

Junior News Class of 2021

Welcome Back Juniors

Juniors and Parents,

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year! This has already been a very eventful school year, and we've only really been here for about three weeks. I want to welcome all of our new students to Socastee High School, and for all of those students who are at academy schools and other programs, I want to wish you the best of luck this year. Socastee is the base high school for all of you so you'll all receive my newsletters this year. If you ever have any questions or concerns please reach out to me.

We have a lot going on in the next few weeks and I want to make sure to get out as much information as I can. There are plenty of ways to receive

information from me. To cut down on the number of e-mails I send throughout the year I publish this newsletter once a month. Students can find this newsletter on our Google Classroom page, and all parents and students should join my Remind (more on that later). You can also get updates on the Socastee webpage and the Facebook page. Plus, you can sign up for our daily announcements if you don't receive those via e-mail already.

I look forward to working with everyone again and wish everyone the best on a successful and happy school year.

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Junior Class Ring Orders and Date

Herff Jones will be on campus on Tuesday, September 17 during all three lunches and they will remain after school until 6 PM to take Junior Class Ring orders. Students interested in ordering a class ring should plan to place an order at that time.

Herff Jones had an informational meeting last week where they distributed ring order packets. Any student who did not receive a ring order packet can pick one up in my office or at the main office. You can also view and order rings online at www.hjcarolina.com. There is a small down payment when ordering rings, and placing those orders with a Herff Jones

representative will give you the best option for the fit and style of your ring.

You can order your ring from another company and still participate in the ceremony, but there are some benefits to ordering through Herff Jones.

If you are unable to make it on Tuesday, September 17 there is a make up order date on September 25.

The date for the Junior Ring Ceremony is Tuesday, December 3 at 6 PM in the high school auditorium. Only students who order class rings will attend. More information will follow on this event as we get closer.



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Upcoming Dates:

- *September 17*—
Junior Class Ring Orders
- *September 24*—
Interim Pick Up
- *October 8*—
ED Op Family Night (Coastal Carolina)
- *October 14&15*—
Make Up School Days
- *October 16*—
PSAT
- *October 25*—
End of First Quarter
- *December 3*—
Junior Ring Ceremony

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PSAT Dates

All 11th grade students enrolled in an honors, AP, or IB English or Math class will be scheduled to take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 16 at no cost. Any other Juniors who would like to take the PSAT may do so by signing up in guidance by September 24. The sign up sheet is on the first table as you enter the guid-

ance office. Cost for the Juniors to take the PSAT is \$17 if you are not enrolled in an honors, AP, or IB English or Math class this year.

There will be a pre-administration session for all students signed up for the PSAT on Thursday, September 26 during second

block. Please make every effort to attend this important session.

The PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, October 16. There is no make-up session for PSAT so students must be in school on time that day to take the exam. Please let me know if you have questions about PSAT.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society is now accepting applications for new members from this year's junior and senior class. The basic requirements for membership are

- An excellent academic record with a minimum 3.8 weighted GPA
- At least two honors or higher level classes each year since 9th grade

- A high level of school and community involvement

- Outstanding character

If you believe you might qualify, see Ms. Gaddy or Mrs. Keller in Guidance for an application. All completed paperwork is due no later than Friday, September 27. Late applications will NOT be accepted for any reason.

Students who are selected to become a member of National Honor Society will be required to do community service hours. Students must also maintain their weighted GPA and character requirements. Students should not have any discipline infractions. Please pick up your applications this week.

Classroom Guidance

I will visit all of the English and US History classrooms over the coming weeks. While I am visiting classrooms I will have limited time in my office. If you need me for anything you'll have to check the schedule on my door and find a free time to visit my office. Students will receive an updated transcript during my visit.

My schedule for classroom visits:

Thursday, September 19

Urbaniak/Lehr/Boyle—Block 1

Urbaniak/Lehr—Block 4

Monday, September 23

Mitchell—Blocks 1, 2, and 3

Tuesday, September 24

Santmyer—Blocks 1, 2, and 3

Urbaniak—Block 2

Wednesday, September 25

Shelley—Block 1

Wilson—Block 2

Friday, September 27

Hooker—Blocks 1, 2, and 3

Monday, September 30

Alexander—Blocks 1 and 3

Please make an effort to be in class during your scheduled time.



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Interim Report Night

Interim Pick Up and Meet the Teacher night will take place on Tuesday, September 24 from 4 PM to 6 PM. This is a great opportunity for you to receive your student's grades and meet their teachers. Teachers will be available in their classrooms until 6 PM and you are welcome to have brief meetings with them. Please remember that this is just a meet and greet, and any con-

cerns you may have with your student should be addressed at a time when the teacher can focus on a conversation with you. If you would like to arrange a meeting after Interim Pick Up please feel free to contact the teacher directly. We ask that you please be respectful of the teacher's time as well as the other parents attending.

Following the Interim Pick Up Night there will be a Junior Class Parent Meeting in the Auditorium. We will review information on what to expect during the junior year. This meeting will begin at 6 PM and will last approximately 45 minutes. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 24.

Information to Share

REMIND APP—Students and Parents are invited to join the Remind App to receive reminders of upcoming events pertaining to the Class of 2021. Sign Up is Free and notifications go straight to your phone. Sign up using code **2f268c**

New Students should join our Google Classroom Page. This is another opportunity to receive information and updates. Google Classroom is just for students, but all members of the Class of 2021 should register using the code **6n5s4qg**

Holiday Assistance—Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we want to make sure that all families who need assistance are provided for at the holidays. If you are a family in need please

reach out to me and let me know. We can assist with Holiday meals or add you to our Angel Tree for

the Christmas Season.

Likewise, if you would like to provide assistance during the holidays, we will always take kind donations that can provide help to a local family in need. Please reach out to me and let me know how you can help.

Please be sure that you are monitoring your student's attendance and grades on PowerSchool. If you need assistance logging into your PowerSchool account please contact me and I can help. ALL students and parents should be monitoring PowerSchool on a regular basis.

Often students attempt to log in to Power School and are unable to access their accounts. This is often because registration has not been paid. Parents should contact our data quality clerk to re-

solve this issue.

Due to the hurricane, the school board has approved the following days as make-up days:

Monday, October 14, 2019

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Friday, January 17, 2020

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Please make the effort to have your student in school on these days.

Shoreline Behavioral Health Services is looking for interested students to join their Youth Advisory Board. Topics will focus on teen issues related to drugs and alcohol, bullying, dating violence etc. through conversation, and community awareness projects. Interested students can see me in guidance.

Camp Hands of Hope is a week-long Family Bereavement camp open to students age 5-18 who have experienced the loss of a loved one in the past three years. Interested families can visit www.camphandsofhope.org to complete the application. Visit the website anytime to learn more about their camps.



Camp
HANDS
of  **HOPE**

Weekend Family Bereavement Camp
November 22-24, 2019
Camp Kinard
Batesburg-Leesville, SC

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th
SPACES WILL FILL UP FAST!

- Open to any youth 5-18 who has experienced the loss of a loved one within the past 3 years
 - At least 1 parent or guardian must attend with the youth
- Must complete an application for EACH youth & adult planning to attend
- Must be able to provide/arrange your own transportation to Batesburg-Leesville, SC
 - Lodging and food will be provided during the weekend

- \$50 application fee per Family (to be paid once approved for camp)
- Application fee waivers are available (will apply for once approved for camp)
 - Space is limited

To register, visit www.camphandsofhope.org – applications will be available on Wednesday, Sept. 18, but visit our website anytime to learn more about our camps!

Contact us with questions:
camphandsofhope@hpcfoundation.org

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Attendance Make-Up 19-20

This fall students will be allowed to make up 9 days of attendance. These opportunities will be held after school on Tuesday's and Thursday's and Saturday mornings during the dates listed below. If your student is over the allowed 5 unexcused absences, they will need to make up their attendance time during the following days. No exceptions will be made.

Fall Opportunities for Attendance Make up:

- Tuesday 11/5 and Thursday 11/7
- Saturday 11/9
- Tuesday 11/12 and Thursday 11/14
- Saturday 11/16
- Tuesday 11/19 and Thursday 11/21
- Saturday 11/23
- Tuesday 12/3 and Thursday 12/5
- Saturday 12/7
- Tuesday 12/10 and Thursday 12/12
- Saturday 12/14
- Tuesday 1/7 and Thursday 1/9
- Saturday 1/11



Tuesday and Thursday 3:30pm till 5:00pm

Saturdays 8:00am till 12:00pm

Students must be on time and stay the entire time to receive attendance credit.