

# Snow Hill High School's EAGLES SOAR

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#### IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, October 17
Board of Education Meeting
12:30pm

Wednesday, October 18
Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:00pm

Thursday, October 19
Early Dismissal Day for Students

Friday, October 20
SCHOOLS CLOSED

Monday, October 23
Beta Club Induction 6:00pm
Red Ribbon Week

Wednesday, October 25
FAFSA and Scholarship Night

Thursday, October 26
Senior Application Day
Europe Trip Meeting 5:00pm
Baseball Parent Night 5:30pm

Monday, October 30
Homecoming Spirit Week Begins

<u>Friday, November 3</u> Homecoming Game

Saturday, November 4
Homecoming Dance

Please visit the Athletics page of our school website for the most up-to-date and accurate sports schedule each day!





### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### A Message from the Counseling Office

Welcome back to school from the newly-named SHHS Counseling Office! (Formerly known as the Guidance Office.) We are excited to work with your students on their academic, career, and personal goals this year. One communication tool we use with students is an app/website called Remind. Remind allows us to send messages to students about upcoming activities, events, and more. In order to sign students up we collect their cell phone numbers or email addresses, and add them to their graduating class group. We then shred their phone numbers to maintain their confidentiality. If a student chooses not to receive messages they instead sign their name to opt out.

Parents can sign up too! If you would like to receive the messages your child gets, simply email the following information to Ms. Zollinger: your child's name, your name, your email address or phone number. Ms. Zollinger's email is: <a href="mailto:rtzollinger@mail.worcester.k12.md.us">rtzollinger@mail.worcester.k12.md.us</a>.

The SHHS Counseling Office wishes you and your child a wonderful school year!

#### We Have a School App!

SHHS has launched a custom application that can be downloaded to any Android or Apple phone. The app is set up so students without cell phones can log on as well. The app is called *Snow Hill Soaring Eagles* and serves as a point/rewards system. Students can download the app and *check in* to achieve points, which can be turned in for snack vouchers as well as raffle tickets. Students can download the application by searching any of the following in Google Play or the App Store: Snow Hill Eagles, SHHS, Snow Hill High School, Eagles, or SH Eagles. A letter was sent home providing more details on the app, as well as our school's other attendance initiatives. Please contact Mr. Hamborsky if you have any questions regarding the new app.

#### **Beta Club Inductions**

The Beta Club induction ceremony will be held on Monday, October 23rd, at 6:00 PM in the Snow Hill High School Auditorium. Attendance is mandatory for all accepted, new members and for current, active members. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. Please contact Mrs. Threadgill or Mr. Traud if you have any questions.

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#### **PSAT**

The PSAT exam will be administered to all 10th-graders on Wednesday, October 11th. It is important that all students are prepared, and to school on time, for this important test. There are no make-ups. The PSAT is designed to help prepare students for the SAT, college, and careers. Many scholarship organizations use the PSAT to find students qualified to apply for their programs.

Students should prepare by going to collegeboard.org/psat. This site will give them info about What to Bring (students may bring their own calculator, but cannot use cell phones), Types of Questions, and Practice Items. Historically, student who take the PSAT score higher on the SAT, on average, than those who don't take the test. What a great opportunity for our students!

#### **Growth Mindset**

Snow Hill High School is focused on promoting growth mindset this school year. It is our goal for all teachers, staff, and students to increase their understanding of growth mindset. The terms growth mindset and fixed mindset were coined by psychologist Dr. Carol Dweck. In recent years, schools have started using her theories to better understand how students learn and change how they teach students. Dr. Dweck defines mindset as "a self-perception or 'self-theory' that people hold about themselves." People with a growth mindset "believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work." This is different than those with a fixed mindset that believe "basic qualities, like intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits....that talent alone creates success." Our goal this year is to help students start to embrace a growth mindset and value hard work and effort as the main path to learning. We want students to view challenges and failures as opportunities to improve learning. We invite you to research the topic and work to promote growth mindset at home, too! Our teachers are reading the book, The Growth Mindset Coach by Annie Brock and Heather Hundley. You can browse the links below or contact Mrs. Sills if you would like more information.

Mindset Works

Mindset

"What Having a 'Growth Mindset' Actually Means"
Growth Mindset vs. Fixed Mindset









Please visit our school website for links, updates and information!

Don't forget to check out peachjar for current flyers and school handouts!





## LINKS, SALES, MEETINGS, AND EVENTS!

#### **Jostens Class Rings and Senior Orders**

Jostens will be at SHHS on November to give a presentation to seniors regarding senior orders. Order forms will be distributed. On November 16th, Jostens will be available at SHHS to take both class ring and senior orders. Please look for more information in the November newsletter. You can also visit Jostens online by clicking the image at left.

#### SADD and Red Ribbon Week

The Annual SADD Conference is October 26-27th in Lewes, Deleware. During this event, SADD students from SHHS will meet with SADD students from other area high schools to collaborate and plan. Please contact Mrs. Wallace for information.

National Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31, 2017. This year's theme is *Your Future is Key, So Stay Drug Free*. During this week, the SADD Club will host events to promote the theme. All students are also invited to enter the Red Ribbon Photo Contest where students have the opportunity to win an iPad and \$1000 for their school. Click the image for more information!

#### **Art Contests**

There are currently two t-shirt design contests happening at SHHS! First, the Engineering Club is looking for a design for their club t-shirt. They would like the design to show a lazy robot (ex.—illustration depicting a robot in a hammock). The Basketball Team is also looking for a design for their practice t-shirt. They would like to see the SH Eagle spinning a basketball on his finger (or wing!). All ideas are excepted—maybe your idea will be the one!

Contest winners will receive prizes! For the Engineering shirt, a \$25 gift certificate to a store/restaurant and for the Basketball shirt, a Nike shirt with the winning design! Please only submit original designs and artwork— do not copy from the internet! All artwork needs to be submitted to Mrs. Forrester by Friday, October 13, 2017.

#### NHS College Admission Planning Webinar

NHS student members and their parents are invited to register for a free webinar on Financial Aid and the FAFSA. The webinar is on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00pm. Click the image to register. You will need to contact Mrs. Riley for the school affiliation number needed to register.



#### **National Principals Month**

October is National Principals Month. This is our opportunity to say "thank you" to principals and share the great things that principals do! Learn more and check out the national calendar of events at <a href="https://www.principalsmonth.org/">https://www.principalsmonth.org/</a>.

We thank Dr. Kimberly Purvis for her dedication to Snow Hill High School and our students! Be sure to #ThankAPrincipal this month!

#### **Health Fair**

SHHS is hosting a Health Fair on November 6th for students and staff. The fair is from 8:15am-2:15pm in the auxillary gym. Multiple agencies will be available with information about internet safety, safe blood supply, hospice, nutrition, and more. Science classes and PE/Health will be brought down during assigned class times. Students and faculty are invited to stop in during their lunch shifts or planning.

### **Band Fundraiser**

BBQ Chicken Dinner tickets will go on sale next week for the Annual Chicken Dinner fundraiser for Band and Majorettes. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any member of the band. The dinners can be picked up on October 27th in the cafeteria.

The band is also selling "BOGO keychain coupons." These coupons enable you to BOGO free pizza at the Domino's in Pocomoke and BOGO 6" sub at the Subway across from Wor-Wic. There is no limit to how many times the coupon can be used between now and September 1, 2018. The keychain coupon is \$20 and can be purchased from Mr. Haelig.

#### 2017-2018 Yearbook Sales and Information



This year's book is at its lowest price EVER! Pre-order your 2018 yearbook by 10/27 for the sale price of \$55 by visiting Jostens.com or clicking the link.

Parents- Want to show some love to your graduating senior? Parent ads are being offered at a 20% discount if purchased before Christmas. Visit Jostens.com through our school's website OR return the flier sent home to seniors to Mrs. Schaub.



#### **PBIS**

The PBIS team is planning the Annual Assateague Beach Trip for late May or early June. For students to be eligible to go, they must have at least one positive referral for the year, no office referrals, no Ds or Fs, and no more than 2 unexcused absences in any class. Contact Mrs. Benson with questions.

The PBIS team also encourages everyone to continue using or to sign up for Shoparoo! Use the access code **Gass6039** and identify Snow Hill High as your school.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS**

#### **SHHS Art Students in Berlin**

Art students Pilar Trejo-Munoz, Allie Figgs and Lexie Kagan joined Mrs. Forrester on a field trip to Berlin for the annual Paint Berlin Event. The students met artists who were painting in the "Plein Air" style, a French term that means creating a piece of art outside. These students also visited artists' studios and galleries throughout Berlin.





#### **ROTC Cadets Present at Camden Yards**

The SHHS MJROTC Color Guard performed the color guard ceremony at the Orioles game on September 21st. Pictured above (from left to right) are cadets: Laurin Rabon, Jordan Bishop, Justin Gentry, Zachary Adams, Samantha Culver, and Hannah Wimbrow.



The 2017 Snow Hill Golf team is having a great season, finishing in the top five in every match they have had so far. Junior, **Zach Geesaman** is having a stand out season, averaging a 45 through seven matches.

Pictured from left to right are: Coach Adkins, Zach Geesaman, Dylan Tingle, Jack Blackelock, Clayton Gaskill, Ben Jackson, Grace Mitchell.



#### Craig Birckhead-Morton to Travel to Iowa as our Maryland Representative

Sophomore Craig Birckhead-Morton is the Maryland representative for the World Food Prize. He will travel to Iowa in October where a winner will be selected. Craig was recently featured in *Boy's Life Magazine* for his accomplishment. The World Food Prize is a week-long event that draws over 1,000 participants from over 50 countries. It addition to the Laureate Award Ceremony, there are also global institutes, a Hunger Summit, lectures, and special presentations. We wish Craig safe travels and good luck! We are excited to have him represent our state and local community!

#### **Chloe Holland Named Commended Student**

Senior Chloe Holland was selected as a "Commended Student" for the National Merit Scholarship. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. The PSAT serves as the initial screening tool to determine student eligibility. Each year, the program averages more than 1.5 million entrants and only approximately 50,000 students from those entrants qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Congratulations, Chloe!

