



# Secaucus High School

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April 28, 2023

Dear SHS Community,

I hope this letter finds you well as we enter the very busy final two months of the school year. With warmer spring weather and longer days of sunlight, this is typically the time of year that students commit themselves to numerous activities. With that in mind, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining balance between academics and all other important activities. While we encourage our students to be well rounded, we also emphasize the continued focus on academics to ensure their overall success.

Please see the following important updates, with special emphasis on state testing and reach out to me directly if you have any questions.

## **Thank You Teachers!**

May 8th - May 12th marks Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a great time to honor and thank the wonderful teachers of Secaucus High School who make such a positive impact on the lives of our students. Each year, this week serves as an important reminder of the critical role our teachers play in shaping our future society and we are lucky to have such dedicated and caring teachers in our school community.

## **State Testing Begins May 1, 2023:**

Beginning Monday, May 1st, students in grades 9 and 11 will be participating in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA), which assess students' knowledge and understanding of the New Jersey State Learning Standards in English language arts/literacy, mathematics, and science. The data from these assessments will become a piece of the puzzle that helps us to evaluate our programs and target your child's learning needs.

**Students in grade 9 will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Math (NJSLA-Math, May 1st) and English Language Arts/Literacy (NJSLA-ELA, May 2nd and May 3rd). Students in grade 11 will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Science (NJSLA-S May 10th and May 11th).**

Testing will begin period 1 so it is important that students arrive at school on time. It is equally important to make certain that Chromebooks are fully charged each day and headphones with the appropriate Chromebook jack are brought to each testing session as some sections may include a listening component.

### **Secaucus JSA Named Chapter of the Year:**

Congratulations to the Secaucus High School chapter of Junior State of America on their participation in the annual Spring State Conference. The chapter was recognized as the [Mid-Atlantic State Chapter of the Year](#) and is in the running to win National Chapter of the Year. Another congratulations to senior Naija Agarwal, junior Tia Husain, and freshman Olivia Natividad on being recognized as best speakers during this weekend's conference.

### **Attention Juniors:**

It's that time of year where the Class of 2024 will be getting ready for their Senior Year. School Craft Studios will be at SHS from May 15th-17th from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please see the [flyer](#) for instructions on booking your appointment. Time slots fill up fast so don't delay. If you have any questions, please call School Craft Studios at 973-579-0005 or the HS main office.

### **Patriot Press:**

Please see the latest addition of the [Patriot Press](#) for exciting news, updates, interviews and pictures.

### **Congratulations Alyssa Craigwell:**

Alyssa Craigwell broke her own school record in the shot put event on Monday versus Weehawken High School. Alyssa threw for 37'7" to surpass her previous record of 37'4" set three weeks ago versus St Mary's High School and Wallington. Alyssa also threw 109'11" for a personal best in the discus event against Rutherford High School and Becton Regional High School on April 18th.

### **New Issue of Student Snippets:**

The Literary Clubs are pleased to share the newest issue of Student Snippets. The students have been hard at work writing, collecting work, editing, and putting this magazine together. We would like to thank all those who contributed. Follow the link to enjoy our newest issue [StudentSnippetsIssue4](#) .

### **SAT Day at SHS:**

Secaucus High School will be offering the SAT on Saturday, June 3rd and the deadline to register on [collegeboard.org](#) is May 4th. Any student who is currently registered for the May 6th SAT here at the high school must arrive by 7:30am with a pencil, calculator, photo ID & printed admission ticket.

**\*\*\*Class of 2023 Reminders\*\*\***

**Senior Prom Parent/Student MANDATORY Meeting:**

On Thursday May 11th at 7PM in the cafeteria, a mandatory meeting will be held for all students attending the Senior Prom to discuss important rules and regulations. A parent or guardian **must** be present to listen in alongside their child. If you cannot make this meeting, your child **will not** be able to attend the prom. In addition, final information regarding Project Graduation (to be held after graduation on 6/22) will be discussed and any questions you may have pertaining to this event will be answered. Please reach out to advisor Ms. Palmisano if you already know you cannot attend on this date so that alternate arrangements can be made beforehand.

**Senior Car Wash Fundraiser:**

The Class of 2023 will be hosting a car wash on Saturday May 13th beginning at 8AM at the Paterson Plank Road Firehouse to help raise funds for project graduation & other exciting end of year senior activities. This is their last ever fundraiser as the students will shortly be graduating so please consider participating! For tickets, please see a senior student, senior parent/guardian, or email advisor Toni-Ann Palmisano at [tpalmisano@sboe.org](mailto:tpalmisano@sboe.org). You are also welcome to show up the day of and purchase a ticket. Thank you for your support.

**Senior Class Important Deadline Dates:**

Senior Prom RSVP forms & payment due THIS Tuesday, May 2nd.

Senior Trip permission slips & payment due Friday, May 19th.

**National College Decision Day:**

Congratulations to the seniors on their well-earned college and university acceptances. May 1st is National College Decision Day which marks the deadline to put down a deposit, accept offers of admission, financial aid, and scholarships. Students who do not accept and commit to the college/university of their choice by May 1st, may risk having the college/university rescind their offers of admission and aid.

All Seniors are encouraged to wear their college gear to school on Monday, May 1st as they celebrate this special day as a class family. A class photo will be taken and shared with the school community to showcase all our wonderful student accomplishments.

Best regards,

Steve Viggiani

Secaucus High School Principal