



1ST QUARTER NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2



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COSMETOLOGY



Just Wanted to Fly By and Tell You How Awesome the Cosmo Team Is!

The students have been working diligently on an array of haircutting, styling, & hair coloring techniques. It is rewarding to see how dedicated they are to learning and mastering the skills needed to make clients happy and become salon ready.

Seniors are practicing to master the newly revised NIC/Nevada State Board of Cosmetology Licensure Exam. It is rewarding, as teachers, to see the passion they have for this profession and their desire to become a licensed professional.

We have two students who have passed the exam and are licensed Shampoo Technologists. This is a 1st for our program! We are very excited about this new adventure!

Our students participated with Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky in the "Get Your Blue On" event in honor of Respect Week. Our guests left with blue beards, blue hair, and beautifully polished blue nails!



We have had many guest artists so far this year, some of whom are former students who are very successful in this field. They are willing to share their knowledge and talents with our students and give back to SECTA in a way that positively impacts our students.

We are preparing for the SkillsUSA Leadership event scheduled for November 17-19th, in Las Vegas. It is a wonderful opportunity for our Chapter Officers & other student members to develop their leadership skills and make new peer connections.

Our salon is open in the morning, Tuesday thru Friday for services. Please call first, and "TREAT" yourself to a spa like service.

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HOSA

HOSA will be celebrating HOSA week November 14-18. We will be collecting clear plastic bottle caps for artificial limb patients. Please send these lids to school with your students to be placed in our donation canisters. We will also be hanging health related posters around the school. Look for these motivational sayings and health advice posters to brighten your day.

This year's CTSO leadership rally will be held on December 7, 2016 at Cashman Field. State Leadership Conference will be March 19-22, 2017 in Reno, Nevada. We will be selling awesome coupon books for \$25 to help with the cost of this conference. Coupons include many fast food chains, dine-in chains, as well as many department store chains and other local venues. All coupons are good until December 2017. See any HOSA member or Mrs. Cram (D-125) to purchase your book. Thank you in advance for your support!



Open The Doors of Your Future at SECTA

COUNSELORS' CORNER

One quarter of the 2016-17 school year is now completed. Credit checks for students in grades 10-12 have been completed and 9th grade students have created their four year academic plans. Report cards will be distributed to all students on November 17. Please review first quarter grades with your student and contact teachers by email or call your child's counselor to set up a conference with teachers if needed.

Seniors should be visiting colleges and completing college applications. All seniors should have created accounts for scholarship searches on www.fastweb.com. There are many colleges, both locally and nationally, visiting the Career Center at Southeast Tech to conduct onsite visits and onsite registration. Students should check the college/scholarship calendar on our website, SECTA.US and should be following all senior announcements on Ms.

Smith's Google Classroom. All seniors should have completed their FAFSA at this time as well. See Ms. Smith, senior counselor, for assistance.

All juniors will take the ACT exam on February 28, 2017. The juniors turned out in full force for the PSAT on October 19, as 148 juniors sat for the exam, the most juniors to test at Southeast Tech in the last ten years. It is recommended that college bound juniors also plan to take the SAT exam on May 6 or June 3 of 2017.

AP exams for the 2016-17 school year will be paid for by the school this year, up to four for each student. All students enrolled in AP courses MUST sit for the exam in May or their AP bonus of .05 will be reduced to .025, as directed by the CCSD school board. Mr. Herrick will meet with all AP students in the spring.

Many students and parents have expressed concerns about grades and classes. This is a reminder, per Southeast Tech administration, that there are no schedule changes regarding teacher changes or changes from AP to honors or honors to regular classes. Issues with a class or a grade must first include a parent-teacher conference to discuss the issue and ways for the student to improve his/her grade. Tutoring is available for math and science at Southeast Tech, and many teachers, including AP teachers, offer study sessions and tutoring on their own. Students need to advocate for themselves and work with teachers to improve their grades. Math tutoring is offered by Ms. Lighty on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in room D-218 and science tutoring is offered by Ms. O'Neill on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in room 302.



COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER

WHAT'S NEW IN THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER?

We are excited to announce the new procedures for resumes this year -- in Google! Since last year, one of our goals has been to find a way to have students create their resumes in Google as a document shared with their teachers and with the College & Career Center Department. That way, not only do we have their current resumes on file, but it also gives students the ability to make updates at any time/place while still allowing us to be able to correct any errors before printing them. One of the many services offered to our students in the College & Career Center is printing their resumes on resume paper for SkillsUSA competitions, job interviews, college applications, scholarships, etc.

A Google Classroom has been set up that includes a basic student resume template and instructions for the new procedures. Some additional resources available on the Google Classroom include skills, software, and equipment use specific to each major, SECTA club/activity descriptions, and staff/faculty directories, with additional resources being added to the classroom periodically. Juniors and seniors will

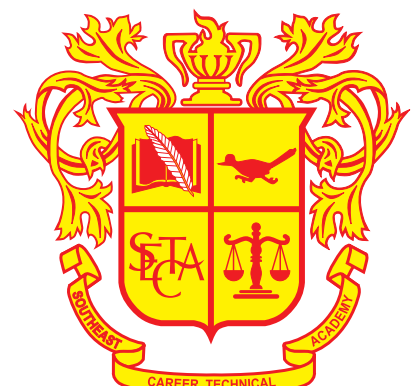
create or update their resumes in their career technical education major classes. The manuals in the College & Career Center computer lab have the instructions as well, so if a student is ready to get started at any time, they are welcome to come in before or after school, or during lunch.

As a reminder, students are welcome to come in to the College & Career Center every day, 6:30am - 2:00pm. We have a computer lab and printers available for student use, as well as a variety of resources such as college/university, scholarship, military, and career information. Juniors and seniors can still come in to sign up for Work Experience elective credit, for a grade, if they are currently working at a licensed business. If students are looking for a job, we also have a job bank and resources to assist them.

We are currently looking for some parents to volunteer in our College & Career Center periodically. If you are interested or would like more information, please email Desiree Wooten at dwooten@interact.ccsd.net or call (702) 799-7500 Ext. 4149.

**Peggy Thomas,
College & Career
Center Coordinator**

**Desiree Wooten,
College & Career
Center Specialist**



Class News & Information

SENIOR CLASS NEWS AND INFORMATION

Quarter 1 is behind us and it went fast! Many of you are checking my Google Classroom frequently and getting the updates for college information, scholarships and graduation. Seniors taking an online class must stay on track. These courses are not monitored by the school and if you fail, it will affect your ability to walk at graduation.

Seniors planning to attend college should have their applications submitted and should be securing as many scholarships as possible. Acquiring scholarships should be your part time job. **Think about this.** If you work a part time job for nine weeks making \$15 per hour, you could net approximately \$2,200. If you apply for scholarships one hour per day, four days per week for nine weeks and end up with only four \$1,000 scholarships, you would have \$4,000 for college. Which way is your time better spent? Accessing the Public Ed Foundation (PEF) website for scholarships is the best resource for Clark County seniors to find scholarships.

Housekeeping reminder: Consistent attendance has a direct reflection on your grades; however, we all know that with cold and flu season coming up you may miss school when ill. Make sure you bring in an attendance note when you return to Mrs. Brinkman in the senior office. According to SB269, students cited for truancy will lose their driver's licenses or driving privileges, so **it is imperative you provide an excuse note within three days of an absence** to avoid suspension of your license. The first offense carries a 30 day suspension, second offense carries a 60 day suspension, and a third offense results in a year suspension.

I am available during both lunches on Fridays in the Career Center for any student or parent still needing help with the FAFSA application. If you need more information regarding colleges or scholarships, please check out my Google Classroom. Access code is: **birdx9**. Remember to inform me of every college acceptance and every scholarship award you get throughout the year using the Google form provided on my Google Classroom.

Lastly, remember to pay your fines. If you still owe the school money from previous years, you will not be allowed to participate in school activities like Grad Night and Prom.

Thank you!

Mrs. Shannon Smith, 12th Grade Counselor
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SOPHOMORE CLASS NEWS AND INFORMATION

Quarter one of the 2016-17 school year is in the books. Many of the sophomore students are off to great starts and have adjusted nicely to the new block schedule, while others are struggling and in need of assistance. I am asking parents to monitor grades closely and work with teachers to ensure success of their students. Parents are welcome to express any concerns with their child's teachers through email, and if parents wish to set up a face to face conference with teachers, please contact Mr. Herrick in the 10th grade office.

Mr. Herrick and his counseling intern, Mr. Max Johnson of UNLV, visited career tech classes over a three week period in October to discuss the PSAT exam that was given on October 19, the process of working with teachers if they are in need of assistance, and the HOBY leadership opportunity that will be provided next June at UNLV. Students were given a copy of their transcript and those were reviewed concerning GPA, class rank, and what steps can be taken to repeat a class if the student chooses to do so.

First quarter report cards will be distributed on November 17. Students will be issued their report cards at school on that day. Please look for, and ask for, their report cards on November 17, and contact teachers or Mr. Herrick if needed.

Tutoring is available for all students in the areas of math and science. Math tutoring is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Ms. Lighty in room D-218. Science tutoring is available on Mondays and Tuesdays with Ms. O'Neill in room 302. Tutoring times are 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Students can also make arrangements with their own teachers to get tutoring in any subject area either before or after school.

Please remember that students **must provide excusal notes to Ms. Stefanski in the 10th grade office within three days of an absence.** Students are reminded to talk with their teachers when absent to get the work that was missed and turned in as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Herrick or Mr. McAllister with any concerns either by phone or by email.

Thank you,

Mr. Todd Herrick, 10th Grade Counselor

Mr. Brian McAllister, 10th Grade Administrator

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS AND INFORMATION

We have been receiving many questions about planning for life after high school. We are so proud of our juniors for being such go-getters. Whether you are thinking about going to college or trade school, joining the military, or heading into the workforce, there are things that you need to do to prepare.

First and foremost, start your research. CareerOneStop, www.careeronestop.org, is a great resource to explore career options and training paths to achieve your goals. Spend some time on this website. There is an interest assessment you can take to help link you to relevant careers. College Scorecard, collegescorecard.ed.gov, is also a good website. It allows you to research and compare colleges.

We encourage students to apply to scholarships early. Graduation will be here before you know it. Junior year is the perfect time to begin taking the initiative to plan for college. **Fastweb.com** and **Unigo.com** have many scholarships available to juniors. Both provide a wealth of knowledge about types of financial aid, as well as college and career information. We suggest that students have a teacher proof read scholarship essays prior to submitting them.

Juniors had the opportunity to take the PSAT on October 19. We are proud to say that Southeast Tech juniors registered for the test in record numbers. This test is designed to help students practice for the SAT. The Clark County School District provides all juniors the opportunity to take the ACT on February 28. Taking the ACT is required for all juniors to graduate. We encourage students to take the ACT again and/or SAT in April or May of their junior year. Students can visit the Career Center to check out test preparation books. There are also free online practice sites. ACT practice is available through Learning Express, <http://www.learningexpresshub.com/productengine/LELIndex.html#/center/college-preparation-center/home>, and SAT practice is available through Khan Academy, khanacademy.org.

Now that quarter one grades are completed, we continue to encourage students and parents to monitor their progress in Infinite Campus. If you have specific concerns about a class, please contact the teacher by email or phone directly. Teacher contact information is listed on the school website at secta.us.

Thank you,

Ms. Helen Money, 11th Grade Administrator

Ms. Amanda White, 11th Grade Counselor

FRESHMEN CLASS NEWS AND INFORMATION

One quarter of the school year is in the books. Many students are off to terrific starts to their high school careers, while others are still adjusting from middle school to high school. Mrs. Harris and Mr. McAllister want to see success from each and every student at Southeast Tech and will continue to monitor student progress and assist whenever possible.

Tutoring is available:

- ◆ Math tutoring -Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ms. Lighty, D-218
- ◆ Science tutoring - Mondays and Tuesdays, Ms. O'Neill, Rm. 302

Students are also urged to join Mrs. Harris's Google Classroom where information is posted specifically for freshmen featuring, "Study Tip Sunday and Motivational Monday." Mrs. Harris's Google Classroom code is 6tz5gbk.

We encourage parents to monitor grades consistently through Infinite Campus. Parents who are concerned about grades should contact the teacher directly by email. Teachers' email addresses are available online at www.SECTA.us under "Faculty".

Please remember that students **must provide excusal notes to Ms. Chansuolme in the 9th grade office within three days of an absence.** Students are reminded to talk with their teachers when absent to get the work that was missed and turned in as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Harris or Mr. McAllister with any concerns either by phone or by email.

Thank you,

Mrs. Mikela Harris, 9th Grade Counselor

Mr. Brian McAllister, 9th Grade Administrator