

Senior News Class of 2021



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WELCOME TO YOUR SENIOR YEAR!!

Seniors and Parents,

I am so excited to get back in touch with all of you to celebrate your senior year! This is certainly going to be a senior year like no other, and why not, because you are a senior class like no other!

Group A, Group B, Group E, no matter what you are, we want you to have a spectacular senior year. Stay positive, don't let things get you down. I know you're all going to have a lot of questions and I'm here to help you on this journey.

Everyone is focused on a few things right now, schedules, distance or virtual learning, college applications, and scholarships. I've addressed all of that in my first newsletter of the year.

Senior Portraits

Senior Portraits are finally here! Below is some information from School Bell Studios on signing up for Senior Portraits. Please visit the website for more information.

Portrait days are Friday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 AM until 3 PM, and Sunday, Sept. 13 from 1 PM until 5 PM.

Appointments are 5 minutes in length and must be scheduled in advanced at the website,

www.Calendly.com/schoolbellstudio

Please come with an immediate

If you have questions feel free to ask. Please note that I am WAY behind on my e-mail right now and I appreciate your patience as I work through all of them.

I have a new job title, Director of Guidance, and a new office this year, but I have the same e-mail and phone number.

This year is so important for you to keep up with information coming from me. I'll continue to publish this monthly newsletter, but you'll also receive a scholarship newsletter as well.

So excited for the start of school!

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family member who can safely help with hair and dressing. There is a \$20 sitting fee required on the day of the portraits.

Please bring your own face covering (required) and the photographer will also wear face covering. Temperature checks and Covid questions are also required.

There will be 3 photographers available to take your photo in the Socastee High School Auxiliary Gym. Both formal and casual portraits can be taken. More details can be found online.

Upcoming Dates:

- *September 8—*
First Day of School (A Group)
- *September 9—*
First Day of School (B Group)
- *September 11—*
Distance Learn
- *September 11-13—*
Senior Photos
- *September 15—*
College App Day (Virtual)

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Schedules

Schedules, schedules, schedules! Everyone is anxious to get their schedules, and I'm excited to get them to you. As you review your schedule you may have some questions or concerns. If something is not correct on your schedule, including the virtual school students, please feel free to e-mail me. I just ask that you only e-mail me one time, and I

ask for your patience while I reply. I am carefully reviewing everyone's schedule to make sure you are meeting your graduation requirements and any additional requirements if you plan to apply to a 4-year college.

At this time we are unable to honor any requests to change electives on your schedules. I will address it if you are missing

a class, if you have a class out of sequence, or if you need something for graduation.

Students who are signed up for early release, late arrival, or plan to be a January graduate will have additional paperwork to sign that I will send later.

Thank you for patience as I work through all of your concerns.

College Applications and Scholarships

Other than schedules, scholarships and applications are the most commonly asked about topics. The college application process can be exciting but it can also be a little bit terrifying. I am here to assist you in this process throughout the school year, and I assure you that you have not missed any dates or deadlines so far this year!

I will walk you through this process and assist with all of your questions and concerns.

We have a College Application Day on September 15. This will be an informative time to explore colleges and meet some admission reps, and don't worry if you're not in school that day because it will all be virtual. I'll send a separate e-mail later next week with details.

If you've already applied to a few colleges, Great! I will start processing those applications and transcripts after September 15.

We will publish a scholarship newsletter monthly starting in October. This will be a great resource for you to search for scholarship opportunities. Make sure that you are receiving and reading everything I send to you this year so that you do not miss out on any valuable opportunities.

For every scholarship you are awarded be sure to bring me a copy of the letter so I can add to your account. Don't miss out!

Student Groups

By now you should all be aware of your student group. There are four groups of students, Group A, Group B, Group E, and Group G.

The groups can be a bit confusing so I wanted to take a minute to address each one.

Group A—Attends school on Monday and Tuesday on a hybrid schedule.

Group B—Attends school on Wednesday and Thursday on a hybrid schedule.

Group G—Attends school Monday through Thursday on a hybrid schedule.

Groups A, B, and G—Distance learning on Fridays on a hybrid schedule.

Group E—Full Time Virtual students who will not come into the building.

My understanding is that you cannot view your group on the PowerSchool App. You must log in to your account to see your group.

The high school has NO control over which group you were assigned and we are unable to make any changes to your groups.

Groups were set up at the district level and they are not honoring any requests to make changes to those groups. This includes students who are assigned in Group E (Virtual) and wish to return to the school, or students assigned to Groups A, B, or G and wish to go virtual.

The *only* exception is if your group A or B differs from a siblings group A or B.

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause in your schedule, but please remember your group A, B, and G only applies to when we are on the hybrid schedule.