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Welcome back, again!

Just a week ago, our students and staff were given a heroes' welcome their first day back to school. The cheers and applause of 80 community supporters were orchestrated by the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization. [Visit the South High website](#) for links to news coverage by KARE11, the Star Tribune, and see our own photo gallery, too. If you were among the throngs of greeters, we humbly and sincerely thank you! If you know any of the folks who came out last Monday, please, don't be shy. Let them know how appreciated they are, and that they made a truly remarkable impact on your school community!

South among 'Most Challenging'

Something else to cheer about—South High school was recently ranked 14th on the Washington Post's list of most challenging schools in Minnesota. Links to the full list and the methodology are on our website. This news is what drew Interim Superintendent Michael Goar to classes Monday. Read more on that in the [Principal's Corner](#).

Class of 2016

A link to [Senior Class Information](#) is listed on the homepage under "Quick Links."

September Events

Theater Orientation
Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015

Labor Day (No School)
Monday, Sept. 7, 2015

CPEO Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015

Fall Theater Auditions
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Sept. 9, 10, 11, 2015

Picture Day
Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015

P.U.S.H. Meeting 6:30 pm
Monday, Sept. 14, 2015
(Dinner at 6 pm)

CPEO 6-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015

Fall Open House 6:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015

Homecoming
Friday, Sept. 18, 2015

Senior Planning Night 6pm
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015

CPEO 6-8:30 pm
Tuesday Sept. 22, 2015

Monday Site Council 4 pm
Sept. 28, 2015

CPEO 6-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015
(Dinner 6 pm)

Senior Planning Night, Tuesday, Sept. 22 | Marsha Gaulke

The South High Counseling Department invites you and your child to Senior Planning night. As a parent who has gone through the challenges of a child's senior year, my advice is to keep the dialogue open about college planning, empower your child to take the lead in his/her college choice and try not to stress about it. The emotions and stress you and your child may face during his or her senior year could be reduced with the knowledge of what to expect and how to navigate the college application process. Plan to stop by September 22nd to listen to our presentation on the college process for your senior. We will cover grad requirements, ACT/SAT testing, college admission, application and search process. Overall, we hope to ease your worries and help you guide your child through this transitional year. Hope to see you there!

Peace,

Marsha Gaulke, M.A., LSC

EVENT: Senior Planning Night

WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 22

TIME: 6-7:30 pm

WHERE: South High Auditorium

Are you a crime-solving expert? If so, we need you!

The South High science department is searching for folks in our community who are crime-solving experts. If you are a coroner, a criminal defense attorney, a police detective, crime lab technician, or know of folks who are, we'd appreciate the possibility of booking you, or a contact, as a class speaker for our 8:20 - 9:15 am, Forensics course. Please, email: melinda.bennett@mpls.k12.mn.us

MPS graduates offer words of wisdom in video

South High alums Jacqueli and Dralandra join other MPS graduates in a video, now posted to our South High homepage. In it, the class of 2015 lends insights on how to make the most of high school. It was produced for freshman, but all students would find it inspiring.

Daily Announcements

“Daily Announcements” detail student activities at South, and are heard during 3rd hour classes. Also, listen to them anytime, by clicking “Daily Announcements” in the right navigation bar of the South High homepage.

Student Handbook

The 2015-16 student handbook is now posted to the website in the “Student” section of the website.

High School Credit Conversion & Graduation Requirements

If you’ve visited the Parent Portal, you’ve likely noticed a change in assigned credit values. Please don’t be alarmed. More communication on this from the district level is forthcoming. In the meantime, please rest easy.

NOTE: **Only for the Class of 2019, have graduation requirements changed.** Incoming freshmen must now attain:

- 4 year-long credits in language arts
- 3.5 year-long credits in social studies, including:
 - U.S. history or geography
 - World history
 - Government and citizenship
 - Economics
- 3 year-long credits in mathematics, including (at minimum)
 - 1 year-long credit in geometry
 - 1 year-long credit in algebra II or statistics and probability
- 3 year-long credits in science, including (at minimum)
 - 1 year-long credit in biology
 - 1 year-long credit in chemistry or physics
- 1 year-long credit in the arts
- .5 year-long credits in physical education
- .5 year-long credits in health
- 6 year-long elective credits

My Life Plan - Completion of MLP Milestones, grades 9-12.

CPEO Meetings Every Tuesday, Sept. 8 - Oct. 27

See information in [Spanish](#), [Somali](#), [English](#) to learn more about Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities. Meetings are 6 - 8:30 p.m. Dinner and childcare provided. Contact: Sharon White, 668-4300; Penny Jones-Richardson, 668-2098

South High Music Performances Underway

The music department is pleased to present the 2015-16 music concert schedule. The link to concert dates is posted on the homepage, see "Athletics and Arts"—lower third of homepage. Our first event will be our Varsity Choir performance of the National Anthem at Super Soccer Saturday (South HS field), Sept. 26, 2015, 1:45 pm.

Theater Orientation and Auditions

Students interested in any aspect of theater - on stage, back stage, front of house, building, painting, etc. - no experience necessary- YOU are invited to our orientation for the South High theater program. Come Wednesday, Sept. 2. Auditions slated next week, after school, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday—Sept. 9, 10, 11.

South High Sports

Here's the latest from South High's Tony Stewart , who says South athletic teams have "hit the ground running."

8/22 Saturday, **Varsity Football** team beat Roosevelt 37-26.

8/25 Tuesday, **9th grade Football** team beat Roosevelt 12-6 in "an overtime thriller."

8/27 Thursday **Boys Soccer** team beat Blake 7pm (Note: this was against their previous Coach Tamba, who was happy to see them but not happy to be defeated by them.)

8/27 Thursday, **Girls South Varsity Soccer** lost 4-1 against St. Agnes

8/27 Thursday, **Girls South JV Soccer** beat St. Agnes 3-0

8/27 Thursday, **Girls South 9th grade Volleyball** team beat DeLaSalle,

8/27 Thursday, **Girls South Varsity JV & 10th grade Volleyball** teams lost to DeLaSalle

8/28 Friday, **Varsity Football** team beat New Life Academy 27-7

8/29 Saturday **Boys Soccer** team beat Bloomington Jefferson Varsity 1-0

Hope to see you at our games! Admission for home events, \$4 for students; \$6 for adults.

Go Tigers!

- Principal Aponte

