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June 2015

Congratulations Class of 2015

A Celebration of Achievement

Graduation was held on Friday, June 12th and was a wonderful celebration of the hard work and accomplishments of these seniors during their past four years in high school. Many of these students are attending college next year, while others are taking a gap year or entering the workforce.

Among the colleges that this year's graduating students are attending are Castleton State College, Clarkson University, Coastal Carolina University, Colby-Sawyer College, Community College of Vermont, Culinary Institute of America, Elmira College, Empire Beauty Academy, Endicott College, Eugene Lang College (New School), Howard University, Johnson and Wales University, Johnson State

College, Keene Beauty Academy, Keene State College, Lincoln Technical Institute, Manhattan College, Mount Ida College, New Hampshire Technical Institute, North Shore Community College, Quinnipiac University, River Valley Community College, Salve Regina University, Southern New Hampshire University, Springfield College, Syracuse University, The Citadel (The Military College of South Carolina), University of Connecticut, University of Dallas, University of Maine (Orono), University of Massachusetts (Amherst), University of Vermont, Vermont Technical College, Wake Forest University, and Western State Colorado University.

Congratulations to all students!

Project Action

Aiming to get students involved in the community

Project ACTION's (Assembling Community To Improve Our Neighborhoods) is a community response to the

drug and opiate problems plaguing our community and region. Over the past several months, members from this

School-wide News & Events



- Summer is a great time for community service! If you are interested in earning some hours, please contact Mrs. Wasyliko to find out about the various summer opportunities available in the area.
- Fall sports begin August 13th (football begins August 10th). Please call or visit the main office for schedules and paperwork.
- School counselors will be available on August 17th and 18th to meet with students/families for scheduling changes. Please call the counseling office to set up an appointment (885-7914).

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community group have had a presence around the high school building, engaging with students and sharing their goals. Project ACTION is a targeted approach directed at responding to the problems facing our community (including drugs, crime and addiction). Project ACTION has over 150 individuals and 70 agencies engaged to date,

including local and State law enforcement, State agencies, Town Departments, medical care system, social service agencies, neighborhood alliances, education, training, restorative justice, mental health services, recovery and representation from Vermont's federal congressional delegation.

Project ACTION consists of three committees: Crime and Safety; Prevention, Treatment and Recovery; and Community, Housing and Neighborhoods. Students are encouraged to become involved. If interested, please contact Stephanie Thompson at spfldprojectaction@gmail.com.

Summer Wellness Carnival for Youth



Tuesday, June 23rd at the Commons in Springfield from 9am-3pm. The event is geared towards youth ages 15-22. Registration begins at 9am.

There will be food, prizes, and free demonstrations (including Zumba and Martial Arts). There will also be face painting, a dunk tank (with Mr. Thibault and Mrs. Hathorn), live music, informational vendors, and more carnival games.

This event is sponsored by the HCRS Youth in Transition program.

Summer School

Recover core credits this summer

Summer school at Springfield High School is a great way to recover credits in core academic subjects. All classes will run Monday through Thursday from July 6th to July 31st.

This summer, the courses being offered will be 9th/10th grade English (8:30-11am), Biology (8:30-11am), Algebra I (11:30-2pm), and U.S. History (11:30-2pm). Springfield High School students are eligible to recover credits through summer school if they have maintained 80% attendance for the course during the year and have done one of the following:

- ◎ Received an average of 50% or above in the course during the regular school year.
- or
- ◎ Scored 50% or above on the final exam for the intended course.

Families can register for summer school directly with the

SHS main office of by contacting Jade Costello at jcostello@ssdvt.org. Payment must be made, in full, prior to the start of the class. Once a student begins a course, no refunds will be given.

Attendance is essential because of the short, intensive nature of the summer school program. Students are expected to attend regularly. A student who misses more than two classes for any reason will receive no credit for the course. Three separate tardy arrivals will count as one absence. Tardiness of more than half of the class period will count as an absence.

If you are interested in recovering credits this summer, but do not meet the eligibility requirements for summer school, families should contact their students' counselor to inquire about available alternatives.

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Attention Juniors

Don't wait to begin your college planning

Now is the time for juniors to begin college visits and applications. Aim to get the first draft of your college essay(s) done this summer before the rush of the school year begins!

As students begin to navigate the college search and application process, it may be helpful to check out the various resources available at VSAC.org. VSAC also

offers a number of tools directly related to career-readiness and exploration.

The two dates for Fall SAT's are can be seen in the chart to the right. Please go on to collegeboard.com to sign up for these dates. If you are planning to take the ACT's, be sure to register at actstudent.org.

Naviance for Students & Parents

Personalize Your Learning Experience

Just a reminder of the great tool that Springfield High School students and families have at their fingertips.

Naviance is a program that offers career and college readiness tools to students. This program is also being used for the creation of Personalized Learning Plans (PLP's) for students in grades 7-12. All high school students currently have accounts and have worked hard in recent months to begin building their plan to personalize their learning. Springfield High School

offers a variety of learning experiences to students – including traditional classes, technical center programs, dual enrollment and advanced placement courses, online course options, internships, work-based learning, etc. These PLP's are live documents that will be updated throughout each year in order to reflect student goals and achievements. Students, teachers, counselors and parents will use this as a tool when they connect about student progress and future

Register		
Upcoming Tests		
Today is Tuesday, June 16, 2015		
Date	Deadline*	Status
Oct 3	Sep 3	Register Now
	Sep 22	Register Late Phone/ Online
Nov 7	Oct 9	Register Now
	Oct 27	Register Late Phone/ Online

* Deadlines expire at midnight, EDT (U.S.).
[More Test Dates](#)
[Test Fees](#)

plans. Naviance provides some excellent career and learning style inventories, a four-year course planning tool, strength explorers, and many other tools built directly into this platform. If you have time this summer, explore the tools available in Naviance. Please go to <https://connection.naviance.com/springfieldhs> to log in to your account. If you experience trouble accessing your Naviance account, please contact Patty Davenport or Jade Costello.

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2015-2016 Student Schedules

Schedules will be mailed in August

The master schedule for the 2015-2016 school year has been created and student schedules have been built based on

individual requests. For the past several weeks, counselors have been meeting with students to resolve any conflicts in their schedules. These schedules will be mailed out to students and families in August, along with a letter stating the days and times

that counselors are available to meet prior to the start of the school year.

If you would like to meet with your child's counselor during this time, please call the counseling office to schedule an appointment.

Junior Book Awards

Congratulations to the following students

Each year the counselors are sent nomination forms in order to recognize our school's top juniors for their achievement and dedication to academics and community throughout their three years in high school. Some of

these awards come in the form of merit-based scholarships and others are simply a recognition for the student's accomplishments while in high school. Each year the nomination process gets more and more difficult as our students

strive for excellence both in the classroom and in the community. Below are your recipients of the 2015 Junior Book Awards.

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Dartmouth Book Award

- Ian Morvan

Clarkson School Scholars Award

- Kauhner Hunter

High Point Junior Scholars Award Nominations

- Alexis Bellows
- Alexa Reichard
- Kelsey Gould
- Laurana Slobodnjak

High Point Junior Scholars Award Recipient

- Kelsey Gould

Elmira College Key Award

- Samantha Metcalf

Saint Lawrence University Book Award

- Sage Scheffler

Saint Michael's College Book Award

- Ryan Cooney
- Hannah Morancy

RIT Creativity & Innovation Award

- Elliot Thompson

Clarkson University Leadership Award

- Larry "Tre" Ayer

Smith College Book Award

- Faith Scott

The Sage Student Award

- Jade Twombly
- Benjamin Tubbs

Wellesley College Book Award

- Elizabeth Mackenzie

RIT Computing Award

- Bryn Hemmings

Wells 21st Century Leadership Award

- Lillianna Moore

Clarkson University Achievement Award

- Parker Day

St. Thomas University High School Book Award

- Rena Lirakis