

SOUTH LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CAVALIER NEWS

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2010



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With the start of second semester we enter a period that is vitally important to our juniors. High stakes testing is a controversial, but unavoidable element of American education. The ACT/MME exam is required of all juniors in our state, and required for graduation. It is comprised of a three-day test period beginning on March 9 this year. The results of this test are included on every student's final transcript.

The controversy involved in the ACT/MME exam revolves around how much importance is placed on a test students take once during their high school careers. The results of the ACT, especially, are one of the first things post-high school institutions look at when making decisions about acceptance. Many people feel that it is unfair that such important decisions are based upon three days of testing during four years of high school effort. Supporters of the exam point to a high degree of predictability between ACT scores and college success.

Regardless of how any of us feel about the exam, it is a dramatic and important moment in the career of each of our high school students. In order to help our students prepare for the exam we are doing a number of things both in and outside of our classrooms. In class, teachers of juniors will work on test taking skills with activities designed to help students navigate the exam. We are also offering free test preparation workshops after school. Information about the workshops is available in our attendance office. Students can also help themselves prepare for the test through ACT's online website: www.actstudent.org.

No doubt you have also heard how the state's budget is impacting schools throughout Michigan. Districts across the state have to make difficult decisions about programming and services. South Lake is facing similar decisions. If you are interested in being part of a team involved with the budget making process, please visit our high school webpage at: <http://www.solake.org/hs/index.cfm>. The state has already told us to expect additional deep cuts next year. Your participation in this difficult process is most welcome.

There are many exciting sporting events coming up in the weeks to come. Our winter sports season is winding down and we will soon see our teams participating in playoffs. Please come out and support our teams. Check out our calendar by accessing it through the calendar information available on our school's web page.

Louis Steigerwald
Principal

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
MARCH 11, 2010
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

DADS' AND MOMS' CLUB NEWS

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3 in Room 126 at 7:00 p.m.

SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY MEETING

Attention parents, the next Senior All Night Party meeting will be Wednesday, March 3 in Room 126 at 7:30 pm., immediately following the Dads' and Moms' Club Meeting.

SENIORS – SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Seniors, check the Counseling Office Scholarship drawer for applications for scholarships. Deadlines vary per month and are on-going throughout the school year. Credit Unions are a good source for aid as well as industry. See your counselor if you have questions. In the spring the local applications will be available. Listen for daily announcements. Good Luck.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE IN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

There will be a full day of school on Thursday, February 25, 2010.

M2O MAKES COLLEGE AFFORDABLE FOR MACOMB COUNTY SENIORS

What is M2O? The Macomb2Oakland (M2O) program is the centerpiece of a partnership between **Oakland University** (OU) and **Macomb Community College** (Macomb). The award winning M2O program is the state's first joint admission and concurrent enrollment program and is designed to help move students toward completion of their OU bachelor's degree more quickly while helping to ease the burden of college costs.

Since the program launched in 2006, more than 500 students have taken advantage of the M2O program. By taking full advantage of the M2O program, **some students have saved up to \$14,000** on the cost of their OU bachelor's degree. In addition, M2O students may also qualify for a number of scholarships offered at OU and Macomb.

Applying to the program is easy. Students complete an online application form which is then automatically sent to both institutions. Admissions to the M2O program is based on

Oakland University admissions criteria: (oakland.edu/m2o).

Why choose M2O? With M2O, students have more flexibility, more options and more resources, including:

- Coordinated advising and course planning. The advisers at both institutions work together to assist students in completing the requirements for their associate's (if desired) and bachelor's degree.
- Expanded course selection and the ability to take courses at one or both institutions at the same time.
- Coordinated financial aid at both institutions by combining credit for concurrently enrolled students.
- Access to the on-campus resources at both institutions, including libraries, student activities, campus events and even OU housing.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR THE M2O PROGRAM

Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Time: 5 – 7 p.m.

Location: South Lake High School
Auditorium

RSVP: Contact OU-Macomb at
(586) 263-6242 or visit
oakland.edu/m20/slhs

Contact **Cheryl Rhodey**, Academic
Coordinator for Student Success at
(586) 263-6242 or e-mail at
rhodey@oakland.edu

WINTER SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT

The Winter Sports Awards Night will be held on Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. All athletes and their parents are invited to attend.



SNOWBALL DANCE

February 27
 High School Gym
 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

DANCE CONTRACT FOR SNOWBALL

This year students must have a dance contract signed by themselves and their parents in order to purchase a ticket to Snowball. There are no exceptions. You cannot buy a ticket without it. Included in the dance contract are dance policies, dress code, and a dance code. This is included at the end of this newsletter.

Students bringing an outside guest must also fill out a guest request form and have it returned to Ms Wells, assistant principal by February 24.

MME PREPARATION SESSIONS

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY 8– MARCH 8
EVERY MONDAY – THURSDAY
MONDAY: ENGLISH
TUESDAY: MATHEMATICS
WEDNESDAY: SOCIAL STUDIES
THURSDAY: SCIENCE

MME MERIT EXAM SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 9 – JUNIORS ONLY
 ACT Testing from 7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9, 10 AND 12

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10-JUNIORS ONLY
 ACT Testing from 7:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.
SCHOOL BEGINS AT 11:30 A.M. FOR ALL STUDENTS.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11-JUNIORS ONLY
 ACT Testing from 7:45 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.
 Math, Science and Social Studies
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9, 10 AND 12 ALL DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR JUNIORS IN P.M.



SOUTH LAKE DRAMA PRESENTS
"BYE BYE BIRDIE"



MARCH 26 & 27 - 7:30 p.m.

ADULTS	\$10.00
STUDENTS	\$ 5.00
SENIOR CITIZENS	\$ 7.00



CONGRATULATIONS TO
JACOB COMFORT
EMS SKILLS
COMPETITION FINALIST!



GOOD LUCK AT STATES!

DATES TO REMEMBER:**FEBRUARY 2010**

Thursday 25 Full day of School

Saturday 27 Snowball Dance
High School Gym
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

MARCH 2010

Tuesday 9 MME Testing
11th grade students only
7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9 No School – Grades 9,
10, & 12

Wednesday 10 MME Testing
11th grade students only
7:45 a.m. -10:55 a.m.

Wednesday 10 All Students -
Abbreviated Schedule
11:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Thursday 11 MME Testing
11th grade students only
7:45 a.m. – 10:55 p.m.

Thursday 11 No School – Grades 9,
10, & 12

Thursday 11 Parent-Teacher
Conferences
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. &
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday 16 Winter Athletic Awards
High School Auditorium
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday 24 Late Start
Abbreviated Schedule
9:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Thursday 25 Meet the Spring Coaches
High School Gym
6:00 p.m.

Friday 26 “Bye Bye Birdie,”
South Lake Drama Club,
High School Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday 31 End of Third Quarter

Wednesday 31 Informational Meeting for
the M2O Program
High School Auditorium
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 2010

Wednesday 4 Dads’ and Moms’ Club
Meeting followed by
Senior All Night Party
Meeting, Room 126
7:00 p.m.

Thursday 1 No School – Spring Break
April 1 - 9

Monday 12 School Resumes

