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## Big week!

In between tonight's PUSH meeting and Friday's Homecoming events, our calendar this week is jam-packed. Hold on tight, come along for the ride!

-Principal Aponté

## PSAT Registration Starts Today!

Juniors and sophomores, wanting to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, are reminded sign-up is this week, Monday-Wednesday, during lunch:

- **Juniors** have priority Monday and Tuesday.
- **Sophomores** can sign up Wednesday.
- **The fee is \$17 cash.** No checks, please.
- **Fee waivers are available** for students in need, at the registration table or by emailing [Elizabeth McMillen](#).
- **Test date is Oct. 28** in the South High auditorium.
- The PSAT is an opportunity to **prep for the SAT** and **qualify to win** National Merit Scholarship awards!

## September Events

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### PSAT Registration

Sept. 14, 15, 16

### 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)

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## **PUSH Meeting TONIGHT**

Tonight, 6-8:30 p.m. is the first meeting of the year for **Parents United for South High**. At 6, we start off with a light dinner; and business gets underway at 6:30. See the [South High website](#) for additional information.

## **South Students and the Superintendent Search**

Representatives of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, the consulting team conducting the search for the next MPS Superintendent, will be meeting with South students Thursday in the media center. They'll be asking our students what criteria they should be looking for in finding the ideal leader for our schools.

**Thursday, Sept. 17 | 3-4 p.m.**  
**South High Media Center**

Note: Additionally, every member of the MPS community is invited to **complete a survey** and attend the 9/16 **open forum meeting** to offer input.

## **France 2016**

An informational meeting about the spring trip to France will take place **right before the Open House, this Thursday at 5:45 p.m. in room 320**. This is for families and students who missed the spring meeting, or have not yet signed up for the trip. Please contact [Melissa.Davis@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Melissa.Davis@mpls.k12.mn.us) for more information.

## **Fall Open House - Thursday evening**

We, the South High teachers and staff are looking forward to meeting YOU, the parents and guardians of our students, **Thursday evening, 6-8:15 p.m.**

You'll experience an abbreviated version of your child's school day, running through the schedule of classes, meeting teachers and reviewing class syllabi.

**Before coming, check in with your child, see if they have questions they might want you to ask.**

- **Between 6 and 6:30 p.m.**, please come to the Commons Area to get student schedules, and learn about the various clubs and extra-curricular activities at South.
- **Media Specialist**, Deb Snell will be available to help parents access online programs that help parents track student progress (**PARENT PORTAL**); and college and career planning (**NAVIANCE**).
- **South High's Community Education Coordinator**, Heather Borgman will be on hand to explain Driver's Ed opportunities.
- **Counselors and Social Workers** will be available in their offices to meet parents.
- **Spanish-speaking and Somali-speaking** interpreters will assist with communication.
- **Need help finding a room?** Look for our Link Crew students to guide you through the building.
- **Parents arriving after 6:30 p.m.**, this is where we'll be as the evening progresses:

6:30 p.m. Period 1

6:45 p.m. Period 2

7:00 p.m. Period 3

7:15 p.m. Period 4

7:30 p.m. Period 5

7:45 p.m. Period 6

8:00 p.m. Period 7 & 0

## Homecoming Week

Spirit week is underway! Show your South High pride in preparation for the big game Friday, when...

- We take on Blake in **varsity football, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m.**; and
- Celebrate at our **homecoming dance that evening, 7-10 p.m.** here at school.

**SHOUT OUT** to parents and boosters. We're looking for folks willing to drive their **fancy wheels** (convertible, truck) during the game as a vehicle for our Homecoming Royalty Ride. Please contact [Emily.Andrews@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Emily.Andrews@mpls.k12.mn.us) if you'd like to help us out!

### **SPIRIT WEEK:**

MONDAY **Sports Jersey Day**  
TUESDAY **Dress to Impress**  
WEDNESDAY **Time Travel Day**  
THURSDAY **Neon Day**  
FRIDAY **Tiger Pride Day**

## Dance Policy Reminder

- Homecoming is a South High students only dance. No guests.
- All dance tickets must be purchased prior to the dance. NO tickets will be sold at the door and no one will be admitted without a ticket.
- All students must clear any obligations (ID fines, media, athletics, etc.) before they can buy a ticket.
- All students attending a dance must present their South High Student Picture ID at the door. Even if you have purchased a ticket you will not be admitted without the picture ID. Your money will not be refunded.
- Once students are admitted, they cannot leave and be readmitted.
- Dancing must stay within appropriate boundaries for school behavior.

- Students whose dancing goes beyond those boundaries will be warned once and then asked to leave the dance. The cost of the ticket will not be refunded. These students cannot attend the next 3 dances including Prom.
- Students are expected to follow all school behavior standards. A student whose behavior does not meet acceptable standards shall forfeit their privilege to participate in school-sponsored dances for the next three consecutive dances including Prom. No exceptions.

## **Class of 2016, Senior Planning Night | Marsha Gaulke**

**Mark your calendars!  
Senior Planning Night  
Tuesday, Sept. 22  
6-7:30 pm  
South High Auditorium**

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

## **South High's Career and College Center (CCC) is open! See us in room 246**

Ms. Rates and Ms. Abdullah are your child's Career and College Coordinators and are ready to assist students in their postsecondary planning! Here's a rundown of the 2015-16 Policies and Procedures.

### **CCC Policies and Procedures**

**Passes:** Students are allowed to use the CCC before school, after school, during open periods, or during class time (ONLY if they have a pass from the CCC Coordinators or if their teacher has sent them to the CCC with a pass). College Admission Representative Visits have their own pass and procedure, which is addressed in an additional attachment. Teachers have the final say if a student can miss class to be in the CCC or not.

**CCC Happenings and Weekly Schedule:** We send out an email newsletter every Monday to both staff and students called "CCC Happenings" which lists the events in the center that week and opportunities for students (college open houses, scholarships, summer opportunities, job openings, etc.). Students, please look it over each week. Parents, we will send this first one (attached) but to not overload your email we will post all future Happenings on our website weekly where you can access them ([http://south.mpls.k12.mn.us/career\\_center\\_announcements](http://south.mpls.k12.mn.us/career_center_announcements)). Students, we will also post a weekly schedule outside the door of the CCC that has all events in the CCC listed for that week.

**College Representative Visits:** We currently have 40 representatives scheduled for the fall, with more visits scheduled each day. The first visit happens on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Workshops/Individual Assistance:** We offer scheduled workshops (every Wednesday from 2-3:30) and individual appointments for students to receive help on the following topics: FAFSA, scholarships applications, college exploration, college applications, ACT/SAT registration, college essay, scholarship essay, Step Up application, resume, job searches and more. For individual appointments students must receive a pass from one of us. Teachers can allow or not allow a student to attend based on the student's academic standing in their class or classroom activity (test, lab, etc.).

**My Life Plan:** Coordinators support counselors to ensure that all students meet their specific milestones at each grade level.

**Big Events:** MNACC College Fair, American Indian College Fair, Financial Aid Night and Career Fair. We will send out specific details and ample reminders about these events as they approach.

**Step Up:** Step Up is a summer job program through the City of Minneapolis and AchieveMpls. Applications come out in December and are due in the beginning of March.

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# Super Soccer Saturday - Sept. 26, 2015

Come out, support the Tigers in this classic rivalry against the Lakers!

**South Tigers**  
**Men and Women's Soccer**  
**vs.**  
**Southwest Lakers**  
**Men and Women's Soccer**

Game times at South High School Barnard Field:

**8 AM Women's Orange Team**

**10 AM Women's JV Team**

**12 PM Men's JV Team**

**National Anthem - South High Varsity Choir - 1:45 p.m.**

**2 PM Women's Varsity**

**4:30 PM Men's Varsity**

Game times at Roosevelt High School Field:

**4209 South 28th Avenue:**

**9 AM Men's Freshmen Junior B**

**11 AM Men's Sophomore Junior A**



## Driver's Ed

Students who are at least 15 years old may take Driver's Ed and register online at [mplscommunityed.com](http://mplscommunityed.com), or stop by the South High Community Ed office and register with the help of [Heather.Borgman@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Heather.Borgman@mpls.k12.mn.us) **Classes are scheduled Oct. 5 - 26, 2015** (No class, 10/13, 14, 15) Cost is \$125. See flier.

## State of the School Title I Meeting - NEW TIME

Learn about the state of South High School and the plan to engage with families and the community at the upcoming **Title I meeting, 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, in conference room 149.** This is an opportunity to know more about your school, and your right to be involved in your child's education.

## Congratulations to the Varsity Swim Team!

Friday, Sept. 10 - South-Washburn-Roosevelt beat Fridley, 96-84

*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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