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Important Dates

- 12/5 PTSO Meeting
- 12/6 MOWR Info. Session #1
- 12/13 - 12/16 Semester Exams
- 12/19 FCBOE Meeting
- 12/19 - 12/30 Semester Break
- 1/2 - 1/3 Teacher Workday
- 1/4 Homeroom Bell Schedule
- 1/5 Principal's Advisory Meeting
- 1/6 Report Cards
- 1/9 PTSO Meeting
- 1/12 MOWR Info. Session #2
- 1/16 MLK Holiday
- 1/16 FCBOE Meeting
- 1/19 MOWR Info. Session #3

Communication

Infinite Campus Messenger sends weekly emails from ic.messenger@mail.fcboe.org

The school website starrsmillhighschool.org has information about each academic department, sports and fine arts booster clubs, student and PTSO newsletters, and a current school calendar.

Social Media

Follow Starr's Mill on Twitter: @StarrsMillHS

PTSO Communications

Season's Greetings Panthers!

PTSO is currently boosting our communication outlets to provide the most accessible and convenient methods for all parents — whether you enjoy scrolling through this newsletter on your desktop, printing it out to keep on a bulletin board, or checking your Facebook and Twitter feeds often. Your awareness of school and extracurricular activities is key to your involvement and a bridge for you to have a closer relation between home and school for cooperation in the educational process.

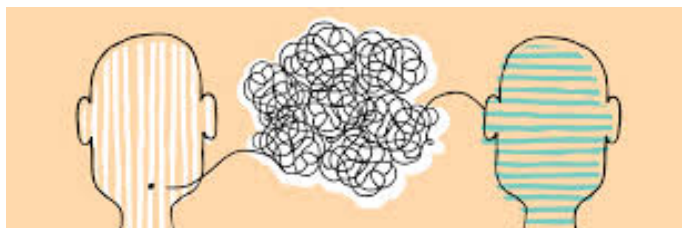
In addition to SMHS school communication listed here,



check out Starr's Mill PTSO Communication:

Facebook Page — Starr's Mill High School PTSO

PTSO Twitter account — @StarrsMillPTSO





PTSO Scholarships

The SMHS PTSO will award three scholarships in May to graduating Seniors: the \$1,500 Sam Sweat Honorary Scholarship, the \$1,250 Audrey Toney Honorary Scholarship, and the \$1,000 PTSO Scholarship. These scholarships will be awarded based on the essay submissions.

Interested seniors should submit a five to seven paragraph essay with a separate title page addressing the following topic:

As you approach the end of your Senior year, what advice would you give middle school students about achieving success at Starr's Mill High School?

The essays are judged anonymously and no other criteria is considered in determining the scholarship winners. Essays are due in the SMHS Guidance Office by **3:45 pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2017**. Late entries will not be considered. Scholarships will be awarded at SMHS Honors Night.

If you have questions, contact Donna Fierbaugh, PTSO Scholarship Chairman, at donna.f.ptc@gmail.com.

Guidance

1) The Starr's Mill Guidance Department is sponsoring their annual Starr Stocking fund for SMHS students in need this Christmas. If you would like to contribute, we are accepting monetary donations and/or gift cards from Walmart, Target, and Kroger. Donations are due by **Monday, December 5**. You may drop them in the box on the counter in the front office at the school.

2) Seniors. . . CHECK YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES!! You may need a counselor recommendation mailed before the holidays. If so, your request must be completed and in the Guidance office by the end of the day **Friday, December 2**.

*Remember first semester grades will not be reported on your transcripts until mid January. If you need a mid-year report sent or want your first semester grades to be reported, wait until second semester begins to request a transcript.



3) The Starr's Mill Guidance Department and Whitewater HS Guidance Department will cohost a Financial Aid Workshop for seniors and their parents on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitewater HS auditorium. A representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will be present to guide participants through completing the Free

Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and answer questions about a variety of federal and state financial aid programs, including the HOPE scholarship. Materials regarding paying for college will also be available.

4) Guidance will be offering the ASVAB--a career assessment given by the military for Juniors and Seniors--on January 6, during 1st - 3rd periods. Registration is free. If you are still unsure of possible college majors or future careers, please take advantage of this free assessment. Students can register in Guidance. Interpretation is online, and students will get an instruction booklet with their results in February.

We are giving our SMHS teachers and staff the "gift of time" this Christmas season.

Help thank our teachers by joining the wrapping team where we meet and wrap their gifts, allowing our teachers more time to spend with their families.

Volunteers will meet in the SMHS Santa Workshop (conference room A) on the following days:

Thursday, December 1

Tuesday, December 6

Thursday, December 8

If you are willing and able to assist with this project, please text or call Tammy Pattison (770)317-1742 or Ann Buck (678)778-5626

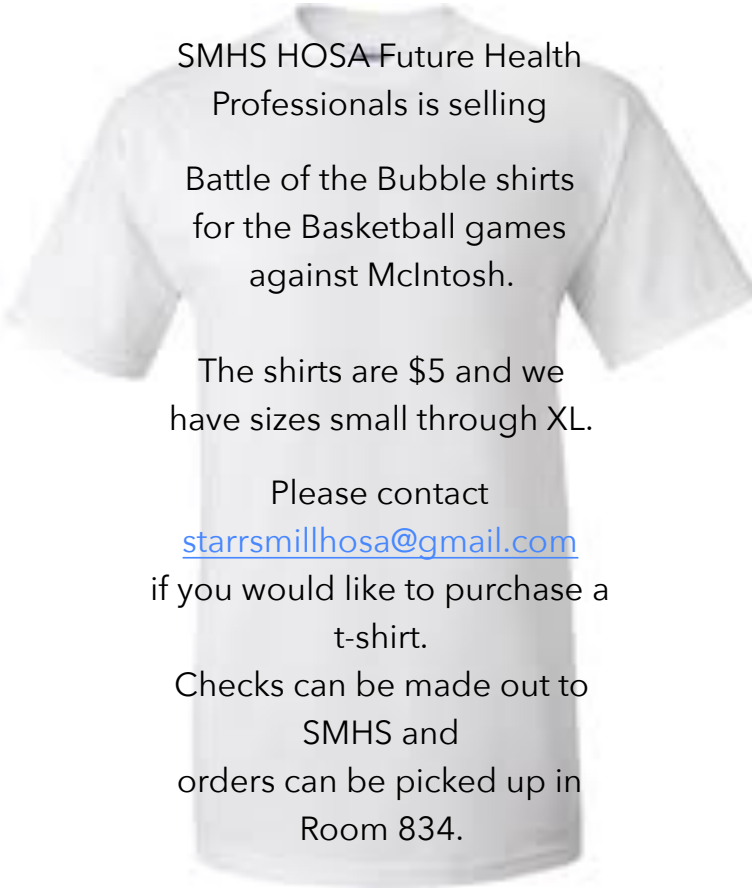


GIFT WRAPPING SUPPLIES NEEDED

- ◆ Gift tags
- ◆ Tape
- ◆ Ribbon (with wire)

You may send in your donations to the front office.

Thank you!!



SMHS HOSA Future Health Professionals is selling

Battle of the Bubble shirts for the Basketball games against McIntosh.

The shirts are \$5 and we have sizes small through XL.

Please contact starrsmillhosa@gmail.com if you would like to purchase a t-shirt.

Checks can be made out to SMHS and orders can be picked up in Room 834.

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Silent Auction

The Starr's Mill Choral Department invites you and your family to our Candlelight Processional on December 6th.

Our Scholarship Silent Auction will begin at 6:00 PM with the concert to follow in the Duke Auditorium at 7:00 PM.

We can guarantee that you will be truly impressed and entertained by our very talented students. Please join us as we usher in the musical sounds of the season and support the SMHS Choral Program.





Senior Notes

Please read the weekly Guidance News updates sent through icmessenger@mail.fcboe.org for the most up to date information on many important senior items.

1 Senior Yard Signs

Order forms for Senior Yard Signs are available at the front office. You can turn in forms and payment there also. The contact email is smhsproductions@gmail.com. The signs are a fundraiser for the Drama department (which also supports Miss Starr's Mill).

2 Senior Ads for Yearbook

Forms were sent out in October! Please look for this as this is a great opportunity for you to celebrate the senior year.

Email the yearbook advisor at coleman.pat@mail.fcboe.org if you have any questions

3 Senior Night

WHAT IS SENIOR NIGHT?

Class Of 2017 fun filled evening for students:

- Special "Senior Awards"
- Video Presentation featuring Class of 2017
- Door Prizes for ALL Seniors who attend
- Light refreshments

PARENTS WE NEED YOU!

We need parents to make this event possible. You can contribute/participate in any of the following ways:

1. Volunteer

We need parents willing to solicit items from local businesses to be used as door prizes.

2. Monetary Contribution

We need to cover the cost of food, decorations, door prizes, clean up, etc. Make your check payable to SMHS and mark "Senior Night" in the memo line. Donations should be ATTENTION: Valerie Hughey, Class 2017 sponsor. You can drop the donation at the front office or mail it to the school (193 Panther PATH, Fayetteville, GA 30215)

3. Contribute a Door Prize

Gift items for door prizes are needed.

- Items for college (Laundry basket, desk supplies, towels, etc.)
- Items all teenagers want (ear phones, movies, electronics)
- Gift Cards are VERY popular (Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Wal Mart, restaurants)
- Tickets to entertainment venues (Braves, Fox Theater, etc.)

If you have questions, contact Tammy Pattison, senior night coordinator at Classof2017seniornight@gmail.com

Support SMHS when you shop!



Publix Make A Difference School Cards

benefit Starr's Mill High School year after year. Don't forget to hand the cashier your card to earn rewards for SMHS. If you need an SMHS Publix card, they are available in the front office.



Kroger's Community Rewards Program

benefits nonprofit organizations, such as the SMHS PTSO. You can link your Kroger Plus Card to the SMHS PTSO in a few easy steps, and every time you shop at Kroger and use your card, you will earn financial rewards for Starr's Mill High School.

If you already have a Kroger Plus Card and an online account with Kroger established, log onto www.krogercommunityrewards.com and sign into your account. Then under the heading of Community Rewards, simply select Starr's Mill High School PTSO (No. 17500) as the beneficiary.

If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card, you can pick up an application at any Kroger customer service desk.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT KROGER REQUIRES A RE-ENROLLMENT IN ITS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM BY EACH CARDHOLDER EACH YEAR**



Happenings

12/3 🎵 Starr's Mill Chanticleer @ Kennasaw State

12/3 - 12/4 🎻 SMHS Orchestra - Nutcracker

12/5 🎺 Band - Pyramid Concert

12/6 🎤 SMHS Chorus Concert & Silent Auction

12/10 - 12/11 🎭 Drama Production - Junie B. Jones

1/5 - 1/7 👑 Miss Starr's Mill

1/28 💃 Dance - Alabama Dance Championship

Academia

Beta Club Meetings

✓12/8, ✓1/12, ✓2/9, ✓3/9, ✓4/13, ✓5/8

Honor Society Meetings

◆12/6, ◆1/10, ◆2/7, ◆3/7, ◆4/11

Final Exam Information

Exam Exemption Policies: Students may exempt up to three final exams if they are on SMHS campus for seven periods otherwise they may exempt two final exams in which they have maintained an overall grade point average of 95 for academic exemption (provided that they have at least a 95 in the class) OR one exam for attendance exemption (at least a 73 in the class with no more than 5 attendance events and with no tardies to that class). Exemptions may not be mixed. Either a student can exempt up to three for academic exemption OR one for attendance exemption, not both. Please refer to your Campus Portal for questions about attendance. Those students in a Math Support class have already taken their final exam.

Final exams for the fall semester will be administered at Starr's Mill High School on **Tuesday, December 13th - Friday, December 16th**. The following alternative schedule will be used for the administration of exams: (The last day of regular classes will be Monday, December 12th, 2016).

Exam Schedule (Tues.-Thurs.)	Tues., Dec. 13 th	Wed., Dec. 14 th	Thurs., Dec. 15 th	Exam Schedule (Friday)	Fri., Dec. 16 th
8:35 - 8:45	Announcements	Announcements	Announcements	8:35 - 8:45	Announcements
8:45 - 10:45	1st Period Exam	3rd Period Exam	5th Period Exam	8:45 - 10:45	7th Period Exam
10:45 - 10:58	Break / Checkout	Break / Checkout	Break / Checkout	10:45 - 11:30	Check out or lunch.
11:00 - 1:00	2nd Period Exam	4th Period Exam	6th Period Exam	11:30-12:45	Students to gym for dismissal.
1:00 - 1:45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
1:45 - 3:45	Study Session/ Cafe	Study Session in Cafe	Study Session in Café		

Each student must have this form signed by a parent or guardian and must submit this form to their 1st period teacher no later than Monday, December 16th. Failure to return this signed form by the deadline may result in the loss of the student's exam exemption privilege.

_____ has permission to leave campus after the 1st exam of the day (10:45), or after the 2nd exam of the day (1:00), or at the end of the day (3:45).

STUDENTS ONLY NEED TO BE HERE DURING THEIR EXAMS IF THEY HAVE PARENTAL PERMISSION TO LEAVE.

Check day(s) and time(s) student will leave campus:

(12/13) EXAMS 1 & 2 (12/14) EXAMS 3 & 4 (12/15) EXAMS 5 & 6 12/16 Exam 7
 10:45 1:00 3:45 10:45 1:00 3:45 10:45 1:00 3:45 10:45 Car riders 11:45 12:45 Bus

Parent Signature

Date


Telephone Number




Congratulations

to our World Language students that attended the 44th annual Clemson Declamation Contest on Saturday, October 22nd. There were over 450 students representing 27 different schools from South Carolina and Georgia at the competition. Starr's Mill sent 33 students and 28 of those students placed in their competition groups. Two of the 28 competed in multiple languages. We brought home 30 awards, the most of any school in the county. Please congratulate these students and their teachers for a job well done!

American Sign Language/Julie Karneboge: Jennifer Martin, Anna Martin, Claire Mossman and Zaria Sweeting.

 German/Antonela Kljajic: Kayla Christ, Madison Hagen and Tim Hahn.

 French/ Marie Scott: Oluwatofunmi Bamiro, Madeleine Childress, Biankah Destin, Brian Dixon, Marina Foster, Sarah Goins, Madison Hagen, Tim Hahn, Samuel Navarro Michel, Emma Posey, Rommy Sierra and Emily Treon.

Spanish/ Laura Alldredge: Ximena Bejarano and Hannah Yokosawa.

Spanish/ Amber Boyd: Erin Pham.

Spanish/ Madeline Rodriguez: Derico Blalock, Jacob Just-Buddy, Alayna Burdekin and Tim Hahn.

Spanish/ Marcela Sample: Kyrston Heath, Jilliana Magat, Kirsten Oates, Alexander Sobcsak and Yukimi Ueda.

Spanish/ Shayne Thompson: Anastasia Ash, Providence Blalock, Caroline Carle, Saijleen Chawla, and Virginia Jackson.

Get all sports information on the SMHS website!!



PTSO INFORMATION FORM

SMHS STUDENT NAME(S)		
FIRST	LAST	GRADE _____
		GRADE _____
FIRST	LAST	GRADE _____
		GRADE _____
FIRST	LAST	GRADE _____

CONTACT INFORMATION	
PARENT NAME(S): _____	
★ ARE YOU A FACULTY MEMBER AT SMHS? IF SO, CIRCLE HERE <input type="checkbox"/> YES	
STUDENT(S) ADDRESS: _____	
PARENT E-MAIL: _____	
PARENT PHONE NO: Home: _____ Cell: _____	

FEES	
PTSO Membership (\$30/Family)	\$30.00
LOCKER/AGENDA (\$10/student)	
No. of students _____ x \$10	\$ _____
TOTAL PAID	\$ _____
Type of payment: Cash _____ Check# _____	

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES		
<i>(Parents, please circle the areas in which you would like to volunteer.)</i>		
Clinic	Academic Recognition Events	Office Volunteer
Media Center	Teacher Appreciation	Senior Events

