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## Week 16

The calendar has a way of sneaking up on us, so as a reminder know we have two weeks of school remaining in 2015. Then, after break, the first two weeks of 2016 will complete our semester, which ends Jan. 14. Students should be thinking of how they want to finish the first half of their year! If extra support is needed, now's the time to ask for it.

And, I cannot emphasize enough that our entire team is one of support. I'd like to call your attention to two members who emulate this. They're featured in a front page story of today's Star Tribune: Ms. Woldum and Ms. Fierst. If you get a chance to [read it](#), know the caliber of their commitment is repeated many times over in our classrooms by our many teachers. We are inspired by the students and the support they in turn get from you. Thank you!

Principal Aponte

### This week

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#### Monday, Dec. 7

Scuba Meeting  
School Board Special Mtg.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 8

Sign up for ACT Practice Test

#### Wednesday, Dec. 9

Family Tour

#### Thursday, Dec. 10

Theater Performance

#### Friday, Dec. 11

Theater Performance  
Pop Singers Performance  
NHS/StuCo Pizza Party

### Next week

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#### Monday, Dec. 14

Family Tour  
PUSH Meeting

#### Tuesday, Dec. 15

Chinese/German Student Field Trip  
Theater Audition for Grease

#### Wednesday, Dec. 16

South Spirit Gear Sale  
Theater Audition for Grease

#### Thursday, Dec. 17

Stock Market Class Field Trip  
Theater Audition for Grease  
East African Family Night

#### Friday, Dec. 18

Senior Baby Ads Due

## **ACT TRIAL RUN!**

Juniors have a few more days to sign up for the ACT Practice Test. Bring **\$5 cash** to the Testing Office, located in the media center by **Friday, Dec. 11.**

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

- Open to the first 150 juniors who sign up.
- Come to the Testing Office/Media Center.
- Bring \$5, cash only, please.
- Register by **Friday, Dec. 11.**

Questions? Email Testing Coordinator, [Elizabeth McMillen](#) or call 668.4365.

## **SOPHOMORE FIELD TRIP TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM**

Students are reminded to turn in permission slips now to reserve their space on the bus. The form is available via the link below.

**Friday, Dec. 11, 2015**  
**Bus departure: 8:45 a.m. | Return: 2:45 p.m.**  
**Suggested Donation: \$10**

**Permission Slip Required**

**Exhibit:** RACE: Are We So Different?

**Performance:** "Race to the Finish"

**Discussion:** Led by educators from the Penumbra Theater, at South High

- From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., students will be at the Science Museum.

- Students must bring their own lunch, or get a school lunch.
- Lunches are not available for purchase at the museum.
- This opportunity will be coupled with the "My Life Plan", a graduation requirement for all students, to create a holistic exploration of student identity.
- Parents who can chaperone, or would like to donate additional funds as scholarships, are asked to contact: [Ethan Dean](#), South High Equity and Diversity Program Coordinator, 612.668.4375 or 612-669-0982.

## **YOU'RE INVITED TO EAST AFRICAN FAMILY NIGHT!**

Learn about our students and families of Somali, Oromo and Ethiopian heritage. This event is both a listening session and an opportunity to ask questions. Everyone in the South High community is invited. The evening will be filled with food, poetry and a dance performance.

**Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015**  
**6 - 8 p.m.**  
**Commons and Auditorium**

**Contact:** [Hodan.Adan@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Hodan.Adan@mpls.k12.mn.us), 612.668.4357

## **LEARN COMPUTER PROGRAMMING VIA CODER DOJO!**

Coder Dojo is a club for teens (13-18) started by the Southwest High community, who is extending an invitation to South students who want to learn computer programming. At meetings, participants divide into

small groups and go through a tutorial in a language such as HTML, CSS, Javascript or Python.

- **No experience necessary.**
- [Reserve a free ticket](#)
- Bring a laptop, charger and earbuds.

**Next Dojo: Saturday, Dec .12, 3 - 4:30 p.m.**

Walker Library, 2880 Hennepin Ave., Uptown Minneapolis

Visit our website for to be added to our email list for notification of future events: [www.swcoderdojo.org](http://www.swcoderdojo.org)

## **SOUTH HIGH FAMILY TOURS**

Our final family tours in 2015 are **Wednesday, Dec. 9, 8-10 a.m.** and **Monday, Dec. 14, 4-6 p.m.** However, more are planned in 2016. Please reserve your spot! [See details and schedule here.](#)

## **P.U.S.H. MEETING NEXT MONDAY**

Next Monday, Parents United for South High meets at 6 p.m. for a light dinner and then we cover business at 6:30. in the media center. On the agenda is a visit from our own **Ann Gorton, Chemical Health Coordinator**, and **Leslie Stunkard, MPS Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor**. They will lead a discussion focusing on current trends in substance use and challenging a pro-drug culture.

## **HOST AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT NOW!**

We have a South High student from Italy looking for a host family. He's

here as an American Field Service exchange student. Presently, he's on the Nordic Ski team, loves animals, very polite and loving South High.

Single parents, single adults/no kids, two-parent families, and LGBT families are all welcome to be host families!

**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.

Interested? Contact **Emily Turner** [eturner@afsusa.org](mailto:eturner@afsusa.org) or 612-219-6041.

## **SENIORS, BABY ADS DUE FOR YEARBOOK**

The due date for Baby Ads is **Friday, Dec. 18th**. Bring to room 128.  
Questions? Contact: [Nicole.schneider@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Nicole.schneider@mpls.k12.mn.us)

## DECEMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCES

### Holiday Performances for Pop Singers

#### **Friday, Dec. 11:**

12:15 p.m. US Bank Plaza (downtown Mpls)

1:30 p.m. Highland Riverview Senior Apartments

2:30 p.m. Minnehaha Senior Living

4:05 p.m. KFAI Radio Spot (Live on-air)

#### **Sunday, Dec. 13:**

8 p.m. Mall of America Rotunda

### South Holiday Concert

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

7 p.m.

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

## **CURTAIN GOES UP FOR "YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU"**

This week, our cast is bringing to the stage *You Can't Take it With You*, one of the most popular American comedies of our times. The Sycamore family is eccentric to say the least, and the Kirby Family is as conventional as they come. So what happens when their children fall in love? You'll see when you join us for this funny and meaningful show—come, laugh with us as you're reminded what happiness is really all about!

Performance Dates:

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

**Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015**

7 p.m.

South Auditorium Main Stage

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

**Friday, Dec. 11, 2015**

7 p.m.

South Auditorium Main Stage

**Tickets: \$7 students \$9 adults**

## **AUDITION FOR GREASE!**

Auditions for the spring musical "Grease" will take place after school **Dec. 15-17**. Students need to be present all three days in order to be cast. Meet in the auditorium.

## **RAP THE NEWS! | SARAH MINNETTE**

Here's an opportunity for anyone 13 to 19 years old to write a rap about the news that mattered most to them this year.

Interested? Check with Sarah Minnette about a lesson plan and a rubric for guidance in the rap-writing process.

Whether you choose international or national news, politics or education, sports, science or technology, the arts or fashion, you are invited to post your entry by **7 a.m. Eastern time Jan. 12**. The educational hip-hop experts at Flocabulary, a partner for this contest, will then choose their favorite rhymes to publish.

Here are all the rules, and you can find links below to the work of our 2011-14 winners for inspiration.

Happy rhyming!

The Contest Rules: Write Your Own 'Year in Rap'

1. The rap should be 12 to 16 lines long.
2. Students should choose at least four important New York Times stories from one of the news categories listed below.

It's fine to focus on a smaller topic found within a section in The Times. For example, you can write a rap based on the [Black Lives Matter movement](#) or one of the [2016 presidential candidates](#) rather than the whole range of [national](#) or [political](#) news this year.

Or, you might focus on 2015 [movies](#) or [football](#) rather than covering other news from the [Arts](#) or [Sports](#) sections. But you should also feel free to include as many, and as wide a range of, news stories from a particular section as you like. (More about narrowing your choices can be found in [this section of the lesson plan](#).)

Here are the sections from which you can choose:

- [World](#)
- [U.S.](#)

- Business
- Technology
- Science
- Health
- Sports
- Arts
- Fashion
- Obituaries (from 2015 only)

3. The rap should be original and must follow [Learning Network commenting standards](#), which means no profanity or vulgar language.

4. Submissions must be from students who are 13 to 19, but can come from anywhere in the world. You are welcome to post your last name if you like, and teachers can also have students add a class code. (For example, "EthanCHS112.")

5. Submissions are allowed from partners and teams as well as from individuals. (You can submit *all* of your names in the body of the post, even if only one of you is represented by the username you register under.)

6. One submission per student, please. If you're submitting as part of a team, you should not also submit as an individual.

**\*\*\*\*7.** Raps must be submitted as comments on this post by **7 a.m. Eastern time on Jan. 12.** If you have questions about the contest, please feel free to post them in the comments section as well, and we'll answer you there. (And if you need instructions for how to post to a comment, [here they are.](#))

8. The top five raps, as judged by The Times and Flocabulary staff using [this rubric](#), will be featured on both The Learning Network and Flocabulary.com. Because of privacy rules that apply to students under 18, we are asking for *only* your lyrics, not videos or audio.

9. Want inspiration? Here are the winners from [2014](#), [2013](#), [2012](#) and [2011](#). Can you top them?

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## **MORE REASONS TO ❤️ SOUTH!**

Reason #70 to ❤️ South! The Southerner!

Reason #69 to ❤️ South! CSI South High (Forensics class)!

Reason #68 to ❤️ South! Dedicated volunteers like Daniel!

Reason #67 to ❤️ South! The School Based Clinic!

Reason #66 to ❤️ South! College in the Schools!

Reason #65 to ❤️ South! Student-led recycling!

Reason #64 to ❤️ South! Second graders as teachers/learners!

Submit your own reason/s to ❤️ South for future postings!

## **NATHAN MCGUIRE JOINS SOUTH COACHING STAFF**

The athletic department is pleased to announce that Nathan McGuire has been named the new coach of the South girls' basketball team. Coach McGuire began his coaching career with Duluth Central while attending the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He now has more than 20

years experience coaching basketball. After graduating, he was hired as a kindergarten teacher in South Washington County and as a varsity assistant at Eagan High School. Since then, he has coached at several Minnesota high schools including, Minnesota Business Academy, charter school in St. Paul, Henry Sibley High School, Academy of Holy Angels, and Woodbury High School. Welcome Coach McGuire!

## **SCUBA CLUB MEETINGS TONIGHT & NEXT MONDAY**

- **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.

## **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**

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