mpls.k12.mn.us

## **MFT Diaper Drive**

South Members of the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers are collecting diapers for Teen Parenting Services. Anyone wanting to contribute, can drop diapers off tomorrow at school. Label: Diaper Donation.

## **All-Conference Volleyball honors!**

Congratulations to seniors **Elizabeth Francis** and **Jenisis Fonder**, both were named to All Conference Volleyball Players!

## **MPS Girls Swim/Dive team GPAs posted**

South represents! Roosevelt 3.99; South 3.92; SW 3.73; Wash 3.62

## **Survey for Parents and Coaches of Fall Athletes**

The Athletics Department wants to hear from the parents and coaches of our fall student athletes. Please complete the survey on the South High School website [Athletic Page](#). Survey will be up until next Monday, **Nov. 30**. Thanks to all who participated, families and students, and backed our South High tigers!

## **Our Campaign: Reasons To ❤️ South!**

More reasons to love were posted this past week! Feel free to reply with your own reason/s to love South! We may use it in one of our postings!

Reason #71 To ❤️ South: Our principal!  
Principal Aponte's first thought is always our students.

Reason #72 To ❤️ South: Our students!  
Their strength, compassion & willingness to support each other in needed reflection.

Reason #73 To ❤️ South: Math, EL teacher, Mr. Alabari!  
Well-dressed (voted by students) & well-spoken, he speaks Spanish, French, Arabic, Italian, English & Somali!

Reason #74 To ❤️ South: Our Writing Center!  
It's open all day, every school day \*and\* staffed by trained writing tutors! Need help with an assignment, college essay, scholarship app? We're here for you!

Reason #75 To ❤️ South: Gifted South Staff!  
Community Ed's Heather Borgman drew on graphic arts background and donated customized class logos to our Gallant Tigers!

**College Career Center Happenings Nov. 30 - Dec. 4**  
**Monday, Nov. 30 (Rates and Abdullah in the CCC)**

AVID seniors in CCC period 3

### **Tuesday, Dec. 1 (Rates in the CCC)**

**Financial Aid Night 6 - 8 p.m. in the Auditorium & Commons**

Frequent college application deadline

Wallin Scholarship Opens

### **Wednesday, Dec. 2 (Abdullah in the CCC)**

AVID seniors in CCC period 3

Minnesota Air National Guard rep visit at 10am

Walk-In Help Sessions, Topic: College Applications from 2-3:30pm in the CCC

### **Thursday, Dec. 3 (Rates in the CCC)**

### **Friday, Dec. 4 (Rates and Abdullah in the CCC)**

CCC Closed for Counseling Dept Meeting from 9-10:30

## **Scuba Club Meeting Dates Set**

Students and families, interested in efforts to form a Scuba Club are asked to meet :

- **Monday, Dec. 7, 6:30pm, Washburn High School, Room 337** (Enter on the 50th street side of the building).  
South teacher Sean Mattner and Washburn teacher Mark Jensen will go over basics of the class work students will do, possible trip scenarios, costs involved and possible fundraising ventures. Please contact [Sean.Mattner@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Sean.Mattner@mpls.k12.mn.us) if

you're interested in attending.

- **Monday, Dec. 14, 3:15pm., South High School, Room 134A.**

This meeting will be with Mr. Mattner and South Scuba Club members.

## **Baseball Fundraiser at Chipotle**

This next week brings a new opportunity to eat without guilt : )

South Baseball will collect proceeds from 50% of the bill you pay, when dining at the **Chipotle on Ford Parkway, next Monday, Dec. 1.**

- Arrive 5 - 9 p.m.
- Print [flier](#) OR save to your smart phone
- Present at the counter.

## **South High School Tour of Spain and Morocco**

The South High tour of Spain and Morocco is taking place this summer, June 19 - 30.

Families and students with questions are asked to email: [Laura.Lanik@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Laura.Lanik@mpls.k12.mn.us)

Also, learn more on our website link:

<http://www.explorica.com/lanik-43>

We are going to some pretty awesome places on this tour– Madrid, Barcelona and some amazing small towns on the Mediterranean. Parents can sign up on the link.

The 100 dollar off **promo code** for the Spain trip, for the month of November is: **Touchdown100**

## **MPS School Board Seeking Next Student Representative**

An MPS student can gain a wide array of leadership, communication and political skills by serving as the next Student Representative to the Minneapolis School Board. **Applications from current high school juniors and sophomores are being accepted now until Nov. 30.**

The new Student Board Representative will take office and serve a one-year term beginning in January 2016. Last year was the first year that a student was named as a non-voting member of the Minneapolis Board of Education.

The student selected will receive up to \$5,000 in scholarship funds in recognition of his or her dedication and commitment to MPS.

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