

Bulldog Business

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“One child, one teacher, one pen, and one book can change the world.”

- Malala Yousafzai



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Check out SHSBlueprint.com for updated information!

Important Dates

ELIGIBILITY CHECKS-

December 15

January 26

Early Release-

December 19

January 21

No School-

December 22 – January 2

January 19

Finals Schedule

Thursday, December 18th

1st hour 7:30 – 9:05

2nd hour 9:15-10:50

3rd hour 11:00-12:35

Lunch 12:35-1:30

4th hour 1:30 – 3:05

School dismisses

Friday, December 19th

5th hour 7:30 – 9:00

6th hour 9:10-10:40

7th hour 10:50-12:20

School dismisses

Busses will run.

No early finals. Any student missing finals will be marked absent, be given an incomplete, and be required to make arrangements with the teacher to make up the missed final no later than Friday, January 9, 2015.



Counselors' Corner



PARENTS

If you would like to view your student's grades online and do not have your Parent Portal information, please contact Mrs. Gonzales at 348-6993. We encourage you to make use of this valuable site to keep abreast of your student's progress.

ALL STUDENTS/PARENTS

If you would like information regarding the requirements for entrance into an Arizona university or the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association), please visit the Safford High School counselor webpage under downloads. Keep in mind the requirements for university entrance and NCAA registration may differ from those required at Safford High School. For information on how to qualify for the Arizona Tuition Waiver, go to the Arizona Department of Education Website at www.ade.state.as.us. Search under Arizona High School Scholarship. Feel free to contact the counselors for additional information.

JUNIORS & SENIORS

Visit www.actstudent.org or www.sat.org/register to sign up for an ACT or SAT college entrance exam. Students are encouraged to take at least one of these exams by the summer between their Junior and Senior Year. **The deadline to register for the January 24th SAT test is Monday, December 29th. The deadline to register for the February 7th ACT test is Friday, January 9th. There are some practice materials available in the guidance office.**

Please note that the first factor universities consider in offering admission and scholarships to students is their ACT/SAT test score. Therefore, it is important to test early in case a student needs to retest to improve their score.

SENIORS

If you have not passed your AIMS test yet, make sure you sign up for either the ACT or SAT test, as a good score can substitute for passing AIMS tests needed for graduation. You will still be required to take the AIMS in the spring as your final attempt to pass.

EAC Placement Tests

Students who would like to take classes at EAC either through the Academy or GIFT program will need to take a placement test in Reading, Writing, and Math. Visit www.act.org/compass/sampleindex.html or www.accuplacer.collgeboard.org for a study guide.

Gift

Students interested in the GIFT program for the 2015-16 school year, can see Mrs. Rios at the SHS CTE Office to make arrangements to take the test.

Academy

Academy students need to call the EAC Counseling Office at (928) 428-8253 to make an appointment to take the tests. The tests can also be administered in the SHS counseling office. Students will need to have completed an EAC application for admission before tests can be completed. Students are encouraged to take the test after school hours so that time is not taken from classroom instruction. If you have any questions, please call one of the SHS Counselors at (928)348-6993.

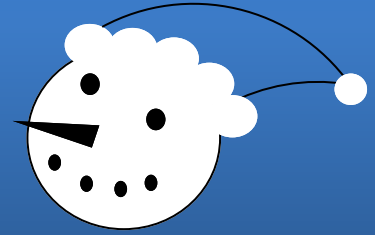
SHS Academy

EAC Spring Registration is now open. See your SHS counselors for assistance and more information.

Junior and Senior students have the opportunity to take higher level Math, English, or elective classes taught by EAC professors either at SHS, on the EAC campus, through ITV, or on the Web. When students complete academy paperwork, they will receive dual credit for the classes completed successfully.

If you have questions about Academy classes, please contact your SHS counselors, Mrs. DeBruler or Mrs. Navarrete. Please note that the cost of registration and textbooks is the responsibility of the student and many classes require an EAC placement test. Although it is too late to sign up for this semester, we are currently registering for spring, so come in to see us today.

From the Office



Parking

Students driving to school must purchase a \$50.00 parking permit to be assigned a parking spot. This permit must be displayed in the car's front window whenever parked at the high school. Students, if someone has parked in your assigned spot, park on the south side of the school across from childcare and then go to office and report the violation.

If a student is parking on campus (or at Ruth Powell) without a valid SHS parking pass they will be fined an additional \$10.00. Students must have a valid driver's license at the time of purchase for an SHS parking spot.

Parent Survey

In an effort to improve system practices, Safford High School is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey. In order to complete the survey, please go to: <http://www.advanced.org/survey/public/7856471> Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. This will also be available at the Parent Teacher Conference. Participation will also come with a raffle ticket to win two barbecue dinners sponsored by FFA.

SUSD Homeless Program

Are you currently experiencing temporary living arrangements due to eviction, job loss, or a traumatic event? Safford Unified School District offers services to families through the federal McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The Act offers children and families who are in a temporary living situation certain services and supports which may include enrollment assistance, nutrition services, community referrals, and in some cases, school transportation. If you are living in any of the following temporary circumstances: with another family or friend due to financial hardship, living in a shelter, transitional housing, in a hotel/motel, or an unaccompanied youth in foster care, you may fit the criteria for assistance under this act. Please contact Susan Lindsey at 928-348-7018 or e-mail at slindsey@saffordusd.com to inquire further about qualifying for this program.

Leaving Campus

Do not leave campus without an off-campus pass in your hand. If you do, the absence will be unexcused and your parents cannot excuse it. Off campus passes may be obtained in the office. This does not include leaving at lunch, since we are an open campus.

Parents, it would be helpful if you could call well in advance if a student needs to leave. Since it is not always easy to find students if they are in a PE class, this would allow us to send a pass out before going to PE.

Tardies

Students arriving late to school will ONLY be excused these ways:

- Students bring a parent/guardian note (or parent/guardian) to the front office when they arrive.
- A parent/guardian calls to the school excusing the student BEFORE the student arrives to the front office. **Make sure to talk to a secretary.** DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE.
- Have parent on your personal cell phone before you arrive to office then office staff will talk to your parent from your phone.

All others will be sent to the tardy room, resulting in the loss of credit for the period(s) missed.

Reminder: If a student is tardy (excused or unexcused) more than three times in a semester they will NOT be awarded perfect attendance.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT REPORT TO THE OFFICE/ TARDY ROOM WHEN DIRECTED BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL WILL BE ASSIGNED TO FRIDAY SCHOOL.

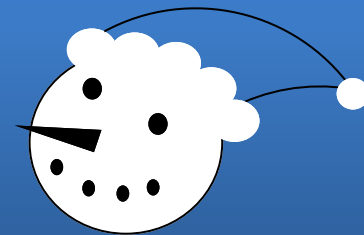
Dress Code

School Policy will continue to be strictly enforced this year. Students not in proper dress code will be sent to the tardy room for that period. First, students will be asked to change; if they cannot change or go home to change students will remain in the sweep room for the day (this will mean a loss of class credit). Once they do change, they may go to their next period. If a dress (skin tight) slides up above the four inches above the knee area it will be considered a dress code violation.

Leaving for Appointments

Parents, if your student has to leave a class early for an appointment or engagement, please call the office ahead of time or have your student deliver a note to the office before school. This is especially helpful for students who have to leave early from a PE class.

From the Office



Policy Reminders

Dances (Frolic and Prom)

Students who have five or more discipline issues (anything from being sent to the office for a timeout, tardy, or electronics violations to suspensions) will forfeit their privilege to attend the formal dances during the year. **This is per semester.**

Example: 1 tardy, 1 electronics violation, 1 dress code violation, 1 teacher referral, 1 sent to office for a timeout = 5 discipline violations, which would prevent you from attending Frolic/Prom.

Students must also be academically eligible at the time of dance to be allowed to attend.

Rewards Day of Activity

In the spring of 2015, SHS will reward students who have not had **any** discipline issues and are eligible during the **entire** school year. It will be an afternoon of events such as Rock Band, Karaoke, Volleyball, Flag Football, and Basketball tournaments.

Auto Dialer

Parents if you receive a call from auto dialer on a single period absence, please let them know that the student needs to follow up with the teacher who marked them absent the next day. If it was an error, have the teacher write a note to clear the absence and bring it to Mrs. Rivera in office.



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Medications

A form requesting permission to bring prescription medication on campus must be obtained from the nurse's office. Students who need to have access to prescription medication while at school must leave it with the school nurse along with written parental permission for the administration of the medication and written directions from the prescribing physician concerning the medication.

Other Medications: Non-Prescription, supplements (Example - vitamins or protein powers), etc... follow the same policy as prescription medications. *More details on policy in Student Handbook online.*

Illness at School/Sign out Procedures

If you are too ill to attend class you must report to the office so your parents/guardians can be contacted and an off-campus pass can be issued. Leaving school without an off-campus pass will be subject to disciplinary action. Going to the restroom, locker room, Library, parking lots are not valid (safe) excuses for missing class and will be treated as an unexcused absence. The office has a restroom for emergencies.

Changes in Checkout Procedures

Effective immediately, parents/guardians that come to the office to check out students will be asked to show ID. If the person you talk to knows you, ID may not be required but be prepared to present your ID at all times since office staff does not know every parent/guardian.

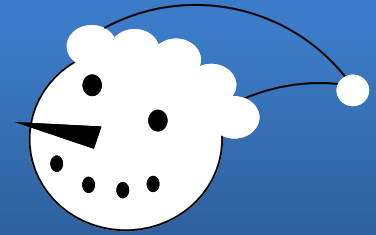
If you call the office to check out your son/daughter, the phone number that shows up on our caller ID must match numbers we have on file for that student. Please call the office to update or add any new phone numbers.

If you call to give another person permission to pick up your student, that person will be required to present ID in the office.

Drop Off Procedures

Parents, this is a reminder that the designated student drop-off and pick-up area is in the east parking lot.

From the Office



State of Arizona
Department of Education
Office of John Huppenthal
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all you do to support your children in their academic development. Arizona's educators also are working diligently to improve every student's academic achievements. We want every child to have the tools necessary to be successful in their future endeavors. Continuing to ensure that all Arizona children have the opportunity to succeed, the Arizona State Board of Education (Board) has announced a new assessment to replace the AIMS Reading, Writing and Mathematics tests beginning spring 2015. The Board voted and approved that American Institutes for Research (AIR) will provide Arizona's New Assessment, AzMERIT - Arizona's Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching. Arizona public school students in Grades 3 through high school will take AzMERIT in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Students in Grades 4, 8, and high school will still take the AIMS Science test. Students in Grades 3 through 8 will take AzMERIT in English Language Arts and Mathematics at their grade level. Students taking high school level English Language Arts and Mathematics will take AzMERIT End-of-Course assessments that will test their proficiency in these subjects near the end of the course. High school students graduating after December 31, 2016, will no longer be required to pass the AIMS test to graduate high school. Students will not be required to pass the End-of-Course tests for graduation, but they must still earn the minimum number of English and Mathematics credits in order to graduate.

Features of AzMERIT:

- Uniquely Arizona exams - These exams will be aligned to Arizona's English Language Arts and Mathematics standards. Standards are the expectations of what every child should be able to do at each grade level. Arizona will control the decision making for all aspects of the exams including test design, test and item content, scoring, and reporting. Arizona educators will have extensive involvement.
- Commitment to student privacy - AIR has demonstrated the ability and commitment to comply with all Arizona laws regarding student privacy, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), the Federal Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA).
- Better able to measure students' readiness for the future - These new exams will offer computer-based tools which will better measure students' mastery of the standards including problem solving and critical-thinking skills. Paper-based exams will be available for schools that are not ready to take the exam via computer. Student test scores will be comparable regardless of the testing format.
- Least Disruptive - AzMERIT has similar testing times and windows as the AIMS test. That means students will test for about seven hours across multiple days during April.

The Board must still make decisions about how the results of AzMERIT will be used and in particular how the Move on When Reading requirement will be affected. The Board is expected to discuss the establishment of a "safe harbor" year, meaning the Board may vote not to hold back third graders based on their reading scores on the AzMERIT for school year 2014-2015. ADE is currently in discussions with AIR and will share more details about the test, including testing windows and timelines in the coming days and weeks. While your school and, most specifically, your teacher are the best sources for information, you may find additional information on ADE's website at www.azed.gov/AzMERIT.

Jennifer Johnson, Ed.D.

Deputy Superintendent of Programs and Policy
Arizona Department of Education

Senior Stuff

Important Dates

- **January 15, 2015** — Senior ads for Yearbook are due to Mr. Jacobson.
- **Senior Hours**— Service Hours for Seniors are due the last week of the semester in which that student has Government.

Senior Slideshow

DEADLINES to submit pictures for the Baccalaureate Senior Slideshow are as follows:

- **Baby Picture— December 12, 2014**
*From birth up to five years old
- **Friends Pictures— January 30, 2015**
*Multiple pictures accepted featuring classmates of 2015.
Minimum of three people in these pictures
- **Senior Pictures— March 13, 2015**
*If no picture is submitted, the picture from Yearbook will be used.

**Class of
2015**

To submit your pictures digitally:

1. Save the file as, For Example BabyMerrickTaylor or SeniorMerrickTaylor
2. Go to http://dropitto.me/shs_seniors2015
3. Use the password: Seniors2015
4. Upload your file!

*Hard Copies may still be brought in to Ms. Calloway to be scanned. NO LATE PICTURES ACCEPTED.

QUESTIONS: Contact Ms. Calloway by email at kalloway@saffordusd.com by phone at (928)348-3554

If you have any questions throughout the year, please contact the Head Sponsors:

Clay Cocks: 928-348-7050, Ext. 5208 or ccocks@saffordusd.com

Chastity Broderick: 928-348-7050, Ext. 5113 or cbroderick@saffordusd.com

Mike Dorrell: 928-348-7050, Ext. 5206 or mdorrell@saffordusd.com



Career and Technical Education



National FFA Convention

On October 29th thru 31st, students from Safford FFA competed at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Safford High School and Safford FFA would like to congratulate them on their accomplishments: The Livestock Evaluation team – consisting of Riley Fite, Shauni Fite, Sydney Pearce, and Sadie Shupe – placed in the Silver Rankings as a team. Each individual member also placed within the Silver Individuals. The Forestry Team – consisting of Taylor Merrick, Laural McBride, Jaime Thorne, and Brooklyn Nelson – also placed within the Silver Rankings. Individually, Taylor and Laural placed in the Silver, with Brooklyn and Jaime following closely in the Bronze. While in Louisville, the students were able to showcase their skills as effective FFA members.



FFA would also like to recognize Keiryn Lines and Rayna Fite who competed in the District Creed Speaking Competition on November 13th in Bowie, Arizona. They would also like to congratulate Sydney Fite and Jaiden Walker, who competed in Greenhand Information the same night. Jaiden went on to receive first place, and Sydney received third. Both will go on to represent Safford FFA in the Mid-Winter State Conference on December 6th at Arizona State University in Tempe.

Information Technology Presentations

The Safford High School IT Class had the opportunity this November to showcase its knowledge of information technology to the business students of SHS. In a series of presentations, the IT students – Ramon Flores, Tanner Flatt, Brandon Bright, Gauge Aden, Ian Tunell, Brenden Ogas, Chanse Rios, and Anthony Powelson – were tasked with explaining the basics of computer hardware. The project was coordinated by the IT Instructor Duane Richins and Business Teacher Kara Calloway, and overall was deemed a big success.



IN OTHER NEWS...

SHS Christmas Adopt-A-Family Project

Jenifer Blancarte spearheads the SHS Christmas Adopt-A-Family Project where she and her team collect donations from faculty, staff, student organizations, and local businesses so that the families of disadvantaged SHS students can enjoy a nice Christmas. Mrs. Blancarte and her team collect donations, shop for gifts and food, wrap everything, and arrange for anonymous delivery. The SHS Adopt-A-Family Organization provides shoes, jackets, clothes, and a small toy or something personal for each child in the families who are adopted.

If you would like to donate to any of these worthy projects, volunteer your help, or if you know of a family who could use Christmas assistance, please contact one of the following:

Jenifer Blancarte— 928-348-3503

Lisa Wood— 928-348-3504

Sandra Jurado— 928-348-3508



Mariachi Christmas

Looking for a unique Christmas gift? Consider purchasing a ticket for the Mariachi concert on Friday, May 1, 2015. Tickets are only \$15 each for general seating. If you purchase your ticket from a Spanish Club member, \$5 will be donated to Spanish Club to support their scholarship program. This is a win-win occasion! To reserve your tickets, please e-mail sjurado@saffordusd.com with the amount of tickets you would like, your name, and contact information. ¡Feliz Navidad!

SHS Winter Concert

The Safford High School Concert Band, Orchestra, and Choir will be holding a performance at the David M. Player Center for the Arts on Thursday, December 18th, starting at 7:00pm.