

SOUTH LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CAVALIER NEWS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011



CONNECT, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE!

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GREETINGS CAVALIER FAMILY!

My name is Carmen Kennedy. I am excited and proud to be the Principal of South Lake High School. It is a tremendous privilege and an honor to work with all staff, students and parents and to serve you in this capacity. I wholeheartedly welcome and embrace this opportunity with energy and passion!

I firmly believe that children who receive a robust, diverse and dynamic education will become adults who are critical thinkers and are prepared to become productive, successful and progressive. The school's belief –“Connect, Inspire, Achieve”–is moving. I am fully prepared to make a vigorous commitment to support and advance this belief.

I believe that doing what is best for kids, inclusiveness, continuously striving to make genuine connections with all stakeholders and being of service are the essential elements necessary for continuous performance improvement. My style entails being visible, active and fully engaged. I am invested in South Lake High School!

My general overall goals for the 2011-2012 school year involve doing that which is necessary to ensure a safe environment; maintaining academic standards and effective instructional methods which includes aligning curricula with instruction; and developing positive, trusting, mutually respectful relationships and connections with faculty, staff, students, parents, central administration and community members.

Students, I challenge you to continue to make a commitment to your educational career. Focus on your growth and development as a student. Step outside your comfort zone to learn more about yourself and this world. Reach out to your peers to make positive and productive connections. Lean on your teachers and counselors for support, mentoring and help. Call upon me to assist you in any way I can! This is your life. Take control!

Parents, I personally invite you to get even more involved with your child's education. Building positive relationships between families and school staff is the key to success of our students. A variety of opportunities to become more closely connected with the school will be available throughout the year. Your child needs to know that you support the teachers and administrators at South Lake High School, and that you consider education to be a top priority. Remember, education is a joint effort among the school, students, and parents!

In an effort to build and nurture relationships, I welcome all students, parents and community members to stop by my office. I am eager to meet and talk with a variety of South Lake High School stakeholders.

Enjoy what's left of the summer. South Lake High School is going to continue to do great things and we're going to have lots of fun along the way.

Best wishes,
Carmen G. Kennedy
Principal

REGISTRATION

Freshman Registration will be on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

Students in grades 10 – 12 will register on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, according to the following schedule:

12 th Grade	8:00 a.m.
11 th Grade	9:15 a.m.
10 th Grade	10:15 a.m.

Students in each grade will report to the auditorium at the appropriate time. Please call 586-435-1460, if your son or daughter is ill or will be out-of-town on registration day.

Enclosed in this mailing are an Emergency Data Sheet, one Student Registration card, and a Free and Reduced Lunch Application. On Registration day, (Tuesday, August 23, for students in grades 10 – 12, Tuesday, August 30 for Freshmen) students **must** bring the **completed** Emergency Data Sheet, Student Registration Card, and Free and Reduced Lunch Application. **It is essential that a parent or guardian sign the Emergency Data Sheet.** Also, please remember a parent or guardian must initial the Registration Card if the student is permitted to take Tylenol at school.

At the time of registration, students must:

- **Turn in Free and Reduced Lunch Application. If you do not qualify, simply fill in student's name and write "Does Not Qualify" in section 2. If you have applied on line, simply fill in student's name and write "Applied on Line" in section 2.**
- **Turn in Emergency Data Sheet with corrections (signed by the parent or guardian) and one Student Registration Card.**
- **Receive locker assignments and locker combinations.**
- **Have their student I.D. pictures taken. An order form is enclosed for school**

pictures. Seniors will be able to schedule appointments for their senior pictures with Prestige Photography. Students must carry their I.D. at all times when in school.

Student schedules will be given out at the time of registration. Student schedules may not be changed until three weeks after school begins. You may only make an appointment if your schedule indicates "See Counselor."

Students will not receive their schedule if fines are not paid in advance. Fines can be paid prior to the registration date in the main office from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Checks should be made payable to **South Lake Schools**. Upon full payment of fines, the student will receive their schedule.

Make-up registration for students will be on Tuesday, August 30 in the attendance hallway from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.



FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 6. There will be a **half day for students**. School will begin at 7:45 a.m. and be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. Please note that half days now end at 11:00 a.m. We will follow the abbreviated schedule.

Students who have an off-campus class will report to the cafeteria during that hour. Please check backpacks and pockets to remove items that may have been used during the summer and are inappropriate for school.

OFF-CAMPUS CLASSES

Students are required to attend off-campus consortium classes even when their home school is not in session. If you have a consortium off-campus class in your schedule, be sure to report to the cafeteria during that period on the first half-day of classes. You will receive bussing information with departure, pick-up times and locations. Any students wishing to drive their own vehicles to these classes must have their vehicles registered and parental permission to drive to off-campus classes. It is important that all students with off-campus classes pick up a bus schedule with starting dates and times at registration.

BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2011-2012



Seminar	7:45 – 8:11 a.m.
1st hour	8:16 – 9:10 a.m.
2nd hour	9:15 – 10:09 a.m.
3rd hour	10:14 – 11:08 a.m.
4A	
4A – Lunch	11:13 – 11:48 a.m.
4A – Class	11:53 – 12:47 p.m.
4B	
4B – Class	11:13 – 12:07 p.m.
4B - Lunch	12:12 – 12:47 p.m.
5 th hour	12:52 – 1:46 p.m.
6 th hour	1:51 – 2:45 p.m.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Breakfast and lunch will be served in the cafeteria beginning Wednesday, September 7. Breakfast will be available from 7:15 - 7:35 a.m. for \$1.40. Students may buy a full lunch for \$3.00, buy items individually priced, or bring a lunch from home. Milk is \$0.50. **Free and reduced lunch forms are enclosed and are to be turned in at registration.**



REGISTERING YOUR VEHICLE

There is a \$20 registration fee to park in the student parking lot. Any student planning to drive to school this year must register their vehicle. Applications are included in this packet, available at registration, and in the main office. Failure to do so may result in a parking ticket and/or disciplinary action. Students are reminded that they may park their vehicles in the **student lot only** (large lot, west of the school). The back lots, behind the building and by the tennis courts are not open to students. In addition, **students must not park** on residential streets near the school, across the street at St. John's Pediatric Center, or in the ACO parking lot. Students violating any regulations are subject to city traffic penalties, towing to another location at the owner's expense, and/or disciplinary action.



OPEN HOUSE

Open House for parents is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. After a brief meeting, parents will go to the students' classes to meet the teachers, become acquainted with course objectives, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

PESTICIDE INFORMATION REQUEST

As a part of the South Lake school district's pest management program, pesticides are rarely, but occasionally, applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to school building or grounds. In emergency situations, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need further information or want to be notified of any pesticide treatments, please contact the main office at 586-435-1400.

HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION

Hepatitis B immunization is required for all students. As in the past, a parent/guardian must provide dates when the immunization for hepatitis was given; a physician-signed statement that the child "is in the process" of completing the three vaccination series for Hepatitis B; a signed waiver statement that for religious or other objections, the parent does not choose to have their child immunized against Hepatitis B. This information should be given to the school before a child is allowed to attend classes.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK



The Student/Parent Handbook is now available at South Lake's website: www.solake.org. Click on the **schools** link on the upper left hand side, select **High School** from the drop down menu, then choose **agenda/handbook** from the column on the left hand side of the High School Home Page. Parents/Guardians should review the contents of this handbook with their sons and daughters so that all will be familiar with the high school procedures and policies. Please pay special attention to the **Attendance Policy, Graduation Requirements, Misconduct Categories and Penalties, and our Dress**

Regulations. If you do not have internet access and need a hard copy of the handbook, please contact the high school main office at 586-435-1400.

DRESS REGULATIONS

After the leisurely, hot summer, students are often inclined to dress for the outside weather. That type of attire may not be appropriate for school. All of our classrooms and offices are now air-conditioned. Following is a copy of our dress code guidelines.

Students are expected to dress in a manner that exemplifies good taste, decency, cleanliness, and appropriateness.

Dress Restrictions:

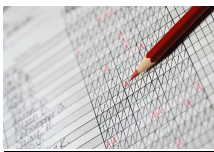
- ❖ Clothing that by design reveals undergarments, underwear, is not acceptable. This includes "spaghetti- straps, tank tops and halter tops." Dresses, skirts and shorts **MUST BE** fingertip length and/or six inches above the knee. Bare midriffs and see-through attire may not be worn.
- ❖ Any clothing advertising/promoting alcohol, tobacco, drug use, suicide, and violence or anything of a sexual nature will not be permitted.
- ❖ Coats may not be worn during classes without approval of the administration.
- ❖ Shoes must always be worn on school property and have a sole.
- ❖ Pajamas and slippers may not be worn in school.
- ❖ **Students will not be permitted to wear or have in their possession hats, caps, bandannas or any covering of the head. Further, any symbol and/or colors representing gang involvement, pointed spikes and heavy chains will not be permitted.**

- ❖ **Per health reasons, boys are not permitted to wear tank tops and/or “muscle shirts” unless in physical education classes.**
- ❖ **Backpacks, book bags and large purses may not be taken to class unless they are see-through.**

Violation Penalties: Students who are improperly dressed will be told to change clothing and will not be allowed into classes until they comply. Students sent home to change clothing may receive an unexcused absence or suspension for each occurrence.

Exemptions: South Lake Board of Education has taken action to allow parents to exempt their children from all or part of our dress code regulations. Parents who wish to have their children exempted from the guidelines must contact the school office in writing and arrange for a conference with the principal. At the conference, parent, pupil, and principal will discuss the dress code, as the parent wants it to apply to the pupil. Parent, pupil, and principal will sign a letter of understanding that states the parent’s wishes for the child’s exemption from the dress code.

Some reasons for exemptions are religious convictions, physical disabilities, financial hardships, and similar circumstances.



SOUTH LAKE HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY

Good attendance and punctuality are a necessity in school and are often contributing factors to success in the workplace and the classroom. The State of Michigan and South Lake Schools share the opinion that classroom attendance instills a concept of self-discipline, exposes a student to group interactions with teachers and fellow students, and enables a student to hear

and participate in class discussion and other related learning experiences. South Lake High School also recognizes the importance of parents/guardians in ensuring regular school attendance and encourages them to schedule students’ medical/dental appointments, personal business, and vacation outside of school hours.

Attending school is necessary and required by state law. Students who do not maintain good attendance may fail, lose certain privileges, be referred to truancy officers, and/or have their parents/legal guardians taken to court.

The following outlines the attendance policy of South Lake High School:

- Student absences must be reported to the Attendance Office within two (2) business days of the student’s absence in order for the absence to be excused. If there is neither a call by a parent nor documentation is not presented to the attendance office within two business days of the absence, the absence will be unexcused.
 - You may report an absence 24 hours a day. Please call (586) 435-1450 and leave a message with the student’s name, the date of the absence, and the reason for the absence, or you may bring in a note from a parent to the attendance office signed by a parent or guardian.
- At the teacher’s discretion, an unexcused absence in any class may result in the student not being able to make up the work that was missed during the absence. This includes any class assignments, homework, projects, tests and/or quizzes.

- Students, who have 3 unexcused absences in a class for the quarter, will not be allowed to participate in or attend field trips and/or extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the quarter. In addition, their off campus lunch will be revoked.
- Excessive unexcused absences and/or tardies will be referred to the truant officers of Macomb County.

Rewards for good attendance:

- Students with 3 or less excused absences, no unexcused absences and a 2.5 GPA or better will be allowed to attend a movie during the school day on a quarterly basis.

TARDY POLICY
PER QUARTER

If a student is tardy to class, meaning they come to class after the bell sounds, the following procedures will be followed:

- They will report to the Responsibility Room.
- They will receive a pass back to class.
- Upon receiving their 5th tardy during a quarter, they will have to serve a detention. (detention will be held on a weekly basis)
- Students who have a detention must serve their detention or they will be suspended for one day.
- Upon receiving their 8th tardy, they will not be allowed to participate in after school activities for the remainder of the quarter. (sports, dances, clubs, honors night, band and choir concerts, etc.)
- Excessive unexcused absences and/or tardies will be referred to the truant officers of Macomb County.

EARLY DISMISSAL

If a student must leave school before the end of the day, he or she must secure an early dismissal slip. This slip is issued only upon the request of a parent by phone call to **(586) 435-1460** before 10:00 a.m. Students pick up early dismissal slips in the Attendance Office.

Important: Students must sign out of the Attendance Office before leaving the building for any reason.

FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

24 HR ATTENDANCE LINE	586-435-1450
ATTENDANCE OFFICE	586-435-1460
MAIN OFFICE	586-435-1400
COUNSELING OFFICE	586-435-1410
STUDENT HOTLINE	586-435-1444
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT	586-435-1440

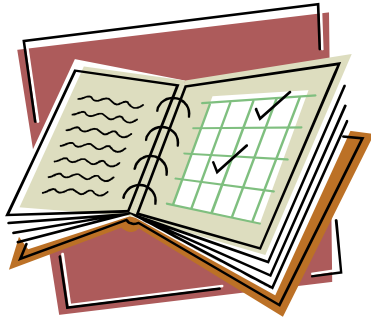
COUNSELORS

Counselors are available to assist students with educational and personal problems. Each student is assigned a counselor and should feel free to make an appointment to see his/her counselor concerning any question or problem that may arise. Students sign up with the counseling secretary to see their counselor. A student is assigned to a counselor according to the first letters of the student's last name.

Counselors are:

Mrs. Gayle Merkle
Last names: A-Gn & Pr-Tr
(586) 435-1412
gmerkle@solake.org

Mrs. Whitney Bernstein
Last names: Go-Pq & Ts-Z
(586) 435-1414
wbernstein@solake.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2011

Monday	22	Cavalier Freshman Summer Enrichment Program Begins 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All week - August 22 - 26
Tuesday	23	Registration-Auditorium 8:00 a.m. -- Grade 12 9:15 a.m. -- Grade 11 10:15 a.m. -- Grade 10
Tuesday	30	Freshman Orientation and Registration 8:00 a.m. Auditorium
Tuesday	30	Make-up Registration 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Attendance Hall

SEPTEMBER 2011

Tuesday	6	Half Day of School 7:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Abbreviated Schedule
Wednesday	7	Dads' and Moms' Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Room 126
Wednesday	21	Open House – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday 14 Late Start
9:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Abbreviated Schedule

Thursday 22 Late Start
9:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Abbreviated Schedule

OCTOBER 2011

Wednesday	5	Count Day
Wednesday	5	Dads' and Moms' Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Room 126
Friday	7	Late Start 9:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Abbreviated Schedule
To Be Announced		Picture Retakes 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Pool Hallway
Friday	14	Homecoming Parade 5:45 p.m.
Friday	14	Homecoming Game 7:00 p.m. Athletic Field
Saturday	15	Homecoming Dance 8:00 p.m. - Gym
Wednesday	19	Parent Teacher Conferences – A – L 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	20	Parent Teacher Conference – M – Z 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Monday	31	Late Start 9:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Abbreviated Schedule