



# South Pittsburg High School March/April Guidance Newsletter



## Notes from the School Counselor

Thank you to Heath Grider's webpage class for all of their hard work on the updated webpage. Please check it out: [www.southpittsburghhigh.org](http://www.southpittsburghhigh.org)

Please remember that you are now able to begin completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The on-line application is the most efficient way of filing. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need for your student to complete the application at school. I am available from 6:45 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. daily or by appointment. 837-7561 or [lhale@mctns.net](mailto:lhale@mctns.net)

*Mrs. Lynn Hale*

### Important Dates

#### March

- 2nd – Senior field trip to Chattanooga State
- 12th – 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting  
6:00
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Junior Miss 7:00
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> SPRING BREAK
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive  
Report Cards  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:00 -6:00
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting  
5:30

#### April

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday NO SCHOOL
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> TCAPS

Here is a very informative website for parents interested in information about the ACT test, college admissions, financial aid information, ways to help your student with homework, essay writing tips and other useful high school information. <http://www.act.org/news/use/index.html>. You may choose to subscribe to this newsletter and receive it on a monthly basis and/or look at previous issues.

**FAFSA Website:** [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

#### Good Studying Tips

- \* Question: If you don't understand something, ask the teacher or someone else to explain it to you.
- \* Make Studying a Regular Habit: Review your notes and homework assignments daily. Really try to understand what was being presented in the book or lecture materials.
- \* Take Notes Every Day in Class: Review these at night and write down any questions you may have that you need to ask the next day.
- \* Schedule Regular Study Time: Don't just study the night before a test. Schedule a regular time and place to study on a daily basis. Keep distractions during this time to a minimum. Turn off cell phones during this time.



# Scholarships

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

Deadline: March 2, 2009

[www.TN.gov/collegepays](http://www.TN.gov/collegepays)

Stan & Thelma Plumlee Scholarship from the Tennessee Manufactured Housing Association

Deadline: March 16, 2009

Applications available at [www.tnmha.net/](http://www.tnmha.net/) or in the Guidance Office

Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (SAMMY) Award

Deadline: March 6, 2009

[www.sammy.bodybymilk.com](http://www.sammy.bodybymilk.com)

Ayn Rand Essay Contest for 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> grades

Deadline: March 20, 2009

[www.aynrand.org/contests](http://www.aynrand.org/contests)

Blood Assurance Foundation Crystal Green Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: March 31, 2009

Applications available in the Guidance Office

Minority Teaching Fellows Program

Deadline: April 15, 2009

[www.TN.gov/collegepays](http://www.TN.gov/collegepays)

Ayn Rand Essay Contest for 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades

Deadline: April 25, 2009

[www.aynrand.org/contests](http://www.aynrand.org/contests)



Baseball, Softball and Track Schedules are now ready  
Check out our updated website for details

## Statistics Regarding High School Freshmen

75 out of 100 will graduate high school

35 out of 75 will enroll in post-secondary institutions

½ of the 35 will be in remedial classes in college

16 of the 35 will graduate from college

At SPHS we are doing much better than these national statistics. The class of 2007 had a graduation rate of 92 %. Let's continue to work hard and strive for 100% of our students graduating from high school **AND** 100% going into some kind of post-secondary education, including military enlistments.

*Congratulations to the following seniors on the acceptances to college:*

Ashley Baker  
Kartrez Bibbs  
Lauren Boles  
Emily Brazelton  
Taylor Case  
Torrey Chubb  
Jessica Davis  
Hayden Gray  
Eric Kelley  
Jodi Lawrence  
Montrell Mitchell

Tyrone Preston  
Tyler Quick  
Mary Courtney Reed  
Michael Reynolds  
Tyrone Robinson  
Kyle Sharp  
Kaitly Sisco  
Shaun Swafford  
Matt Wayne  
Aubrey Woodfin  
Bianna Woodfin



### [New scholarship just for juniors](#)

Cappex has a new "Class of 2010" Scholarship just for juniors. All it takes to apply is a Cappex profile and one click. To apply for this scholarship and see more unique Cappex scholarships, students should go to the [Cappex Scholarships List](#).

### [New scholarship for sophomores](#)

Now sophomores have a scholarship they can call their own. Cappex has a new "Class of 2011" Scholarship just for them. All it takes to apply is a Cappex profile and one click. To apply for this scholarship, students should go to the [Cappex Scholarships List](#).

### **What you should know about Cappex.com**

Cappex.com is a free website where you can learn which colleges want you before you apply. See how your accomplishments and interests match with colleges and kick start your college list. Also discover merit scholarships from more than 1,700 colleges across the country. Go to [Cappex.com](#) to start your profile and get your matches today!