Message from the Principal:

I am very excited to once again return as Principal of Severna Park High School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, for the 12th consecutive year. We continue to build on our Tradition of Excellence, and I look forward to working with our school community and faculty in creating learning opportunities for our students that will support and enhance our academic and social-emotional programs.

SPHS continues to pursue academic excellence and assist ALL students in meeting our academic and behavioral expectations. I am so proud of all of our student accomplishments and everyone’s commitment to learning. The goals of AACPS and SPHS are to accelerate academic achievement for all students, create a safe and positive learning environment, promote mental health among our youth, and to foster an effective home-school-community partnership. SPHS will continue to work to meet all of the latter goals; I am pleased to be part of the professional team of faculty/staff that will make it happen.

Please note, that as a continued cost-saving measure and effort to “go green,” the AACPS Parent Handbook will be online again this year. A limited number of handbooks will be available in each school. You can find the Parent Handbook online at www.aacps.org. In addition, the SPHS parent newsletter (“Falcon Times”) will be available online at www.severnaparkhigh.org. Also, please access our school website for all information you may need during the course of this school year.

Thank you again SPHS parents for always being engaged and active in our school and in your child’s education. I appreciate your support and partnership as we move forward during the 2019-2020 school year. Please do not hesitate to contact administration and/or counseling teams if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

Together we make a difference! FALCON PRIDE!

Mr. Patrick J. Bathras

Principal, Severna Park High School
SEVERNA PARK HIGH SCHOOL

New Faculty and Staff
2019-2020

A Fond Farewell

Ginger Baker
Will Bell
Peter Bisser
Kristen Bowser
Alicia Diaz
Stephanie Fegan
Barry Hopkins
Brittney Jones
Stephanie Kelley
David Lanham
Ryan Simms
Leala Smith

A Warm Welcome

Kimberly Box, Special Education
Peter Buck, PE/Health
Jeanine Cosh, Science
Sarah Downey, English
Lucia Fernandez-Sanchez, WCL Spanish
Jessica Holman, English
Courtney Koehler, PE/Health
Rachel Lilley, English
Adam Marshall, Mathematics
Jennifer Mermod, English
Christopher Mordovancey, Technology Education
Yaneth Posada, WCL Spanish
Kevin Rutledge, Athletic Director
Sara Smith, Technology Education
Dawn Welters, WCL-ASL
Brian Whitley, Social Studies
Min Yi, Guidance Counselor

New Roles
Paige Chang, School Performance
Nicholas Marks, DC Special Ed

www.severnaparkhigh.org
Dear SPHS Parents,

As we begin the new school year 2019-2020, we ask for your cooperation regarding the following to help us maintain a safe, efficient, and least disruptive school environment. Thank you for complying with our school rules and procedures to help us manage our outstanding students and our school building each day.

School Hours: 7:30 a.m.-2:18 p.m.

Main Office Hours: 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. during school days

Teacher Help Day: 2:18-3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays

School website: www.severnaparkhigh.org

AACPS website: www.aacps.org

Blackboard website: www.blackboard.aacps.org or you can link from our school website

Log in Name: sphs
Password: falcons

Please note the following reminders:

- When Visitors arrive to SPHS during school hours you are to report to the Main Office to sign-in and you must present a photo ID. Please be sure to have your photo ID on your person so you don’t have to make a special trip back out to your vehicle. Please do NOT park in the Fire Lane and do NOT park in the Parent Loop (do NOT leave vehicle unattended) at any time, vehicles will be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense.

- If your child is not feeling well during the school day, students are to report to Health Room if they are seeking an early dismissal. It is NOT permitted for the student to text their parent/guardian (cell phone violation) to come to the school to pick them up. Instead, your child can report to the Health Room to call home; after which you can sign your child out through the Health Room if your student is ill, following our school procedures for early dismissal.

- Dropping off extra-curricular items for activities such as sports, band, drama, dance, clubs, etc. during the school day is NOT permitted; we will not stop instructional class time nor lunch to interrupt the teacher/class/administration to deliver such extra-curricular items. We also do not have adequate or secure storage in the Main Office to hold such items during the school day. Instead, you may meet your child at 2:18 p.m., at the end of the school day, to personally deliver such items to them. Texting or calling your child out of class to pick up such items is insubordination and is also a cell phone violation. Students are to be responsible for being prepared for practices, games, and activities each day.
• Dropping off lunches is sometimes needed because your child has forgotten their lunch. We understand this unfortunate circumstance and are willing to assist. But please understand this courtesy is for limited times per student for the school year. “Drive by” drop off delivery by parents/alum/friends to students sitting on the Cafe' patio is NOT acceptable, nor is delivering food/drink to students other than your own child. Additionally, dropping off of fast food or other restaurant purchased items will not be accepted, nor is Uber Eats or Door Dash or other such food delivery systems. Our Café is fully equipped to provide lunch to your child in the event they have forgotten their lunch. The Café allows for up to 5 lunches to be advanced to your child and you can make payment at a future date. We keep a running log of the lunches being dropped off, and we will contact students and parents who are doing this on a regular basis, taking advantage of this courtesy. In high school, we ask students to be responsible and come to school prepared with all of their daily materials, such as their lunch (and instructional and extra-curricular items as well).

• Parking on SPHS campus is designated for Seniors ONLY, by permit ONLY, no exceptions. As noted on the parking violation, student or Visitor violators will receive a $15.00 parking ticket, the vehicle may result in being towed at owner’s expense and this violation will adversely affect the underclassmen opportunity for getting a parking permit during their senior year.

• SPHS understands and appreciates the significance of each student’s birthday; however, we are not capable of accepting/storing/delivering daily birthday items, such as balloons, flowers, treats/food and delivered packages via Fed Ex, UPS, etc. In addition, we will not interrupt classroom instruction or lunch to deliver such items during the school day.

• Please note the General School Syllabus Log on to our school website at www.severnaparkhigh.org to review these important materials and for all of your Falcon needs. The items listed on the syllabus (such as: Textbook, A/B schedule, Attendance, Academic Integrity, Conduct of Students, Grading, Quarterly Assessments, Home-School Connection, Interim Reports and Grade Reports, Late Work, Make-Up Work, Passes, etc.) are reviewed with your child at the beginning of each semester during Advisory.

• Please note the AACPS School Calendar and A/B Daily Calendar as listed on both www.aacps.org and www.severnaparkhigh.org websites. Pay particular attention to the end of marking period QA schedules.

Please be sure your child complies with the AACPS Dress Code, Student Attire and Personal Appearance, Policy Code: 902.04, JCD. Keep in mind, school is a place of business, it is not the beach, pool, mall, etc. Acceptable clothing is described below.
I. Students have the right and responsibility to choose their attire and to arrange their personal appearance in a manner which is **healthy, safe, inoffensive and not disruptive to the educational process**.

Accordingly, students are prohibited from wearing clothing, hats, jewelry, bookbags, or other articles of personal appearance which:

A. depicts profanity, vulgarity, obscenity or violence;

B. promotes use or abuse of tobacco, drugs or alcohol;

C. may create a health or safety hazard; or

D. may create a significant risk of a material and substantial disruption to the educational process or the operation of the school.

II. In addition, except in individual cases as approved by the principal of a school, the following specific items are NOT permitted:

A. bare feet;

B. hats, caps, hoods or other head wear except as required for health, safety, or religious purposes; and

C. clothing worn in such a manner so as to reveal underwear or bare skin between the upper chest and mid-thigh.

d. baseball caps, midriffs, pajama bottoms, tank tops, tobacco or alcohol brand T-shirts, etc.

III. When there is evidence that a student’s attire or personal appearance violates this policy, the principal or principal’s designee shall intervene and take corrective actions, including but not limited to, requiring that the student remove or change the item, taking reasonable steps to notify the student’s parents of the violation, and, for repeated violations, initiating progressive discipline for insubordination as appropriate, which may include suspension from school.

IV. This policy shall apply to all students in all school buildings during the regular school day and at such other times and locations as designated by the principal, except that the prohibitions set forth in subsections (A), (B), and (C) of Section I shall apply to all students at all times on all Board of Education property, including in school buildings and on school grounds; on all school buses and other school vehicles; and at all school, school-related, or Board-sponsored activities, including but not limited to, school field trips and school sporting events, whether such activities are held on school property or at locations off school property, including private businesses or commercial establishments.

Be sure to log on to [www.severnaparkhigh.org](http://www.severnaparkhigh.org) and click on the left tabs for all of your Falcon needs!

Thank you for your support, cooperation and compliance regarding the latter.

Falcon PRIDE!
SPHS ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

ABSENCES:

*When a student is absent from school,* upon return to school, the student must WITHIN 3 SCHOOL DAYS OF BEING ABSENT *provide a dated absent note to his/her first period teacher* (parents may write their own notes or click [here](#) for the SPHS Absence Note Template) which includes the following information:

- Full student name
- Date of absence(s)
- Reason for absence(s)
- Parent name and signature
- Parent contact number

Students who bring an absent note (within the 3 school days of being absent) will receive an Admission After Absence pass. Absent notes received after the 3rd day need to be taken by the student to his/her alpha administrator (Assistant Principal) for consideration of approval. Please note, approval is not guaranteed.

EARLY DISMISSAL:

*When a student is leaving early from school,* the student MUST check in with the Attendance Office that morning *before school (between 7:05-7:25 a.m.)* and provide a *dated early dismissal note* which includes the following information:

- Full student name
- Date and time of early dismissal
- Reason for early dismissal
- Parent name and signature
- Parent contact number

Parents may write their own Early Dismissal note or click [here](#) for the Falcon Fast Pass (early dismissal) form.

NOTE: If the parent requires another adult to pick up the student for early dismissal, the full name of this adult MUST be included on the early dismissal note or listed on the student’s Emergency Card.

The Attendance Office will provide the student with an early dismissal pass. The student will show this pass to the classroom teacher when it is the authorized time to leave; then the student will “Sign Out” in the Attendance Office upon leaving the building. The pass should be shown to teachers of classes missed on the day the student returns to that specific class.

The Attendance Office will contact the parent/guardian by phone the morning of the early dismissal to confirm the early dismissal request. Once confirmed, the student may sign out via the Attendance Office and parent can wait in vehicle for student to expedite process.
If a student leaves on early dismissal and returns to school the same day, the student will sign back in at the Attendance Office before returning to class.

Ill students will receive an early dismissal through the Health Room, but ill students MUST report to the Health Room and not text/call parents independently of this procedural step. Again, the student has the responsibility of showing the early dismissal pass to the teacher of any classes missed.

Except for early dismissal, students may not leave the school grounds from the time of arrival until the end of the school day. Requests for early dismissal should be only for matters of an important nature which cannot be accomplished outside of school hours.

**Arriving Late**

*When a student arrives late to school*, the student MUST Sign-In with the Attendance Office prior to going to class and provide a **dated late arrival note** which includes the following:

- Full student name
- Date of arrival
- Reason for arriving late
- Parent name and signature
- Parent contact number

A parent is NOT required to check the student in if a dated late arrival note is provided with information regarding the student’s absence. Parents may write their own Late note or click [here](#) for a Late note form.

The student will be issued a Tardy Pass, stamped with the date/time of arrival to school.

**NOTE TO ATHLETES:** Per AACPS Office of Athletics & Athletics Handbook, “each student athlete is required to attend all scheduled classes. In the case of extenuating circumstances, the principal (or designee) of the school may grant an exception for excused class absences.” In addition, student athletes are to maximize their time in school if they will be missing any portion of the day for an appointment or any other reason. If a student athlete is late to school for an unexcused reason, they will not be able to participate in that day’s game or practice. If the absence is due to a doctor or dentist visit, a doctor’s note should be brought back to school so administration can verify an excused absence. Other extenuating circumstances for late arrival or absences must be approved through administration in order to practice/play game that day. See Athletic Director or SPHS administration if you have any questions.
Please visit our website at www.sphscounselingcenter.com

If school is closed and you or someone you know is in crisis, please call the Anne Arundel County Warmline:
410.768.5522 or 911

College application season is upon us!
We have 100+ admission representatives come through the College Career Center each fall!
Check out the full list of scheduled representatives and sign up for visits on Naviance!
Counselors will be visiting senior English classes in September to give further instructions on how to complete college applications through Naviance.
All instructions can be found in the “Document Resources” section at the bottom of your Naviance home page.

Counseling Center Appointments

For Students: Please come to the Counseling Center to fill out an appointment slip located on the student desk. After you fill the form out, place it in your School Counselor’s mailbox on their office door. Every effort will be made to see you within 48 hours. If you have an emergency and need immediate assistance, please let Mrs. Burge Yates, Secretary or Mrs. Besche, Registrar know. They will connect you with a counselor immediately.

For Parents: Please call or email your child’s School Counselor directly to make an appointment. We are not able to accommodate walk in appointments.

Counseling Center Staff
School Counselors are assigned to students based on last name.
Welcome to our new School Counselor, Mr. Yi!
For staff bios and contact information, please visit our website.

Mrs. Pastine: A – Col
Ms. Shaughnessy: Com – Gra
Mr. Yi: Gre – Lej
Mrs. Nichols: Lek – Per
Mrs. Ruhf: Pes – Ste
Mrs. Brown: Sti – Z
Mrs. Levy: School Psychologist
Mrs. Jackson: College & Career
Mrs. Burge-Yates: Secretary
Mrs. Besche: Registrar
Mr. Connolly: Test Coordinator
Mrs. Henderson: PPW

Office Hours
7:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
(p) 410.544.7591 (f) 410.315.9973
www.sphscounselingcenter.com
DID YOU KNOW SPHS HAS A ?

WHERE IS IT?  In the Counseling Department

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE CCC?
• Research colleges & scholarship opportunities
  • Attend college rep visits
  • Work on applications
• Get help navigating the college application process

WHEN CAN I GO?
• No appointment necessary! JUST COME IN!
• Mrs. Jackson is there most days between 8-1.
• Email her if you can’t find her, ngjackson@aacps.org

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN THE COLLEGE REP VISITS ARE?
Look on Naviance & read your weekly emails about who is coming!

WHY MISS CLASS FOR A COLLEGE REP VISIT?
Most of the college representatives are the actual admission reps reading & reviewing your application. It is considered “demonstrated interest” and helps make your application stronger!
They last between 20-30minutes.
College Visits & SPHS Attendance

In order for college visits to be excused absences, students need to obtain a letter from the college; the letter needs to be on college letterhead and include the student’s name and the date/s of the visit.

College visits lasting more than one school day need to be approved *in advance* by the student’s administrator (assistant principal). Students should meet with their administrator one week before the planned visit.

Mrs. Abruzzo  
Dr. Jones  
Ms. Rishert  
Mrs. Cassarino

In addition, student-athletes should see assistant principal Mrs. Abruzzo prior to their college visit if they are planning to practice or play the same day.
**AP EXAMS**

There are BIG changes this year! College Board is moving toward utilizing more online resources. As a result, students were asked over the summer to confirm that they have set up a College Board account in preparation for this school year. This account will provide access to all College Board exams (SAT, PSAT, AP) and resources. All AP students will join their online AP classes in the first couple weeks of school. In addition, students will need to decide by November 1st, if they will take the exam in the Spring. Registration and payment information will also go out in the first couple weeks of school and will be due by November 1st. Due to new College Board regulations, there will be a $40 fee per exam for any exam ordered after November 15th and absolutely no exams can be ordered after March 13th and no waitlists, so please consider carefully when deciding whether to take the exam. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Connolly.

**PSAT/NMSQT**

All 11th grade students will be offered the chance to take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 16 at no cost. This is a normal school day. Students will either test in our Auditorium or Auxiliary gym and will be assigned by their Advisory homeroom. Score reports should be back in January. If your student necessitates accommodations and hasn’t been approved yet, please contact Mr. Connolly ASAP to begin the application process.

**HSA/MISA/PARCC**

Re-tests will be given from the beginning of December through the end of January. As of August 21, 2019, all students must pass the Algebra 1 and English 10 PARCC exams or receive a combined score of 1450. All students must also pass the Government HSA exam. Finally, they must also participate in the Biology HSA or MISA (Science) exam which will be offered this Spring. They can also meet a combined score of 794 or 1206 for these exams.

The December/January round of testing is geared toward students who are finishing the course after the first semester, who have failed an exam in the past, or who have not met a combined score option. All efforts should be made to attend exams on their scheduled date.

Remediation is being offered for all testing areas by both appointment through departments and on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:10-3:00 p.m. Students should seek remediation if they have failed a test and have not received assistance for improvement.

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMS**

Just a reminder that end of semester exams have been replaced with Quarterly exams. There will be no altered schedule for testing.

**SAT:** October 5, November 2, December 7, March 14, March 25 (All Juniors at SPHS), May 2 and June 6 (Location: SPHS)
From Doreen Carson, R.N. in the SPHS Health Room:

**What if there was something that would help you:**
- Get better grades
- Look more attractive
- Be happier

There is! And it’s **free, legal and healthy!!**

**SLEEP!!**

Now I know what you’re saying. “How can I get more sleep when I have practice, homework, and need to update my Facebook status?!”

But better sleep habits *are* possible.

**How much sleep?**
Adolescents need 9.25 hours of sleep each night. (For SPHS students waking at 6 a.m., that means going to sleep at 8:45 p.m.! Yeah, right.)

**Why are teens up so late?**
Yes, studying and texting are factors, but adolescents are physiologically programmed to stay up late at night. An adolescent’s body secretes the sleep-related hormone melatonin at a different time than in adults and children. This changes the circadian rhythms that guide a person’s sleep-wake cycle. Late in the evening, when an adult is starting to “wind down” ready for sleep, a teen feels wide awake and fully alert. An adolescent’s “wind down” time takes place much later.

**Why does sleep matter?**
Sleep deprivation can impair memory, inhibit creativity, aggravate stress and increase mood swings. Studies show that students who get adequate sleep have improved test scores and less depression.

**What are the signs and symptoms of sleep deprivation?**
• difficulty waking in the morning
• frequent yawning
• trouble getting out the door in the morning
• often late for 1st period
• falling asleep in class
• can’t get through the day without caffeine
• irritable, anxious
• takes naps longer than 45 minutes
• sleeps in for 2 or more hours on weekends

OK, let’s just agree most students at SPHS suffer from some degree of sleep deprivation! But what can we do about it? In a perfect world, high school start times would be later (like 11 a.m.!) But until then, here are some tips:

• Set a consistent bedtime and wake time 7 days a week (OK, try to not sleep so late on the weekends).
• Establish a relaxing bedtime routine that includes pleasure reading, taking a bath or listening to music.
• Set up a bedroom that is cool, dark and quiet.
• Keep TV and computer out of the bedroom or at least limit late-night use. Charge the cellphone in the kitchen, away from the bedroom.
• Cut out the caffeine after lunchtime.

Set a goal. If you normally get 6 hours of sleep, work at getting 7.
If you normally get 7 hours of sleep, shoot for 8.

Talk to your family about sleep. Teens need good role models. Make sleep a priority for the whole family.

For all students new to Severna Park High for the upcoming 2019-20 school year, a vision and hearing screening will take place on Sept. 23, 2019. Students should wear any glasses or hearing aids on that day.

Please direct any questions to the school nurse, Doreen Carson, R.N.
Welcome back to school to the members of the SPHS chapter of National Honor Society. For new members, a brief induction ceremony will take place on October 4, 2019 during Advisory. During this ceremony, students will be reminded of the 4 pillars of NHS and they will be asked to take the NHS pledge. Further recognition of the accomplishments of NHS students will come at graduation from high school when they entitled to wear an honor cord and will be noted in the program.

NHS meetings take place quarterly. Meetings are held immediately after school in the auditorium unless otherwise noted. The meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year are:

- September 19th (cafeteria)  
- November 21  
- February 20  
- April 23  

While attendance is not mandatory, it is STRONGLY encouraged. Students are awarded 1/2 merit for meeting attendance. The first meeting is especially important for new members as we will review the process to obtaining and documenting merits.

Please remember that all NHS merit forms are available in the NHS google classroom. Students were given the class code in their acceptance letters last May. Merit forms are to be turned into the folders outside of the Social Studies office (227). Students will receive monthly emails regarding their merit tally.
The Student Government officers are excited for a great year of school spirit and service! We are planning activities and service projects throughout the school year. The student government can be reached at sga.at.sphs@gmail.com or by speaking to Ms. Bowman in Room 212. You can also follow the SGA Twitter and Instagram accounts for the most up-to-date information. But first up... **Homecoming**.

**Spirit Week** will begin October 14-18. Students will show their school spirit and even support Breast Cancer research on Wednesday’s Think Pink Day. Look for posters around the school and in classrooms to update you on what to wear. Each day will include a raffle for those who participate. Students can win a local eatery gift card for showing their spirit each day and putting in a raffle ticket at the Homecoming Table in the Cafeteria.

**Homecoming Court Nominations** will take place online and during lunches on Monday and Tuesday **October 7-8**. Students will be able to nominate from their phones at home or on computers during lunch. The **Homecoming Court Elections** will take place on **October 11-14**—online or during lunches. The **Pep Rally** will take place on **Friday, October 18**, during 4th period—full of games, bands, dance, and our Homecoming Court. The underclass Homecoming Court will be introduced during the Pep Rally on October 18 and again at halftime during the **Homecoming Game** that night, but the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced and crowned at Homecoming Dance.

The **Homecoming Dance** will take place **Saturday, October 19 from 7 - 10 PM**. Tickets for the Homecoming Dance will be on sale during all lunches from **October 7 through October 18**. Tickets are $25 for underclassmen and $20 for seniors. Tickets are limited, so buy them early!

SGA needs help planning for an awesome year, especially Homecoming. The Student Government Association is an OPEN organization; ANY interested student can join by attending any **General Assemblies** held after school (check the Calendar by Ms. Bowman’s room), by seeing Ms. Bowman in room 212, or—even better—get involved all year: **join SGA as a Delegate**. This lets you participate in committees, help make decisions, and lead events all year long. Plus, this leadership opportunity looks great on a resume and lead to officer positions in the following years. Delegate positions are open to anyone interested in participating in grades 9-12.

For more information about SGA, please see Ms. Bowman (cbowman@aacps.org), SGA President Jared Smith, or our SGA email (sga.at.sphs@gmail.com).
A+ Rewards Update:

Giant supermarket is no longer sponsoring the A+ rewards program for schools. We encourage SPHS families to sign up for other reward programs that benefit our school, including Amazon, Office Depot, Harris Teeter and stores that participate in eScrip savings.

Link to our Together in Education Account at Harris Teeter

Name of School:
Severna Park High School

Our TIE account number is:
4307

Did you know you can shop & donate to Severna Park High School PTSO...it’s quick and easy!
Two easy steps for money for our school (Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to our school):
1. When you shop go through: https://smile.amazon.com/
2. BEFORE you shop the first time: designate Severna Park High School Ptsao Inc as your charity
More questions? Click here: https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_rspo_laas_aas

Thank you for your consideration.
eScrip is an important part of our fundraising program. We ask that every family help us make the grade in our fundraising goal.

Our school needs your support!

Group ID: 6563031

We need all of our families to get straight A’s in their enthusiasm to raise funds. This task will not require hours of homework but just a few minutes of your time and your grocery club card card number.

- Log onto www.eScrip.com. Enter the School or Group I.D.
- You can also register your debit and credit cards.
- Shop at eScrip merchants!
- Use your eScrip registered cards for all your purchases.
- A percentage of purchases will be automatically contributed by the merchant.

That’s it! It’s that easy—your family shops—our school earns dollars.

For eScrip Program Information, Merchant Lists or to sign up online visit www.eescrip.com

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On Tuesday, October 1, 2019, your child will bring home a Federal Impact Aid Survey form. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and return it to Anne Arundel County Public Schools in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children’s names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org. Also, please note that the complete address of the Parent/Guardian’s Employer if they work on Federal Property, the complete address of the Federal Property on which they work, and each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian.

The Federal Impact Aid Survey form for 2019-2020 will be available to download on October 1, 2019. We will also be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately $2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call Angie Smack in the Finance Office at 410-222-5200.

Severna Park High School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.
Please Join the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO)

Money raised by the SPHS Parent Teacher Student Organization enhances every student’s educational experience. The PTSO funds items and events designed to improve the quality of education that are not covered by the county school budget.

Programs funded include:
- S.T.A.R. programs and Speakers
- Student Club and Program Support
- Youth Leadership Conferences
- Scholarships
- Enrichment & Continuing Education for Staff
- Technology Purchases
- Teacher Appreciation

You can join the PTSO by visiting the www.sphsptso.org or at Back To School Night on Thursday, September 12th. Thank you for helping our students.

Barbara Brandeen PTSO
President 2019-20
b.brandeen@severnschool.com

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are required to review the County’s harassment prevention Power Point located on the AACPS website. In addition, they must complete a background check or be fingerprinted. All background checks are now submitted online, and the link can be found on the SPHS website under the section ABOUT. The background checks must be renewed every two years. Fingerprinting is required for anyone volunteering for an overnight trip and/or any one on one activity with a student. Once the fingerprinting process is complete, fingerprinting does not have to be renewed as long as you remain an active volunteer with Anne Arundel County Public Schools. To complete the fingerprinting process please call the Board of Education Fingerprint office at 410-222-5045. Each program utilizing volunteers provides specialized training and support unique to the needs and expectations of the particular volunteer job or position. All volunteers can now also submit volunteer hours online by completing the google form located on the SPHS website under the section ABOUT.

AACPS will be offering extended hours for fingerprinting of volunteers/chaperones on the dates and times below at Arlington Echo. Volunteers/chaperones still need to call the Fingerprint Office to schedule an appointment at 410-222-5045.

Thursday September 12th  5:30-7:30
Saturday October 5th    9:00-12:00
Tuesday October 22nd   5:30-7:30
Money raised by the SPHS Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) enhances every student’s educational experience. The PTSO funds items and events which are designed to improve the quality of education but are not covered by the county school budget.

Please join the PTSO and become part of a community committed to the SPHS goal of academic excellence for every student.

How are the PTSO Membership Dues Used?

* S.T.A.R. Program & Speakers
* Student Club/Program Support
* Youth Leadership Conferences
* Enrichment & Continuing Ed for the Staff
* Technology Purchases
* Landscaping/Beautification
* Teacher Appreciation
* Scholarships (such as the Dick Morgan Service Award)

Every contribution, whether money or time, helps us make a difference! We appreciate your support whether through membership or tax-deductible donation.

Parent Name (s): _________________________________________________________

Student Name: ________________________________ Year of Graduation: ____________

Student Name: ________________________________ Year of Graduation: ____________

Student Name: ________________________________ Year of Graduation: ____________

EMAIL for PARENT: _______________________________________________________  

PHONE NUMBER FOR PARENT: ____________________________________________

I would like to be included in the online PTSO Membership Directory. ____YES ____NO

I am joining at the

 _____ Falcon Level ($100)  _____ Blue Level ($75)

 _____ Gold Level ($50)   _____ White Level ($25)

Payment is a:

 _____ Check to SPHS PTSO  Check Number _____ Amt. ________

Please accept my additional tax-deductible donation of $______. 

The PTSO will be at the Back to School Night and will accept cash or check payments at the event. Payments made before or after the Back to School Night can be paid online at www.SPHSPTSO.org at the membership link or mailed (checks only please) to SPHS PTSO, Attn Treasurer, 60 Robinson Rd, Severna Park, MD 21146. This form is not needed if you filled out your membership information online.

Thank you for your support of our SPHS Students and Teachers as a Member of the PTSO.
How to Join or Renew Your SPHS PTSO Membership Online:

1) Visit the PTSO website at www.sphsptso.org.
2) Click on the Membership Tab at the top of the PTSO page.
3) Follow the simple instructions that will appear on the membership screen to join the PTSO. 
   (If you are a prior member, look for a login message at the top of the membership page. If you have forgotten it, there is a “forgotten password” link to help you.) Once you login, your past information will be available for editing.)

How to make payment for your PTSO membership:
*Online via PayPal or Credit Card.

*By check to SPHS PTSO. You can mail it to:
SPHS PTSO; Attn: PTSO Treasurer; 60 Robinson Road; Severna Park, MD 21146

Important: Please provide your name and email address with your check so we can notify you if we have any issues activating your membership.

*CASH – at the Back to School Night ONLY. Please do not mail cash.
(Checks are also accepted at the BTS Night.)

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Thank you for your support of our SPHS Students and Teachers as a Member of the PTSO.
Welcome to your SENIOR YEAR of high school! We are hoping that this will be a fantastic year for all of you. We are very excited for all the milestones that will happen this year.

Don’t forget to write down these important dates and locations!

❖ Your PROM will be held on May 9 at 7pm at the BWI Marriott.
❖ A Purse Bingo Fundraiser for Prom Breakfast is schedule at the Severna Park Elks Lodge on November 15th.
❖ If you are interested in helping with Prom Breakfast please join us at our next meeting in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30p.m.

To help pay for all these amazing things that happen this year, we are asking for everyone to pay their class dues as soon as they are able. Remember that these dues cover many of your Senior Year activities – Graduation Expenses, Prom Expenses (including your ticket) and more! Class dues are $160 per student.

Please let me know if you have any questions. My email is nhendler@aacps.org.

Sincerely,

N. Hendler
Class Advisor 2020, 2022 and 2023
Department Chair- PE, Health and Dance
Head Unified Sports Coach

Please mail the form below in with your check made out to SPHS. Address the envelope c/o Ms. Hendler Class of 2020. Thank you!

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CLASS OF 2020 DUES

Student’s Name:  ________________________________________________

Amount Enclosed: $40_______ Senior Year $_________ Another Amount

Check Number: _____________ Cash: __________
Hello Juniors!!

Congratulations, you are half way through your high school career! The upcoming year will be exciting as we work alongside your class officers to bring you the best junior (and senior) year possible. Your newly elected class officers are:

President: Mudit Mathur
1st VP: Fatorma Bolay
2nd VP: Matthew Hong
Recording Secretary: Carson Shoop
Corresponding Secretary: William Bray

Treasurer: Ryan Davis
Ambassadors: Jake Gelfand & Molly Beairsto
Historian: Zachary Ott
Social Media: Charlotte Miller

This class has done an amazing job getting their dues in – keep them coming! One of our most important jobs during the four years of high school is to collect your **Class Dues**. These dues cover all of your Senior Year activities – *Graduation Expenses, Prom Expenses (including your ticket) and more!* Class dues are **$160** per student. They may be paid all at once, or you can split the amount and pay a portion each year. If you would like to split it up evenly, you may pay just $40 a year. Thank you to all who have already paid their dues!

Please be on the lookout for upcoming class spirit wear orders and **FUN**draisers!

Sincerely,

Ms. Stahl and Ms. Sasse
tstahl@aacps.org
asasse@aacps.org
Class of 2021 Sponsors

Please mail the form below in with your check made out to SPHS. Address the envelope c/o: Ms. Stahl, Ms. Sasse or Class of 2021. Thank you!

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**CLASS OF 2021 DUES**

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Amount Enclosed: __________________________________________________________

Cash: _________________ or Check Number: _________________
WELCOME SOPHOMORE CLASS!

Welcome back to your second year at SPHS! We hope you all had a great summer!

Now that everyone is settled into high school, it is time to start looking ahead. As you all know, one of our most important duties as advisors is to collect your Class Dues. These dues cover all your Senior Year activities – Graduation Expenses, Prom Expenses (including your ticket) and more! Class dues are $160 per student. They may be paid all at once, or you can split the amount and pay a portion each year. If you would like to split it up evenly, you may pay just $40 a year.

We hope that everyone has a great sophomore year. Keep your eye out for a couple of fundraisers, and class rings! See you in September!

Sincerely,

Ms. Hendler and Ms. Stahl

Please mail the form below in with your check made out to SPHS. Address the envelope c/o Ms. Hendler Class of 2022 Thank you!

CLASS OF 2022 DUES

Student’s Name: ___________________

Amount Enclosed: __________________

Check Number: __________________
Welcome Class of 2023

Welcome Freshmen!!

My name is Nadine Hendler and I will be your Class Advisor for your entire high school career. I will be working along your class officers to bring you the best four years possible.

One of our most important jobs during the four years of high school is to collect your Class Dues. These dues cover all your Senior Year activities – Graduation Expenses, Prom Expenses (including your ticket) and more! Class dues are $160 per student. They may be paid all at once, or you can split the amount and pay a portion each year. If you would like to split it up evenly, you may pay just $40 a year.

I can’t wait to meet you all in September! See you then!

Sincerely,

Ms. Hendler
nhendler@aacps.org
Department Chair- PE, Health and Dance
Head Unified Sports Coach
Class of 2020, 2022, 2023 Advisor

Please mail the form below in with your check made out to SPHS. Address the envelope c/o Ms. Hendler
Thank you!

CLASS OF 2023 DUES

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________

Amount Enclosed: $160 _________ (Covers All Four Years)
$ 40 _________ (Freshman Year Dues)

Check Number: _______________           Cash: ________________
Class of 2023

Let’s Show Your School Spirit!

2023 Falcon Class Apparel

Purchase class shirts and sweatshirts!

It’s super easy:

• Order online at www.bsnsports.com/mts

• Enter access code SPFalcons2

• Orders can be placed from Sept. 2nd - Sept. 16th.

• Any questions please email nhendler@aacps.org
Academic Eligibility

Academic eligibility is required for all students who wish to participate in any Anne Arundel County school’s extracurricular program. The Board of Education requires all participants to have and maintain a minimal 2.00 GPA with no more than one E. Any student who does not meet this criteria must go through a recertification process. Recertification runs from marking period to marking period.

Due to the late start of the school year, the recertification process cannot begin before September 5, 2019. The process takes sixteen school days which means that, based on the June 2019 report card, ineligible students would not be able to participate before September 27, 2019.

By this date, all school activities will have begun and all athletic activities will have played games. In some cases, teams will have played as many as seven games. Any questions regarding this may be referred to Mrs. Colleen Stauffer, Academic Advisor. (410-987-1627, cstauffer@aacps.org)

NHS Tutoring

Again this year, students will have three days when they will be able to receive academic support after school. National Honor Society tutoring will take place right after school every Tuesday in room 146 from 2:18 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. There will be tutors available in most subjects to help any student who needs academic support. If you are not sure if an appropriate tutor will be available, please feel free to call (410-544-0900, ext. 8291) or e-mail (cstauffer@aacps.org) in advance of the session. Whenever possible, every effort will be made to locate a tutor for the student.

As in the past, classroom teachers will be available for academic help Wednesdays and Thursdays after school in their classrooms. Falcon Flight also meets on Wednesdays in room 154.
Physical Education Department
Uniforms

All students are required to wear athletic shoes and a uniform during Physical Education classes. Shirts and shorts may be purchased individually for $10.00 each or as a set for $20.00. Students may pay by cash or checks made payable to Severna Park High School.
Welcome Back!

The Severna Park Band, Marching Band, Orchestra, Chorus and Vocal Ensembles are in full swing! We have lots of great news to share with you for September and October. A few updates are highlighted below.

Hey Severna Park Falcons, if anyone is looking for a last-minute change because of schedule woes, consider adding a music course. We have music classes ranging from the devoted music enthusiast to the novice. Its never to late to start singing in the choir or playing in an ensemble.

Music opportunities:
- Band
- Chorus
- Percussion
- Orchestra
- AP Music Theory
- Guitar
- Piano
- Music for Life
- Music Theory

SPHS Marching Band Performs “The Greatest Showman” Half-Time Show at Home Football Games
In addition to great football games, come see your SPHS Marching Band perform their 2019 show called, “The Greatest Showman” in George Roberts Stadium. It is a great show featuring music from the award-winning film “The Greatest Showman.”

Calendar
9/6 Home Football game vs. North County
9/11 Jazz Band Auditions
9/14 Sub sale, orders due by 9/8
9/16 Tri-M Music Honors Society meeting
9/21 US Bands competition at Century HS
9/27 Home Football game vs. Meade
8th grade invitational
10/3 All County Chorus Auditions
10/4 Home Football game vs. Old Mill
10/12 Bands by the Bay US Bands marching band competition

Do you know the words to the SPHS Fight Song?
Hail, Our Falcons, Hats off to thee
To our colors, true we will ever be
Blue and Gold, United we stand
Working ever, failing never
Pulling for our team together!
Falcons, we think you’re grand.

12 Oct “Bands by the Bay” Home Show returning to Severna Park High School (3-9pm): Do you want to feel the excitement and see and hear the talent of over 13 of the best marching bands from all over the region? Gates open at 2:30 p.m., with the first band stepping off at approximately 3:00pm. Tickets are $15. Come be a part of the magic!

Please also visit the Band/Orchestra updated website at www.sphsmusic.org for more details on membership, events, sub sales, concerts, and more!
Falcon Drama Season 2019-2020

November 15-17, 22 & 23

One Acts & Shakespeare
January 10, 2020

SP Cares
September 27 & May 22

October 25, December 6, February 21 & May 15
SPHS Drama 2019-2020

Friday September 6: Drama Mixer 2:30pm in Black Box
Monday September 9-Wednesday September 11, Friday September 13: Cinderella auditions
Friday September 13: Cappies Critic Applications due to Miss G
Wednesday Sept 18 and & Friday September 20 at 4pm in Black Box: Something Shakespeare auditions
Wednesday September 18 at 7pm Boosters and Cinderella Parent Meeting in Conference Room A
Monday September 23: SP Cares Tech at 6pm
Friday September 27: SP CARES at 7pm
Monday October 7: Thespian Meeting at 2:30pm in the Black Box & Booster Meeting at 7pm in Black Box
Sunday October 13: Cappies Training at Broadneck
Wednesday October 23: Trip to NYC to see “Dear Evan Hansen”
Friday October 25: IMPROV NIGHT at 7pm in the Black Box
Friday November 1: One Act Director Application due to Miss G
Monday November 4: Thespian Meeting at 2:30pm in the Black Box & Booster Meeting at 7pm in Conference Room A
Fri Nov 8, Sat Nov 9, Friday Nov 15 & Saturday Nov 16: Cinderella at 7pm
Sunday November 10 and Saturday November 16: Cinderella at 3pm
Monday November 11: RnR Student Leader applications due
Monday November 18: One Act auditions at 2:30pm in the Black Box
Monday December 2: RnR Safe Harbor meeting at 2:30pm in the Aud & Thespian Meeting at 2:45pm in the Black Box
Tuesday December 3- Friday December 13: RnR Auditions
Friday December 6: IMPROV NIGHT at 7pm in the Black Box
Thursday January 2: RnR Meeting at 2:30pm in the Auditorium
Monday January 6: Thespian Meeting at 2:30pm in the Black Box & RNR Parent Meeting at 7pm in Cafeteria
Wednesday January 8: Something Shakespeare Tech Night at 6pm in the auditorium
Thursday January 9: One Act Tech Night at 6pm in the Auditorium
Friday January 10: Pd 4 Something Shakespeare Assembly & One Act Play/Something Shakespeare Night at 7pm
Monday February 3: Thespian Meeting at 2:30pm in the auditorium & Boosters at 7pm in Conference Room A
Friday February 21: IMPROV NIGHT at 7pm in the Black Box
Monday March 2: Thespian Meeting at 2:30pm in the Black Box & RNR Committees at 7pm in Conference Room A
Thursday March 19-Sunday March 22: RNR XXXI
Thursday March 26-Saturday March 28: RNR XXXI
Monday April 6: Thespian Meeting at 2:30pm in the Black Box & Boosters at 7pm in Conference Room A
Monday April 27: Thespian and RNR Scholarship applications due to Miss G
Friday May 1: Thespian application due to Miss G
Monday May 4: Thespian Meeting at 2:30pm in the Black Box & Boosters at 7pm in Conference Room A
Friday May 15: IMPROV NIGHT at 7pm in the Black Box
Friday May 22: SP Cares tech at 5pm in the auditorium & SP Cares and Thespian Induction at 7pm in the auditorium
Sunday May 24: Cappies Gala at the Hippodrome
Monday June 1: Thespian Meeting at 2:30pm in the Black Box & 8th Grade Invitational at 7pm in the Drama Spaces
July 6-9: RnR Jr Camp 9am-2pm (show on Thursday at 3pm)
July 13-16: Falcon Drama Camp 9am-2pm (show on Thursday at 3pm)

www.sphsdrama.com
Falcon Theatre Season Pass Subscriptions Available Now for 2019-2020 Season

Enchanted Edition
November 15, 16, 22 & 23 @7pm
Nov 17 & 23 @ 3pm

One Act Play Night/
Something Shakespeare
January 10 at 7pm

ROCK’N’ROLL REVIVAL XXXI
MARCH 19-22, 26-28
True Colors

Become a Falcon Theatre Season Pass Subscriber and get V.I.P. status at all drama productions including “Cinderella!”, Rock’n’Roll Revival XXXI, One Act Play Night and Improv Nights.

For $30 you get one ticket to these events, early admission to all the shows PLUS tickets for Rock’n’Roll Revival BEFORE they go on sale to the general public! WHAT A DEAL!

Don’t miss this amazing opportunity to see SPHS talent at it’s very best! Information on specific shows and all SPHS drama events will be posted to our website: www.sphsdrama.com

Improv Nights
October 25, December 6, February 21 & May 15

2019-2020 Falcon Theatre Season Pass Registration

Name________________________________________________________

Address_______________________________________________________

Phone__________________ E-Mail________________________________

# Season Passes ______ X $30 each = _____________________________

Checks payable to Falcon Drama Boosters. Please mail completed form and payment to:
Falcon Drama Boosters  P.O. Box 823 Severna Park, MD 21146

www.sphsdrama.com
SPHS Theatre Programs Sponsorships 2019-2020

Cinderella Enchanted Edition
The Severna Park High School Falcon Drama Boosters are pleased to present program advertising opportunities. These ads are an excellent chance for local businesses to support their community, the arts, and to reach a very distinct target market of consumers. More than 8,000 theatre programs will be printed and your ad message will be distributed at 17 separate performances throughout the school year.

Program Circulation and Distribution

..November 2019
o Cinderella Enchanted Edition
  o Anticipated print run (six performances): 3,000

..March 2020
o Rock’n’Roll Revival XXXI
  o Anticipated print run (seven performances): 6,000

To appear in both programs, Ads must be received by 15 October 2019.

BONUS: Additionally, program sponsors will be listed on the SPHS drama website www.sphsdrama.com, listed in the ‘One Act Plays’ Program, and on display at all SPHS performances on the lobby placard.

Program Advertising Rates (rates include ad placement in BOTH programs and Bonus)

o Color, Covers (Full page) .............................................................................................................................................. $600

o B&W, FULL Page Ad .................................................................................................................................................. $440

o B&W, HALF Page Ad ............................................................................................................................................... $240

o B&W, QUARTER Page Ad ........................................................................................................................................ $120
Advertising Mechanical Specifications
PROGRAM SIZE ROCK ‘N ROLL /Fall Show
Covers and Full Page 6” wide x 7.5” high 4.5” wide x 7.5” high
½ Page (horizontal) 6” wide x 3.75” high 4.5” wide x 3.75” high
¼ Page (horizontal) 6” wide x 2” high 4.5” wide x 2” high

Terms and Guidelines
All advertising must be deemed appropriate by the Drama Booster Executive Board, and the board reserves the right to refuse ads. Ad placement is at the discretion of the program staff.

SPHS Drama Programs Advertising Form
www.sphsdrama.com
The SPHS Falcon Drama Boosters greatly appreciate your sponsorship participation and contribution to the performing arts at our high school. Please complete, sign and mail this form along with payment and a proof of your advertisement to:

Falcon Drama Boosters
P.O. Box 823
Severna Park, MD 21146

*Checks should be made payable to Falcon Drama Boosters.
Electronic submissions should be e-mailed to jillrobinson@verizon.net in JPEG or PDF format. Revisions to ad materials may incur additional charges.
Sponsorship payment in full must be received by October 15, 2019.

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Business Name:_____________________________________________________________
Mailing Address:__________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
Contact Person:_____________________________________________________________
E-Mail:___________________________________________________________________
Phone:___________________________________________________________________

Ad Headline:_______________________________________________________________
Size: ____Full Page ____Half Page ____Quarter Page  Amount Enclosed $______________
Please enclose: ____Completed Form ____Payment ____Ad Proof
Authorized Signature:________________________________________ Date:______________
PRE SALE SENIOR ADS CLASS OF 2020

Purchase your 2019-2020 SENIOR RECOGNITION space in the yearbook. Students/parents turn in your MONEY and AD by WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd. After OCTOBER 2nd -- if there is space available -- the cost goes UP for senior recognition ads. There also will be NO full page ads available after this date.

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE: SENIOR ADS ONLY COME ONCE IN THE LIFE OF YOUR SENIOR. COMMEMORATE YOUR LOVE AND GOOD WISHES IN A SPHS TRADITION. DON'T WAIT TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE.

PRESALE PRICES:

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ALL ADS FOR THE 2019-2020 YEARBOOK ARE FULL COLOR

SPACE IS LIMITED. ONCE THE SPACE IS SOLD NO ADDITIONAL SPACE WILL BE OPENED AND THESE SELL QUICKLY.

STEP 1: Decide your senior ad space (1/8, 1/4, 1/2 or FULL page *limited number)  
STEP 2: Write a check to SPHS, write YOUR NAME on the MEMO PORTION
Mail it to SPHS; c/o Embers; 60 Robinson Road; Severna Park, MD 21146 (By OCT 2ND)
or HAND it to Ms. Earhart by OCT 2ND in 244.
STEP 3: See Ms. Earhart for a TEMPLATE for your AD OR use a digital platform to create your own ad (PHOTOSHOP, ILLUSTRATOR, ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT CAN CREATE A HIGH RESOLUTION FILE)
(1/8 Ad: 2.2 by 2.75 inches 1/4 Ad: 4.25 by 5.5 inches 1/2 Ad: 8.5 by 5.5 inches FULL: 8.5 by 11 inches)
STEP 4: Turn in completed AD by OCTOBER 2ND to 244
Either by HANDING it to Ms. Earhart or emailing a HIGH RESOLUTION PDF to sphsembers@gmail.com (in the subject heading write SENIOR AD) - you will receive an EMAIL CONFIRMATION

SENIORS CAN CREATE AN AD DIGITALLY (SEE DIMENSIONS ABOVE) OR THEY CAN CREATE AND AD USING PRINT COPIES OF PHOTOS (WAIT FOR TEMPLATE IN FALL)
Four Dates Senior Portraits

Seniors (class of 2020) have four opportunities to have their photo taken for the 2019-2020 yearbook. This is the picture of students with the tux/drape. Students should receive an APPOINTMENT card from LifeTouch with their time slot. If you do not receive an appointment card, please call LifeTouch at 800.445.1191. If you don’t come to the appointment date scheduled for you (via the postcard in the mail), they will send you ANOTHER appointment for the NEXT photography date. SEPTEMBER is the LAST time you can get your photos taken at SPHS. After that date, you’ll have to go to the studios in Baltimore IF you want your picture in the yearbook. There is NO sitting fee for YBOOK photo only (only ONE picture, you don’t choose). Last day to have photos taken by LIFETOUCH STUDIO (in BALTIMORE) is NOVEMBER 1st. After that date, your senior portrait is NOT guaranteed to be in the 2019-2020 yearbook.

May 29th-31st       June 27th       August 19th-21st       September 24th-26th

Photographs from OUTSIDE PHOTOGRAPHERS (not LifeTouch) cannot be accepted for the yearbook. Students must choose their pose (BLUE BACKGROUND, NO PROPS) before our November 1st deadline, or the staff will choose your pose for you.

Senior Profiles

Seniors may include with their senior photo profile information and a senior quote. This could include activities in sports, clubs or activities outside of school. It’s your opportunity to get FREE space in the yearbook to talk about no one other than YOU. We know you did something in four years, right? Information on Class of 2020 profiles will be available in the fall.

Never Picked Up Book?

Students who did not pick up their 2018-2019 by the end of the school (after school ONLY beginning on May 28th in Room 244), must wait until the 2019-2020 school year to pick up their book from Mrs. Earhart. Yearbooks CANNOT be picked up during the summer office hours.
EMERGENCY DRILLS

During each school year, various drills are conducted at every school to ensure that staff and students are prepared in the event of an emergency. These drills include monthly fire/evacuation drills.

In addition, five drills with scenarios developed by the school system’s Office of School Security and based upon various possible emergency scenarios are done each year. These include, but are not limited to: Evacuation for natural gas emergencies; shelter for tornado and earthquake; shelter for outside hazardous materials release; lockout for danger outside of the school building, reverse evacuation back into the school for students and staff outside; and lockdown for a person with a weapon inside of the school.

These drills are discussed with staff prior to the drill, evaluated once the drill is complete. In some cases, the drills may be discussed with students before they take place.
CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones must be turned **OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT** during school hours. The school is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft of these items.

The policy for cell phone/electronic device use is stated in the AACPS Student Handbook/Code of Conduct as follows: *Cell Phone Misuse:* Use of cellular phone, camera phone, video phone, or other communication devices during the school day or on school buses unless in an emergency. *Electronic Device Misuse:* Use of communication devices, such as cell phones, and other electronic devices during the school day or on school buses unless in an emergency. Other devices include, but are not limited to the use of an iPod, CD player or hand-held game, use of camera cell phones or PDA camera to invade privacy (in locker rooms, restrooms, etc.) or violate this code of conduct. Cell phones/Electronic Devices are to be **off and out of sight.**

Note: SPHS will abide by AACPS policies and regulations in regard to cell phones for sending and receiving text messages, checking email, posting on social media and the unauthorized use of the phone as a camera or recording device. Cell phones are to be “off and out of sight” during the school day. However, there will be times when it may be advantageous to use the technology available in cell phones (ie. timers, calculators) or other features (ie. internet, app) to augment classroom instruction. For example, students may want to capture data, diagrams, charts or lab set-ups with the camera or conduct a quick internet search as part of an instructional activity. On these occasions, the TEACHER WILL determine its instructional use and will make it clear to the students how and when the cell phone may be used. The cell phone will NEVER be allowed in a testing environment and is NOT PERMITTED for use during classroom lecture, unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Any unauthorized use of the cell phone will result in immediate confiscation and consequences in accordance with AACPS and SPHS policy. The school is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft of these items. Seniors on early release may not use cell phone during school hours in the school building.

Failure to comply with above has resulted in confiscation of the device and the parent is required to come to school to pick it up. Refusal to turn over a device when asked is considered insubordination and may result in suspension. Subsequent violations will result in disciplinary action as follows:

2nd Violation—Device confiscated. A parent may pick-up the cell phone at school after 2:18 p.m. the day of the violation. If a senior is on early release, a parent may pick up the phone after the senior’s last class period. If picking up the phone day(s) after the violation, the parent may pick up the phone during school hours. Student is assigned a Friday School.

3rd Violation or more—Device confiscated. A parent may pick-up the cell phone at school after 2:18 p.m. the day of the violation. If a senior is on early release, a parent may pick up the phone after the senior’s last class period. If picking up the phone day(s) after the violation, the parent may pick up the phone during school hours. Student is suspended from school.

Please take time to review the cell phone/electronic device policy with your student so that the learning environment is not disrupted by misuse of cell phones or other electronic devices.