

# Hounds Highlights



Mark your Calendars:

**September 6th**

Student Picture Day

**September 12th**

College Night at 6:00 pm at SASHS Library  
Jr/Sr and Parents invited to learn about Admission Process

**September 17th**

Parent Teacher Conferences from 4:30-6:15 pm

**September 19th**

Financial Aid Night at 5:30 pm SASHS Library  
Jr/Sr Students and Parents to learn more about PHEAA

**September 27th**

Deadline for Homecoming Dance Guest Forms

**September 30th**

Coffee with the Counselor 4:00– 6:00 pm SASHS Library

**September 30th—October 4th**

Homecoming Week

Greetings Greyhounds!

Each month SASHS administration and staff will send out this newsletter so parents and guardians are informed of upcoming events at our school and share all the interesting and exciting things that are happening within our school community!

In this edition, please take note of the **Parent Teacher Conferences** are on **September 17th** from **4:30 pm—6:15 pm**. The teachers will be available to discuss your child's progress in the class. Please enter the building through the auditorium lobby at the rear of the building!

In addition, please follow the SASHS Admin Team on Twitter:

Mrs. Luffy @MrsDLuffy

Mr. Miller @Greg48663119

Mr. Norton @ajnorton12

Let's have a great year!  
-Mrs. Luffy

# PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

September 17th  
4:30-6:15 pm

## A note from Nurse K....

### State requires two doses of meningitis vaccination before grade 12

Most students entering grade 12 received their first dose when they were younger and will be due for their second dose, or booster. The second dose can be given after the age of 16 and before they enter 12th grade. Parents are encouraged to check with their children's physicians to determine when or if they need to be vaccinated.



## Mrs. Morales's Government Games of Learning

Students in Mrs. Morales's Government classes are currently learning about the Foundations of Government (i.e. the Constitution, themes, and citizenship). In the upcoming unit, they will be learning about public opinion and will conduct surveys of their SASHS peers to analyze their feelings on various political topics. In addition to this exciting project, both Government classes have been split into teams and are competing in a semester long game to see who can "Win the Presidency." The game involves various academic challenges related to each unit in the course and will culminate in exciting prizes such as Champ Checks, donuts/pizza party!

Submitted by Anna Morales, Social Studies Teacher

## Economics in Action

Mrs. Morales's Economics students are currently learning the basics of Economics, which includes topics such as scarcity, factors of production, opportunity cost, and comparative advantage. Later on in the course we will look at the ways and reasons individuals, businesses, and nations make economic decisions and decide economic policy.

Submitted by Anna Morales, Social Studies Teacher



## SASHS in Space!

The Planetarium is up and running and shows were enjoyed by several teachers during our in-service. The students in Astronomy Class are currently learning about the zodiac constellations and the seasons they are visible in. Check out the photo of my students working with models of the zodiac and recording their understanding by taking pictures of the model. Next week the Astronomy Class will be designing ancient astronomical observatories that mark the seasons. Students in the Dinosaurs and Mass Extinctions class are learning about the taxonomic classifications of dinosaurs by using a station rotation approach in preparation for a project next week. Later during the course they will have the opportunity to examine fossils and geologic past of Pennsylvania. The ninth grade Earth Science class successfully worked together to identify 24 minerals by examining their physical characteristics. Copper, hematite, and chalcopyrite almost beat them, but the class fought to the end to complete the task. It was the most fun any of us ever had with a mineral identification lab. I restructured the activity from an individual assignment where every student completes their own work to an activity that involved everyone working together at the end to solve a problem. The class is looking forward to our next adventure together, and so am I!

Submitted by Teresa Tibbits, Science Teacher

## The state of AP English

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..."* Charles Dickens

This quote appropriately describes the changes that have been instituted by the College Board for the 2019-20 academic year. On the good side of the ledger, the curricula for both AP Language and Composition and AP Literature and Composition, taught in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades respectively, have been redesigned in a spiraling format that should greatly benefit students in both classes. The new format provides a format that introduces and reinforces key concepts and big ideas throughout the school year in a way that should enhance our ability to help our students be well prepared for the exams in May. Additionally, the College Board has added the AP Classroom feature, a digital platform through which teachers can enhance the delivery of the curriculum through the use of question banks and various activities designed to maximize student performance. It is also through this portal that students will register for all of their AP exams.

Unfortunately, there is a flip side to these improvements, a Mr. Hyde to the Dr. Jekyll if you'll allow me to mix my literary allusions. In past years, we have been able to spend approximately 2/3 of the school year working to prepare students for the exams before giving them feedback regarding their possibility/probability of success on the exam by gathering data about their performance and growth before providing advice about taking the test before a late February registration deadline. This year, that February deadline has been moved to mid-October, giving all teachers of AP classes, but particularly those with year-long classes, precious little time to get to know the students, gather data, and predict success. Given that the cost of each exam is approximately \$100, it is imperative that we provide each of our students with an honest evaluation of their probability for success, and this new deadline strips us of valuable time that could be used for this very purpose.

We have the good fortune to teach the best and brightest Shippensburg has to offer in all of our AP classes, and they deserve the best and brightest instruction and feedback we can provide; hopefully, the positive improvements to the curricula will negate the imposition of this inadequate deadline.

Submitted by Brian Smith, English Teacher



## Our Own Art Teachers Highlighted in Local Art Exhibit

As working artists in addition to being art educators, Mrs. Maclay & Mr. Sites were selected to participate in a special exhibition at Shippensburg University.

### *Artists that Teach: An Invitational Exhibition*

The Opening Reception was held Monday, August 26, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Kauffman Gallery in Shippensburg University's Huber Art Center. The showing will be on view through Thursday, September 20, 2019

This exhibit features a variety of 2D and 3D media by regional K-12 art teachers; Ceramics, Digital Media, Drawing, Metals, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, and Sculpture. All are invited to check out this stunning and diverse collection while it lasts.

Submitted by Aric Sites, Art Teacher



## Paw Pantry



The Paw Pantry is a new project at the high school that will allow students to have access to certain items anonymously and as needed. There are 4 lockers located throughout the building that have been designated as Paw Pantry lockers. These lockers will be unlocked and marked with a paw print sticker. Each locker will be stocked with various items such as:

-laundry detergent, fabric softener, hair brush, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, mouthwash, deodorant, tissues, etc.

Items will be of smaller size so that students can be discrete when taking them. We hope that this project takes off and provides some comfort for struggling students and their families! If you would like to donate any items, they may be dropped off in the high school office.

## Music in the Air

This year's marching band show is music of three iconic rock stars: Elton John, Billy Joel, and The Beatles. Elton John's "Funeral for a Friend" and "Love Lies Bleeding" opens the show. Next is a medley of two popular Billy Joel songs: "My Life" and "Only The Good Die Young." Our show concludes with an uptempo arrangement of The Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby." Our three drum majors, Caitlin Caffee, Samantha Lohman, and Maddie Madamba, are all returning from last year. For the home football games this fall, the band will perform pre-game on August 30th and September 20th, post-game on October 4th - Homecoming, and will perform at half-time on October 18th and 25th.

Submitted by Bob Maag, Music Teacher

## Let's Get Fit!!

12th grade wellness and fitness begun the year with Presidential Fitness testing. We tested shuttle run, sit and reach, pushups, and ran a mile. They also had the Ultimate Frisbee unit this week. We had tournament plays Wednesday after a Kanjam warm up activity. We will be moving to the pickleball unit next week after break! In Wellness they had the first Concepts of fitness unit review and next week we will move to Nutrition Review!

Submitted: Nicole Hostetter, Health & PE Teacher

## Honors Algebra 3 Trigonometry, Honors Geometry & Math Honor Society / Math Club

Our classes are just getting started so we are taking pre-tests and getting to know each other. The Algebra 3 Trigonometry students are working through exponent rules and will quickly move on to multiplying polynomials and then factoring. In the next month, these students will review and expand on what they learned in Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 and then move on to Trigonometry. Geometry students are learning about the basic precepts of Geometry, points, lines and planes. Soon they will be doing proofs and working with triangles.

The Math Honor Society / Math Club has not had any meetings yet this year but we will be meeting in the next few weeks to elect officers; President, Vice-President and Secretary. Then we will begin taking applications for admittance and doing our version of an induction ceremony hopefully before December.

Submitted by Greg Lauffer, Math Teacher

**MATH  
HONOR  
SOCIETY**

## SASHS

### Student Council News!

Student Council officers and class representatives were elected this past spring. The new officers are Ethan Rosenberry - president, Sarah Fink - vice president, Megan Lee - secretary, and Sarah Mason - treasurer. We are excited to start planning Homecoming 2019 which will take place the week of September 30 culminating with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 5 from 7:00-10:00 pm. Stay tuned for updates on spirit week and dance theme!

Submitted by Beth Minnich, Student Council Advisor

## Students Teaching Kids

The Child Development class at the high school is a unique opportunity for students to not only learn about children but gain real world experience. The high school students spend time at the beginning of the course learning about development. For the remainder of the course the students plan for and run a developmentally appropriate free nursery school program for 2-5 year olds in the community. Each student plans then teaches a theme based day. The course provides students with hands on experience and real interactions with children at a variety of developmental levels. Smiles, laughter and energy abound in our nursery schools program.

Submitted by: Megan Parker, FCS Teacher

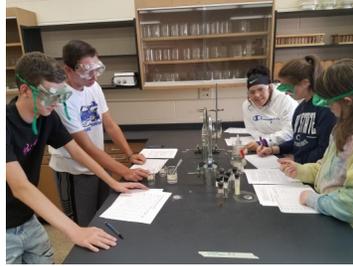


FBLA:

## A World of Opportunity

Future Business Leaders of America is beginning its 2<sup>nd</sup> year and is looking forward to increasing student membership this year. FBLA inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences. SASHS FBLA members help their school/community while traveling to conferences, workshops, and competitions. Any student interested in business or computer science related careers should join this club. The 1<sup>st</sup> informational meeting will be held in the library during Flex4 on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The club is also looking for officers to fulfill the positions of vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Looks great on a college/job application or personal resume!

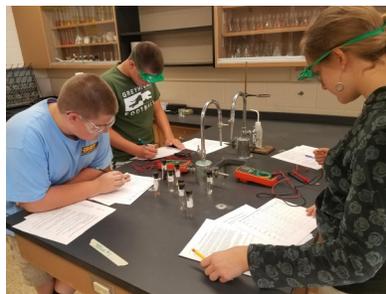
Submitted by: Christine Myers, FBLA Advisor and Business Teacher



## New Science Course

John Kasarda and Matthew Hower were hard at work this summer, developing a new course called Chemistry in the Physical World. The course uses an online textbook provider called CK-12 to introduce the basic concepts for the class. The five units covered in this course are Basic Chemistry, Chemical Reactions, Water and Solutions, Chemistry of Rocks, and the Chemistry of Plants and Animals. In the pictures shown, students are working on a lab to determine if the elements studied are metals, nonmetals, or metalloids. The students are determining the physical and chemical properties of each element to make their conclusions. The course was developed to help ninth grade students prepare for Biology Keystones taken in tenth grade, providing a stronger background for the biochem concepts taught in Biology.

Submitted by: Matt Hower, Science Teacher



## Counseling Corner

Information on the SAT Suite of Assessments: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/>

PSAT (Preliminary SAT)  
Wednesday, October 16

All Sophomores are required to participate in the PSAT administration and interested Juniors who would like further practice on the SAT and potential entry into the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

The SAT is administered throughout the year at Area High Schools. SASHS offers the SAT on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Test Fees Apply Fee Waivers available for Qualified Juniors/Seniors

## Career Clue

All students will continually be encouraged to gain Career Insight and preparation skills by engaging in their <https://smartfutures.org/> computer software account.

*Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Career Cluster*

Remote Sensing Scientists and Technologists

Description: Apply remote sensing principles and methods to analyze data and solve problems in areas such as natural resource management, urban planning, or homeland security. May develop new sensor systems, analytical techniques, or new applications for existing systems.

# IMPORTANT Information for AP Students & Parents

## Re: CollegeBoard Changes to AP Procedures

The College Board, creators of Advanced Placement, recently announced significant changes to the AP exam ordering process, deadlines, and fees that will be mandated for all schools and all students this 2019-20 school year:

### **1. ACTION REQUIRED THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF AP CLASSES:**

- All students taking one or more AP classes must have, and be able to access their personal CollegeBoard account. Students will be registering in each class for exciting new classroom resources provided by CollegeBoard.

If your child does not have a CollegeBoard account (they may have created one to access PSAT/SAT or previous AP scores), or if they do not remember their username or password, they can get help at this link:

<https://pages.collegeboard.org/account-help>

Teachers will give students a join code for each of their AP classes. Students use their College Board username and password and join code to enroll in their AP class section.

Before AP exams can be ordered all students must enroll with College Board.

### **2. Changes to the registration and exam ordering process that will impact ALL families:**

- The AP Exam is optional for each AP class taken BUT starting this school year the exams will be ordered in early Fall by students taking these 2 steps (**both steps need to be taken for your exam(s) to be ordered**):

<https://myap.collegeboard.org/login> (sign in to join your AP class section using the join code your AP teacher gave you and then register to take the exam)

<https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/394565> (register with Total Registration to make payment & receive communication about your AP exam(s). – your exam will not be ordered until you make payment through Total Registration)

All students in 1st semester or yearlong AP classes will need to decide whether or not to take exams and order their exams by October 2, 2019. The ordering deadline for second semester only courses (AP Environmental Science) will be February 25, 2020.

- Fees for AP exams remain the same as last year:

AP Exams are \$100.00 each

Families that qualify for the Free or Reduced lunch program will receive a significantly reduced AP exam fee that varies each year. Please register for the exam and select that you are requiring financial assistance. Please see Mrs. Erica Frontino for further information about fee reductions.

### **Here Are The Important Dates for the AP Exam Registration Process:**

- **Wednesday, September 4, 2019** at 7:15am – Registration Begins
- **Wednesday, October 2, 2019** at 3:00pm – Registration Ends
- **Thursday, October 3, 2019** at 3:00pm – Registrations that have not been paid will be cancelled and exams will NOT be ordered
- **Friday, October 25, 2019** at 3:00pm – Date by which a student can cancel an AP exam they ordered and receive a partial refund = \$50.00
- **After Fri., Oct. 25, 2019** at 3:00pm – **NO refunds will be given**

Mrs. Frontino plans on meeting with all AP students on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> during FLEX in the Cafeteria to go over College Board's new process.

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Frontino either by email at [Erica.Frontino@ship.k12.pa.us](mailto:Erica.Frontino@ship.k12.pa.us) or by calling 717-530-2730 ext. 6922.