Attention Seniors:

With the close of Semester 1, we want to let you know about a few important things on the horizon!

Every year Souhegan works closely with local organizations to provide over 40 Scholarship opportunities to graduating seniors! There is always a wide variety of scholarships available and we strongly urge you to log into your Naviance account on February 3rd to view all the generous opportunities! Whether you are a student pursuing an education at a community college, going into a trade, attending art or engineering school, and/or a student with a high GPA you will find suitable scholarships! These organizations want to help Souhegan grads with their next step! Last year local organizations gave away over $100,000 to Souhegan seniors. Once scholarships are released please come into Student Services and we can help you match your interests with specific scholarships!

Also in February, a link will be emailed to your Naviance account where you will be able to order your Cap & Gown. Once you input your information, you will receive confirmation of your order. Payment for your Cap & Gown is not included in your Senior dues so in June, when you pick up your Cap & Gown in Student Services you will need to bring in cash or check in the amount of $20.

If you are still in need of Community Service hours please refer to the Community Service tab under STUDENTS at www.SAU39.org. Click on the link to the left: Current Community Service Opportunities. If you have hours that you have not turned in yet please pick up a form and get those hours logged by turning the signed form into Student Services ASAP!! Remember - 40 Hours of Community Service is a graduation requirement!

Course Selection Process to Begin!
The course selection process for the 2020-2021 academic year has begun this week with presentations to the Junior class during advisory. Please review the dates below for the outline of events. Students will receive instructions and links through their school email to begin the process.

Juniors: 1/27 & 1/28 Presentation to Junior Advisories
          1/27-2/4 Online registration of courses
          2/3 - Junior mtgs begin with counselors to confirm course selections

Sophomores: 1/29-1/31 Presentation to sophomores in class
          1/30-2/10 Online registration of courses
          2/10 - Sophomore mtgs. begin with counselors

Freshman: 2/3 & 2/4 Presentations to freshmen in class
          2/3 · 2/12 Online registration of courses
          3/2 · Freshmen mtgs. begin

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Students have been working this week to decide on their graduating class theme for FangFest 2020! FangFest will be taking place at SHS from February 17th—February 21st.

Just a friendly reminder to parents to please check their student’s lunch account balances regularly.

Thanks,
Mark Newton

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ADVISORY CORNER

January has quickly come to a close and believe it or not, we are entering our second half of the school year! As a first year Advisory Coordinator, I wanted to take some time to share my reflections on how Advisory has been moving along this year. As you may know, the purpose of Advisory is to provide daily personalized support in small groups for approximately 25 mins per day. Advisories foster our belief in being a community of learners born of respect, trust and courage. Research indicates that fostering personal and positive relationships, which is what Advisory is designed to do, is central in creating a culture of safety in a school. With such a vibrant program at its base, my movement into this role has been fairly seamless.

This year, advisories have been working on a variety of topics to support individual growth as well as providing common experiences as a school and community. As a School Social Worker, I have seen both the short term and long term benefits of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and am working to weave the 5 core competencies of SEL, namely self awareness, social awareness, self management, responsible decision making and relationship skills, into monthly advisory topics. Advisors are given several resources each month, and can choose what to use based on grade level and their Advisory “personality”. The feedback has been positive and we continue to build on the resources.

To help further develop and grow our advisory program, grade level advisors have been meeting on a monthly basis. Albeit a slight interruption in scheduling through the holidays, we are back on track for February. This meeting allows advisors to collaborate and share grade specific information. During Freshman or Sophomore meetings, Division 1 students partner with their Division 2 buddy advisories to promote mentorship and build whole school connection. When Junior and Senior meetings occur, Division 2 students are able to have an academic flex period, a need students identified in a survey we gave last year. This is different than what used to be referred to as “double lunch” as this plan does not allow for students to leave campus (insert collective student sigh here). Instead, they are asked to proactively make a plan with their advisor about how they will use this time, which helps to support self management and responsible decision making skills. There have been minor growing pains with this plan, but as a whole has been well received.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our amazing advisory program! It is truly one of the reasons we are who we are as a community. If you ever have a question about Advisory, please feel free to email me at sjoshiflegal@sprise.com.

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FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

On Thursday February 6th, the Souhegan High School Math Department will host an informational meeting for parents of students who are interested in accelerating/advancing in mathematics. The evening’s agenda will encompass:

- The current math pathways at SHS.
- Advancement opportunities available to all students.

The meeting will be held at Souhegan High School at 6:00 pm in rooms 130/131. If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to receive the information, please email aswift@sprise.com. The acceleration program will begin with a required pretest on either Thursday Feb 13th, Monday February 17th, or Tuesday 18th.

Sincerely,
Ane Swift
Math Department Coordinator
The Doug Olsen Latin Jazz Quintet will be the featured guests at our 2nd Jazz Night of the year on Friday, February 7th at 7:00pm. Doug Olsen has been a free-lance trumpeter for over 25 years performing jazz and world music. He plays solo and/or lead trumpet with many of New England’s top bands and has also been a featured soloist with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, USAF Band of Liberty, the Smithsonian Masterworks Jazz Orchestra, Berklee College of Music Faculty Bigband, the Big Apple Circus and Little Anthony and the Imperials. Doug has recorded extensively on pop/rock, swing, jazz and Latin CDs, including “Prozac Nation” by Bellevue Cadillac (featured on “The Sopranos” and “Shallow Hal”) and jazz vocalist Michelle Mailhot’s “A Happy Madness”.

Doug currently serves as the interim Director of Jazz Studies at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and was the Director of Music in Medfield Public Schools for the last 25 years before then. Doug is a very active clinician and guest artist with appearances at MIT, Berklee, Harvard, UMass Amherst and Dartmouth, WPI and Brandeis University. Doug performs regularly with the John Almark Jazz Orchestra and with two of his newest projects “Latin Bash” and the Doug Olsen Qtet.

Joining Doug will be jazz ensembles from Souhegan HS, Windham HS, Alvirne HS and Amherst Middle School. General admission for the event is $10.00 and doors will open at 6:30pm. For additional information contact Carl Benevides at cbenevides@sprise.com. Join us for this great night of music! For more information on Doug Olsen, go to: www.douglasolsen.net.

SCHOOL CALENDAR – February 2020

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Amanda Ulicny, Ryliegh Tobin, Julia Pinkham and John Young

CLICK HERE FOR THIS WEEK’S EPISODE!

ATHLETICS

WINTER STUDENT/ATHLETES ARE WORKING HARD ON THEIR SKILLS – CLICK HERE TO SEE THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT SABER NATION AT HOME OR AWAY--- BE A SUPER FAN!

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