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# TIGER PRIDE

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## Week 12

As we enter this second week of November, I'm reminded that December is fast approaching. We're accomplishing much, but have much more on the horizon. Please consider coming to tonight's PUSH meeting. The agenda is below and building community is what we're all about. If you cannot make that, come to the site council meeting, Nov. 30. Believe me, I understand time constraints—my own don't allow me to post to the Principal's Corner as often as I'd like. But, I'm committed to doing so every quarter, at least. That said, if you can't make meetings, connect with me there. I'm coming at you **today with a post**, and you can expect another mid January!

Stay warm Gallant Tigers!

Principal Aponte

### This week

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#### Monday, Nov. 9

PUSH Meeting  
Overdue books deadline

#### Tuesday, Nov. 10

AVID Field Trip  
Essay Writing Workshop  
Native Am. Artists Field Trip  
Choir Concert

#### Wednesday, Nov. 11

Field trip Somali Museum  
Unidos Family Night

#### Thursday, Nov. 12

Orchestra Concert

#### Friday, Nov 13

Band Concert

### Next week

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#### Monday, Nov. 16

South High Tenors  
Jazz Concert

#### Tuesday, Nov. 17

Junior Planning Night  
Choir Field Trip Magic Flute

#### Wednesday, Nov. 18

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#### Thursday, Nov. 19

Open House for 8th graders  
Native Am. College Fair

#### Friday, Nov. 20

Senior Photos Due

## **PUSH MEETING TONIGHT 6 p.m.**

Please join Parents United for South High and come to our meeting tonight. We'll start off with a light dinner and business will get underway at 6:30 p.m., in the South High Media Center. Learn about opportunities to volunteer, offer input and connect with parents and staff.

### **AGENDA**

6:00 - 6:20 p.m. - Principal Ray Aponte, Principal's Update

6:20 - 6:30 p.m. - Sharon White, Survey update

6:20 - 6:40 p.m. - PUSH Chair:, Jean Blakeley-Cook,

- Overview of PUSH parent organization
- Explanation of PUSH general membership and voting rights
- Explanation of Roberts Rules v. Fist to Five Voting

6:40 - 7:30 p.m. - ALL PUSH Members, Bylaws review, creation of mission statement

7:30 - 8:00 p.m. - ALL PUSH Members, Initiatives and timeline

8:00 - 8:30 p.m. - ALL PUSH Members, Committee creation

## **PLEASE TURN IN OVERDUE ITEMS - ASAP**

The deadline's been extended. Please turn in books ASAP.

- Textbooks should be turned into teachers.
- Library book should be returned to the media center.

## **COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP - TUESDAY, NOV. 10**

The South High Writing Center and the Career and College Center are collaborating in offering a college application and essay writing workshop, **Tuesday, Nov. 10:**

### **College and Career Center:**

**2:20 - 3:10 p.m.** Optional college essay support and computer time.

### **Media Center:**

**3:15 - 3:30 p.m.**

Get tips on writing a good essay.

**3:30 - 4:15 p.m.**

Panel of college admission reps give their take on college essays. Ask questions.

**4 - 5 p.m.**

Receive one-on-one help with your essay from writing coaches.

## **NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH: WRITE-INS**

The new creative writing/spoken word group here at South is hosting write-ins **every Tuesday after school** in honor of National Novel Writing

Month. The write-ins will take place in **room 259**. Students don't have to be writing a novel to participate. It's a place to come and get support for whatever creative writing you'd like to work on! Contact: **Corinth Matera** with questions.

## **SOUTH FALL MUSIC PERFORMANCES THIS WEEK**

The South High Music Faculty proudly invite you to experience the beautiful sounds of our student musicians!

### **Tuesday, Nov. 10: Choir Night**

Concert Choir, Men's Choir, Treble Choir, Varsity Choir & Pop Singers

### **Thursday, Nov. 12: Orchestra Night**

String Orchestra & Chamber Orchestra

### **Friday, Nov. 13: Band Night**

Concert Band, Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble

### **Monday, Nov. 16: Jazz Night**

Jazz Ensemble II & Jazz Ensemble I

### **Concerts begin 7 p.m. in the South Auditorium**

\$5 adults | \$3 students with ID

Free to South staff with ID

## **FIELD TRIP TO SOMALI MUSEUM - NOV. 11**

Families are asked to make sure permission slips are signed for this Wednesday's outing to the Somali Museum. Students of Mr. Alabari, Hodan Adan, Ahmed Yusuf will be participating.

## **UNIDOS FAMILY NIGHT - NOV. 11**

South High families you are invited to the annual Unidos Family Night, **Wednesday Nov. 11, 5-7 p.m.** It will be an informative and enjoyable evening with:

- Food
- Speaker
- College & Scholarship information
- Games & Activities for children

## **UNIDOS NOCHE DE FAMILIA - 11 DE NOV.**

Familias de south high , se le invita a Unidos Noche de Familia anual para las familias latinas **el miércoles 11 de noviembre de 5-7 p.m.** habrá un orador educativa / inspiración, informativo sobre las universidades y las becas también habrá juegos y actividades para los niños, también se proporcionarán las actuaciones de los estudiantes y los miembros, abra alimentos para todos Ven y únete a nosotros para una noche educativa y divertida!

# JUNIOR PLANNING NIGHT - NOV. 17 | MARIE HASSELL

Hello South High students and parents,

I would like to invite you to **Junior Night** hosted by the South High Counseling Department **Tuesday, Nov. 17th at 6pm** in the Auditorium. This will be a presentation on how to prepare you and your child for their senior year.

We will cover:

- Graduation Requirements,
- ACT/SAT testing
- College admission
- College application

College search process.

Overall, we hope to ease your worries and help you prepare for your senior year. Hope to see you there!

Questions about Junior Night? Please email [Marie Hassell](#) or call 612.668.4370

Marie Hassell  
South High School Counseling Department

## **SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - NOV. 19**

Open House - Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. at South High is for current 8th graders and all prospective freshmen. Tell your friends how great it is to be a Gallant Tiger! [See flier.](#)

## **NATIVE AMERICAN COLLEGE FAIR - NOV. 19**

**Thursday, Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m. at the Midtown Y** is a wonderful opportunity for students to speak with representatives from a variety of postsecondary institutions about: job training, community programs, college life, courses, admission and financial aid requirements. This college fair is free and open to the public and will last until 8 p.m. **Light, healthy dinner fare will be served to the first 300 attendees.** Food truck fare for purchase will also be available 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Also on tap: a performance by Tall Paul and door prizes!

## **INDIAN ED UPDATE | TAMI JOHNSON**

Our theme for group this week was “belief in self.” Students read an article by Rose, a recent law school graduate going through her first job interviews. Her interviewers focused a majority of their questions on her culture (“What are reservations like?”, “Do you get a lot of money from casinos?”, etc.) and not her skills, leaving Rose to question her choice to interview with large law firms. Would she fit in when she got there? Would others focus on her race and not her abilities? Rose had to

review her support network and her values to reaffirm her belief in herself and her career path. After reading, students used a graphic organizer to represent their own support system; listing their leaders (who they look up to), their values, their supporters, their knowledge of their future after high school, who they are (“I am...”) and their vision for their future (“I will...”) We talked about how we may need to expand or recreate our support system when we leave high school and enter into the next journey of our life- especially when we begin to doubt ourselves and think that “most crippling of thoughts: I do not belong here.”

## **IN THE CLASSROOM**

Students in VOICES have just completed podcasts on a variety of social justice issues that push against the status quo. Take a listen to the insights our students are sharing with the goal of educating the community and empowering themselves as change agents of society.

**<http://southhighvoices.blogspot.com>**

## **SOUTH MATH TEAM TIES FOR FIRST PLACE!**

In their first outing of the year, the South High math team tied Southwest for first place! The meet was at Roosevelt High last Monday and drew 8 teams competing in events covering: Pre-Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Advanced Algebra. [See standings.](#)



## **SOUTH STUDENTS WIN COVETED AD INTERNSHIPS!**

Congratulations to South Mass Media & Advertising students **Bilal Abdulkadir, Shadeed Cole** and **Erik Patton**, WINNERS of coveted, ad agency internships! Normally two interns selected. The BrandLab instructor/liaison who announced the internships, said the pool at South was particularly strong so they chose three this round! Read more, see photo and video in our [website story](#).

## **MEN'S SWIMMING/DIVING SEASON BEGINS NOV. 30**

Swimmers of all levels attending **South, Washburn** and **Roosevelt** high schools are invited to swim team tryouts during practice sessions the week of **Nov. 30**.

### Practice Schedule:

**Monday and Friday** 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Midtown YWCA

**Tuesday and Thursday** 6 -7:30 a.m. - Midtown YWCA

**Tuesday and Thursday** 3:30-5:30 p.m. South High School - conditioning

**Wednesday** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - SW High School Pool

**Saturday** 7 - 8:30 a.m. - SW High School Pool

### Requirements:

- Must swim 100 yards with flip turns.
- Must attend all practices and meets.

[Visit our webpage](#)

## **SURVEY FOR COACHES & PARENTS 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 **Nov. 30**. Thanks to all who participated, families and students, and backed our South High tigers!

## **SCHOOL SURVEY FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

Thanks to the teachers and students who have participated so far in the 5Essentials survey which is posted to the [South High website](#).

**We need 50 percent participation to get results.** So far, we're at 7% for students and 23% for teachers. This is great opportunity to be heard! There is still time. The survey is open until **Nov. 22**.

## **SCUBA CLUB ORGANIZING AT SOUTH**

South students interested in scuba diving as part of an organized high school club, please contact English teacher [Sean Mattner](#). Mr. Mattner is our adviser and point person here at South in connecting with Washburn teacher Mark Jensen, who is the lead in organizing interest district wide. In our next newsletter we'll have a December meeting date and time.

Last year, teacher Mark Jensen and Washburn principal Rhonda Dean, led a few WHS students on a dive trip, alongside 16 Andover students. The trip was the culmination of months of scuba training and study in marine biology. The upcoming organizational meeting will cover: how

the club will proceed, how members can work to become PADI certified, the possibility of science credit, outings and fundraising for trips.

## **DRIVER'S ED SIGN UP NOW - SESSION STARTS NOV. 30**

South High Community Education is offering Driver's Ed after school, **Nov. 30 - Dec. 15**, Monday - Thursday, 3:15-6:15 p.m. The fee is \$125 and students must be at least 15 years-old by the time classes are in session. [Register online](#) or in person at the Community Education Office.

## **TIGER PRIDE**

To receive the Tiger Pride, current families need not subscribe. It is automatically sent via school messenger email which interfaces with family contact information on file with the school. Additionally, all stakeholders, current families or not, may access Tiger Pride on the homepage of the website, under quick links.

*Archive of Tiger Pride issues, available under "Quick Links" on the South High School [homepage](#). Submissions may be emailed to: [Lisa Ramirez](#).*

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