

Southern Garrett High School

DATES PARENTS NEED TO KNOW:

- Oct 29— Start of second quarter
- Nov 4— Schools Closed, Election Day
- Nov 5— Theatre II Field Trip; Report cards sent home
- Nov 6— Theatre II and Marching Band Field Trip
- Nov 7— Parent Conferences 10:30 am—6:00 pm, No school for students; JROTC Field Trip; Homecoming Football Game, *Northern V. Southern ALS Challenge* 7 pm
- Nov 8 —Homecoming Dance, 8 pm
- Nov 13—ASVAB
- Nov 15— start of winter athletic practices
- Nov 19—12:15 Dismissal
- Nov 20-22 School Play, 9-5 at 8 pm, admission is \$5
- Nov 22—Senior Class Big Bucks Bingo
- Nov 26—Ram Rumble, 12:15 Dismissal
- Nov 27-28—No School for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 1—12— National Honor Society Canned Food Drive
- Dec 8—Financial Aid Workshop, 7 pm
- Dec 10—12:15 Dismissal
- Dec 15—Yearbook Orders due for early incentive program
- Dec 23— 12:15 dismissal
- Dec 24-Jan 2—No School for Christmas Holiday
- Jan 13-22—High School Assessment testing window
- Jan 16— 12:15 dismissal
- Jan 17—Winter Ball, 8 pm
- Jan 19—School Closed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 21— 12:15 dismissal
- Jan 15— End first semester (tentative)
- Jan 23— Parent Conferences 10:30 am—6:00 pm

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Staff, Students Commemorate 9-11 at Flight 93 Memorial and on Campus in JROTC Flag Folding Ceremony

By junior Lauren Frick

Nearly 4,000 victims dead. Thirteen years later, students and staff still remember the men and women who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The tragedy was commemorated on Patriot's Day with a flag folding ceremony and a trip to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA which was sponsored by the National History Club.

Club advisor Dave Bender organized the trip when he realized that many students were too young to have any personal recollections of September 11.

Over 100 students and staff travelled to Shanksville, PA to the crash site where the passengers and crew of Flight 93 thwarted terrorist attempts to hijack the plane. The heroes were honored during a ceremony where several speakers, including former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, shared their experiences on September 11, 2001.

"I think the importance of the sacrifices made that day [were] made real to the students by [Hastert's] comments," Bender said.

Hastert also dedicated the United States flag that flew over the capitol building on September 11, 2001 to the Flight 93 Memorial. Sadly, the flag and



Students observe the ceremony honoring those who died on the field where Flight 93 crashed at Shanksville, PA. From the left: juniors Ashley Green, Jaice Piper, Paranda Uber, Nicole Baker, Quinn McClean, Mariah Moon, Michaela McCrobie and sophomore Talon Uphold.

other memorabilia from families were destroyed a few weeks later in a fire of the memorial's administration building.

Sophomore Stephanie Beeman said the most impactful portion of the ceremony was the ringing of the "Bells of Remembrance" for each of the passengers and crew of Flight 93.

Anyone who was unable to attend the field trip still had the opportunity to honor the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

A flag folding ceremony in the high school's front parking lot was conducted for the first time to commemorate Patriot's Day by Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) members. Cadets and JROTC instructors collaborated to plan the ceremony to honor the dead.

"Watching the student body standing so still and quiet while the flag was being folded showed their acknowledgement and understanding of those events," JROTC instructor SFC Verle Wright said.

PARENT CONFERENCES

The end of the first quarter occurred on Tuesday, October 28th. Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, November 5th. Parent conferences will be held on Friday, November 7th from 10:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Parents are invited to meet with their child's teachers throughout the parent conference day.

Athletic Department Update

ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge will hit the football field and the high school principals at the November 7th Garrett Cup, the Northern vs. Southern football game held at Southern High School this year! The principal of Northern High School, Mr. Gary Reichenbecher, and Southern High School, Principal Mr. Jim Maddy, have challenged their student bodies to raise the most funds for the ALS Foundation. In return, the two students who raise the most money at each school will ice the principals at the Garrett Cup. Students are collecting donations until November 6th through their RAMS period. Donations from the community are welcomed as Southern High School attempts to out-collect their cross-county rival. Contact Kayla Cathell at the high school with questions.

Basketball Season Tickets On Sale

Season tickets for the 2014-15 basketball season have now been put on sale by the Southern High Athletic Department. There are three packages available, a boys season ticket, a girls season ticket, and a ticket to both. Boys or girls season tickets are on sale for \$40 each. The Golden Hoops season ticket is a ticket to both boys and girls and is on sale for \$75. To see the schedule please see www.southernramsports.weebly.com. Individual tickets at the door are \$5 per person. To order season tickets or for more information, please contact Joy Thrasher at 240-321-4550.

Health Room Tips with Nurse Deann Kennell

Good health habits can help avoid illness. The following list may help all members of the family avoid serious illness this flu season.

1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
2. Stay home when you are sick.
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
4. Wash your hands often. If soap and water are not available use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
6. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, especially when someone is ill.
7. Get plenty of rest and drink plenty of liquids.

Lice has been a problem in some of the elementary schools. To reduce the chance of contracting head lice start by not sharing items that touch your head. Avoid sharing combs, brushes, hair clips, hats, helmets, scarves, coats, towels, headsets and earbuds. Avoid head to head contact with classmates and friends.

School Information Found in PowerSchool, SGHS website

For students and parents who are looking for current school information and important dates, there are multiple places to find the most recent information. In PowerSchool, there is a link in the left-hand menu bar to the morning announcements, titled "Daily Bulletin". These are updated daily. The school website can be found at <http://garrettcountyschools.org/southern-high>. The school calendar which lists meetings, fieldtrips and other events in an interactive google calendar can be found there, as well as, a multitude of information about scholarships, service learning opportunities, graduation information and school organizations. Also, a few school organizations, like the National Honor Society and JROTC, and Ram Athletics have their own webpages linked to the school's webpage.

Canoe World Championships Come to Deep Creek

By senior Amy Rush

Ninety-two different countries came to Deep Creek for the 2014 Canoe Slalom World Championships. The slalom race tests each competitor's ability and precision while canoeing through the course. The Deep Creek community was able to participate and watch this historic event.

It has been twenty-five years since the U.S. hosted the World Championships. Architecture teacher Scott Stough was able to attend both the 1989 race on the Savage River and the 2014 race at ASCI.

"I [have] been a kayaker for over 30 years and have done limited slalom racing. It was a great opportunity to see the best slalom racers in the world," Stough said.

Many changes have occurred from the 1989 race to now. Garrett County made provisions this year to make the audience and competitors comfortable. At the previous event, the audience sat on rocks along the river to watch the events. This year,

Garrett County built bleachers along the river for the audience.

Carpentry seniors Mikey Welch and Austin Sines made a few of the items needed for the event. They made boat racks for the competitors, as well as the results boards and podiums for the award ceremony. Sines and Welch both received free tickets to the event as compensation for their work.

Featured entertainment at the opening ceremony held at the CARC included local dance studio Brenda's Body Shop. Students such as senior Madison Cooper, junior Kenzi Smith, sophomore Emily Tichnell and freshman Kaitlin Shaffer performed in front of approximately 2,000 people.

Junior Kenzie Smith, sophomore Lauryn Glotfelty and 2013 graduate Kassi Smith were each crowned as Miss Deep Creek. Their responsibilities included presenting awards to the competitors, and interacting with the competitors while representing Garrett County.

Senior Heather Homberg volunteered at the event.

"I have been around the kayaking community my entire life, so I wanted to experience this event that was taking place practically in my backyard," Homberg said.

Senior Sarah Miller attended breakfast at ASCI with the competitors when she accompanied students from her School to Career's experience at Crellin Elementary. The students met the competitors and watched the qualifying rounds.

"It was interesting to see so many different people all in one place together," said Miller.

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Child Find Announcement

State and Federal laws require that the Garrett County Board of Education provide free and appropriate educational programs for all children with disabilities living in Garrett County. Services which can be provided by the Board of Education include evaluation and direct services in speech and language therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, developmental skills for preschools and academic help for children of school age. These services are provided through the Special Education programs to all students who qualify.

If you know of any individuals with a disability ages birth through twenty-one years of age who are not receiving educational programs, please contact:

Ms. Jennifer Kotulak
 Supervisor of Special Education
 Garrett County Board of Education
 40 South Second Street
 Oakland, MD 21550
[301-334-7655](tel:301-334-7655)

Admit One

9 to 5 Hits Stage in November

Southern High School presents
 Dolly Parton's 9 to 5 on November
 20, 21, 22 at 8pm. Tickets are \$5 at
 the door. Produced by special
 arrangement with MTI (Music Theatre International).



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**Athletics
301-334-6994**

**SGHS on the
web: [http://
www.garrettcounty
schools.org/
southern-high](http://www.garrettcounty
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southern-high)**

**Great
teaching
happens
everyday at
Southern
High School!**

Garrett County Public Schools Pre-K Program

Do You Have a 4-Year Old Who Would
Benefit From Pre-K? Space is available at
various sites throughout the county.

Recent studies have confirmed the importance of Pre-K, noting that "it multiplies the effects of later reforms by narrowing early achievement gaps and ensuring that children are fully prepared to learn and thrive academically, physically, socially, and emotionally."

(Chicago Longitude Study, 2001)

According to Pre-K guidelines, priority is given to low income families. Space is available! All parents, regardless of income levels, are encouraged to apply.

**For more information or to receive an application, please
contact:**

**Jane Wildesen,
Director of
Elementary
Education**

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One-Stop Holiday Shopping at the New School Store

It's not too early for Santa to find the perfect gift to make any Ram Fan happy from the new school store located in the main lobby. The store is open every day from 8am-4pm and features Ram apparel and merchandise for infants, boys, girls, men and women. School supplies are also available. Stop by and make your Christmas shopping easier.

