

## Southern Garrett High School

### DATES PARENTS NEED TO KNOW:

Jan 26—Report Cards sent home

Jan 30— 12:15 Dismissal

Feb 3—Skills USA Regional competition in Washington County

Feb 15— 12:15 Dismissal

Feb 17— Winter Homecoming, 8 pm

Feb 19— School Closed, President's Day

Feb 28 — 8th Grade Tour

Mar 1— start of spring athletic practices

Mar 1—Deadline for Maryland Financial Aid Application

Feb 26-Mar 7— High School Scheduling for 2017-18

Mar 9— 12:15 Dismissal

Mar 15&16— Senior Edition Group Photos during RAMS

March 23-24— Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair

March 26— Parent Conferences 10 am—5:30 pm No school for students

March 30, Apr 2—School Closed, Good Friday and Easter Monday

Apr 8—National Honor Society Induction, 2pm

Apr 12—Mandatory graduation meeting for seniors

Apr 13—JROTC field trip

Apr 16—Senior PDAs ads for yearbook due

Apr 19-21—Business Department's trip to New York City

Apr 21—Students Arts Fair at the CARC

Apr 23— 12:15 Dismissal

Apr 25—Save a Life Tour

April 28— Jr/Sr Prom 7:30pm

*All dates are tentative and subject to inclement weather delays and cancellations.*

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## Scheduling Information for 2017-18 School Year

Southern High students will begin selecting courses for their 2018-19 schedules in February. Students will receive their scheduling packets after watching an informational scheduling presentation during Advisory in February. Students will receive a course selection sheet at the February advisory as well.

We are seeking parental support with having the completed course selections sheets returned to their RAMS teacher by February 13. This process is vital to the master scheduling process. Our desire is to have a master schedule completed prior to May 1. This cannot happen without parental support with the initial step, the course selection process.

Unfortunately, students who have not returned the course selection sheet will not be able to schedule during their initial time slot and will be required to reschedule or have their courses selected by an administrator or guidance counselor.

We will begin working with students to enter their requests online during the school day from February 26- March 7. Southern High will provide power point scheduling presentations on the school's website for parents to view as well.

Student Educational Planning Guides are currently available on the Garrett County Public Schools website at <https://www.garrettcounty.org/secondary-education/student-educational-planning-guides>. Please select the guide that corresponds to your student's year of entry into high school. There are three choices: SEPG 2015-2016, SEPG 2016-2017, SEPG 2017-2018. Course descriptions, career pathways descriptions and sample plans, and general information are included.

In addition, graduation requirements including testing and credits for University of Maryland System Completer, University of Maryland System Honors Completer, Career and Technology Completer, Advanced Technology Completer and Dual Completer are included.

Parents and students who have questions can schedule an appointment with their counselor or email their counselor. Families with last names starting with the letters **A-L** please contact guidance counselor Denise Steinkirchner at [denise.steinkirchner@garrettcountyschools.org](mailto:denise.steinkirchner@garrettcountyschools.org) and letter **LE-Z** please contact Beverly Sincell at [bev.sincell@garrettcountyschools.org](mailto:bev.sincell@garrettcountyschools.org)

## **PARENT CONFERENCES**

*Parent conferences  
will be held on  
Monday, March 26th  
from 10 am-5:30 pm.*

*Parents are invited  
to meet with their  
child's second  
semester teachers  
throughout the  
parent conference  
day.*

## **After School Tutoring**

After school tutoring is available in the media center from 3:30-4:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. On Tuesdays, Sara Shaffer tutors social studies and English. On Wednesdays, science teacher Jamie Beeman and math teacher Megan Sgaggero alternate tutoring. English teachers Hollie Wund and Dan Graham alternate tutoring on Thursdays. However, any student can go to tutoring on any night for a quiet place to study or use the computers.

## **SAT Scores No Longer Sent to School**

Please be aware that SAT scores are no longer sent to the counseling center. Students who desire scores to be sent to a specific college or university must go to the College Board's website and request for them to be sent (there is a fee). When students initially sign up for the SAT, they can also (for free) request for the scores to be sent to specific colleges.

## **Manufacturing and Engineering Students Tour ATK**

Jared Roth, Machine Tool instructor, recently took his manufacturing and engineering students on a field trip to tour Orbital ATK's facility in West Virginia. ATK is a contractor for the US Department of Defense. This company has approximately 12,000 employees at facilities in eight states and employs machinists and engineers of all disciplines. ATK makes military ammunitions, missiles, and bombs, such as hell fire missiles and medium caliber ammunition, both which are fired from the Apache helicopters. They also make tank ammunition used by the military. Students were able to tour a few parts of the facility and see how many of their operations are performed, but were unable to see everything because of very tight security clearance. "We were able to see how the facility is designed for mass production of these goods through the use of computer numerical controlled equipment and the vast use of robotics in manufacturing," NIMS teacher, Jared Roth said. "The students were even able to hold and examine many of their products. We also got an opportunity to see some of my former students that work there in action."

