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Seymour High School Newsletter



Seymour High School provides students with an **Opportunity** to develop the skills necessary to attain **Wisdom**, to appreciate **Learning**, and to experience **Success** in an every-changing, global society.



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OWLS WILL!

SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Owls



Welcome back SHS students, faculty and families. Happy New Year! Our first semester was very difficult as we were forced to say goodbye too soon to two SHS teachers, Mr. Wischmeier and Mr. Brown. We also celebrated our beloved Mr. Prange's unexpected retirement and we continue to wish the ultimate Owl well in his fight.

Through all of the adversity, our students were resilient as ever raising over 24K for Riley Children's Hospital, students were commended by the College Board as National Merit Scholar award winners, community partnerships with JCIDC and Ivy Tech prepared students for mock interviews and career prep experiences, SHS teachers worked tirelessly to maximize knowledge and utilization of the Universal Design for Learning educational framework to accommodate individual learning differences, students participated in successful athletic seasons, arts, clubs, and community service projects. All the while, they've been tremendously focused in the classroom on being career and college ready taking full advantage of the 31 different next level programs of study offered to our students. There are so many wonderful opportunities for students at Seymour High School and we are so very proud of our students and staff.

We are nearing a few more milestones in the construction project. Students who participate in Family and Consumer Science programs of study will be treated to the opening of new classrooms and state of the art food, demonstration and sewing labs to start the semester. Our former cafeteria and kitchen has been renovated and repurposed to provide the space and opportunity to our students. The new band facility could be turned over to our students and staff by the end of the month with the choir facility to follow a month later. Additional special needs classrooms, including an outdoor exercise courtyard, should also become available to our students within the next month. The entire project is slated to be completed prior to the start of the 2024-25 school year.

There is always a lot going on at SHS. We encourage you to stay tuned in to all of the different happenings and milestones along the way. We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, February 21 (4:00-7:30 pm). Please feel free to give us a call at (812) 522-4384 if you have any questions. Go Owls.

Steve Bush
Principal



STUDENT SERVICES

Counselors

Mrs. Nikki Storey: A-B

Mrs. Kaitlyn Ude: C-F

Ms. Katelyn Hooten: G-K

Mrs. Holly Cornn: L-O

Mr. Randy Fife: P-Sa

Mr. Jeff Kolish: Sb-Z



Be sure to visit the 'Financial Aid and Scholarship' tab under 'Student Services' on the SHS website for more information and opportunities.

ATTENDANCE



MATTERS

Your attendance matters at SHS!
If you must miss school, please be sure that a parent/guardian calls into our Attendance line (#2) to report those absences to Mrs. Kaiser!

JANUARY

Important Dates

- Friday, January 5th - Teacher Day
- Monday, January 8th - First Student Day
- Friday, January 12th - Report Cards Sent Home
- Monday, January 15th - MLK Jr. Day; No School/Snow Make Up Day
- Saturday, January 27th - ISSMA Band District Solo/Ensemble @ CEHS

FEBRUARY

Important Dates

- Wednesday, February 7th - C4 Field Trip for Sophomores
- Saturday, February 10th - ACT
- Saturday, February 17th - Winter Dance at 8:00pm!
- Wednesday, February 21st - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30pm
- Thursday, February 22nd - Pops/Winter Concert @ 7:00pm (ALL BANDS)
- Saturday, February 24th - ISSMA Band State Solo/Ensemble @ North Central

MARCH

Important Dates

- Saturday, March 9th - SAT
- Friday, March 15th - Report Cards Issued
- Monday, March 18th ~ Friday, March 22nd - SPRING BREAK; No School
- Tuesday, March 26th - FAFSA Completion Night at 6:00pm
- Friday, March 29th - Good Friday; No School/Snow Make Up Day

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FAFSA

Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should have opened on or around December 31st, 2023. The FAFSA form is an application for federal student aid. Filling it out can help students pay for college or career school. The state of Indiana is also now requiring that every senior file the FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov. Step 1: Create an FSA ID. Please note: Parents or guardians of students who have a sibling who has already attended college may already have an FSA ID. It may take a few days to get your FSA ID after creating it so plan ahead. Step 2: Complete the FAFSA Step 3: Ensure that the information is accurate and you get a confirmation email.

FAFSA Completion Night for Seniors and Families

If you need help finalizing your Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), join us on Tuesday, March 26th from 6-7:30 at Seymour High School. Experts from INvestEd will be present to answer your questions and assist you in completing the FAFSA which is now required for all Indiana seniors. Visit studentaid.gov and INvestEd Indiana for additional information on completing the FAFSA.



ATHLETICS

www.seymourathletics.com

Be sure to visit our website for all athletic events!



Attention Spring Athletes

Be prepared for your Spring sport.. now!

Make sure you are registered on FinalForms or your FinalForms registration is up to date.

You will need to make sure your sport is checked in your registration for all forms to open for e-signing.

The Athletic Department must have a completed IHSA physical form on file dated after 4/1/23.

Remember, you must earn 6 credits the grading period before your sport to be eligible to play!

If you need assistance, please see Shirley Knecht in the AD office.

GO OWLS!

SOPHOMORES - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN C4?

There will be a C4 field trip on **Wednesday, February 7th** for any sophomores interested in adding a C4 program to their schedule.

Permission slips will be sent out soon!

Please reach out to your counselor with any questions.

EXCITING NEW ADDITION FOR STUDENT SERVICES

SHS is excited to welcome Lyndsey Poole to our building starting Monday, January 8. Lyndsey is a licensed mental health clinician through Centerstone. She will be with us full time for the Spring semester. Lyndsey will be working side by side with staff and counselors to help students that have been identified as needing extra support in a variety of areas. Those areas might include substance abuse prevention and education, work with communication and interpersonal skills, and/or assistance with coping skills for a variety of mental health issues.



THE ULTIMATE OWL



Mr. Prange went out in STYLE!

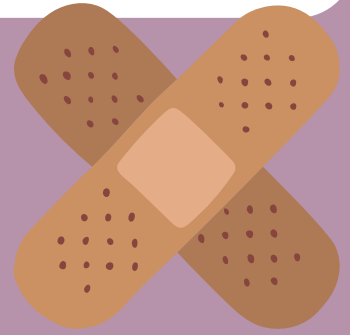
We have had the best time celebrating and honoring our favorite Owl - the Prange Parade, signed jersey, SHS Wall of Fame, and road sign on the SHS campus are just a few celebrations among many others.

Thank you for your 40+ years of dedication to Seymour High School!



FROM THE NURSE'S STATION

SCHOOL NURSE NEWS



We hope that you all had a very restful and fun Holiday Break!

Now that we are all back together there are some important things to remember from the Indiana Department of Health.

- Many different viruses spread during the winter including those that cause flu, COVID-19 and RSV.
- More time indoors contributes to the spread of viruses.
- Vaccinations are available to protect against all of these viruses.
- Consider vaccination as an important step to protect yourself and others from significant illness this winter.

IF YOU BECOME ILL

- Stay home and avoid contact with others especially those at risk for significant illness.
- Cover cough and sneezes.
- Cough in your sleeve
- Wearing a mask can help reduce the spread of respiratory illness.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, germs spread very easily this way.
- Wash your hands frequently especially after you cough, use the restroom, or touch your face or nose. Always wash your hands before eating.
- Take care of yourself and those around you!

JANUARY IS NATIONAL WINTER SPORTS TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

- TBI is the leading cause of death for people under age 44.
- Take proper safety precautions for the winter sport that you participate in to prevent traumatic brain injuries.
- Wear protective gear while skiing, snowboarding, playing ice hockey and other sports where you are likely to fall or get with a hard object.
- Even walking or running on snow or ice can be dangerous so always walk or run with care on any slippery surface.

CONGRATULATIONS to our **CNA Graduates of Fall 2023**



Ellah Bridgewater
Tori Hanson
Brenda Mendoza
Mckenzie Pendleton

Sophie Coates
Kaitlyn Hunter
Katherine Otte
Taylor Seniors

First Semester HIGHLIGHTS



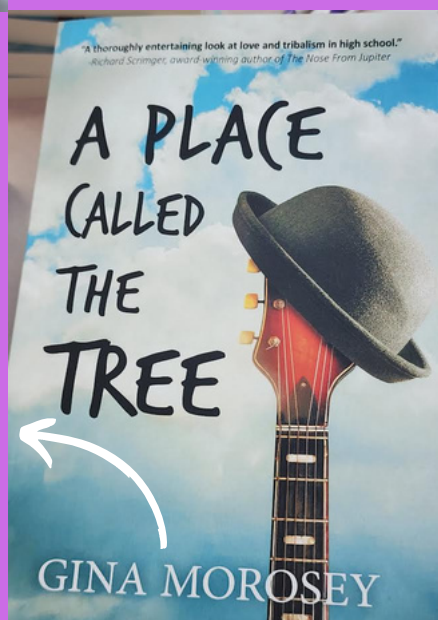
Dance Marathon raised over \$24,000 for Riley Children's Hospital.



A Donation of \$880 was presented to the Jeremy Wischmeier Scholarship Fund from The CARR Club. The funds were raised from The Jeremy Wischmeier Memorial Car Show in October. Thank you to all who donated. Picture L-R is Bryson Russell, Denise Wischmeier, Connol Killion, Wyatt Wischmeier and Zoe Wischmeier.

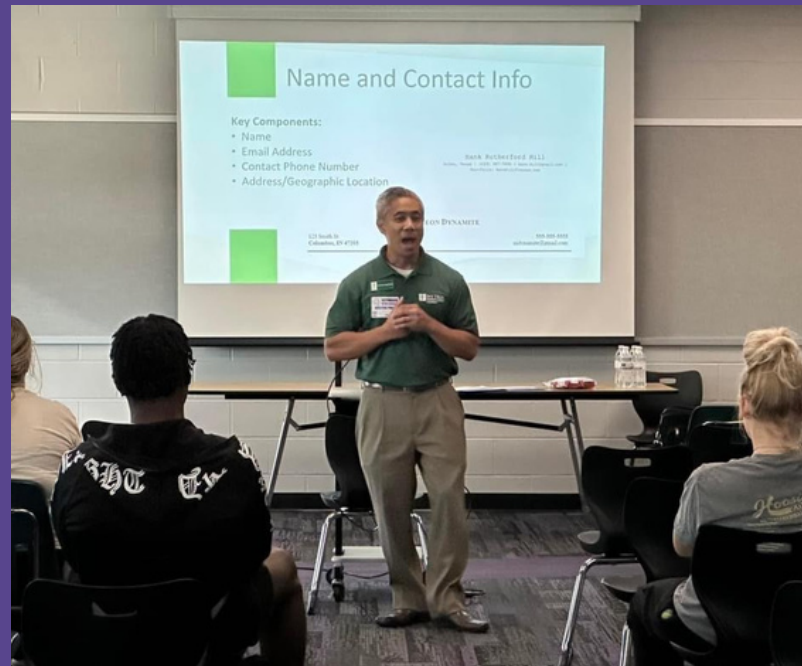
SHS Media Center hosted an author visit in December. 2009 SHS graduate, Gina Morosey, wrote her first novel "A Place Called The Tree."

During her visit, she signed copies and met with students interested in reading her book. She will return later this month for a book discussion and her sequel will be released later in the year.



Senior Seminar

Seymour High School was featured in The Tribune last Fall for its first year partnering with Ivy Tech-Columbus to provide students additional in-depth, real-world career preparation experience to prepare them for their next steps after graduation.



There were two Career Day events for all 350 seniors in which career specialists from the Ivy Tech Columbus Ivy+Career Link team and other college officials helped seniors prepare for their senior interviews that took place in late October.

During these events, the students learned how to build an effective resume, gained an understanding of the different types of interview styles and how to prepare for each, practiced professional communication skills for the workplace, explored what skills today's employers are looking for in employees, and participated in other career-focused activities with a variety of college faculty and staff.

This was an excellent opportunity for our seniors and a wonderful start to our school year. We look forward to more of these events in the future!

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OCTOBER

Agriculture - Faith Ledbetter
Visual Arts - Dorismar Ortiz
Business - Samantha Spangle
English - Gavin Leavy
FACS - Marisol Vicente Francisco
Health - Brooke Davis
Math - Brandon Roblero
Music - Jordan Stevens
Physical Education - Paycie Brock
Principal's Choice - Maria Martin Gaspar
Principal's Choice - Keagan Gagner
Science - Jacob Loebker
Social Studies - Ana Sebastian-Baltazar
Technology - Chaze Combs
Weights/Conditioning - Jose Parra-Rosario
World Languages - Kellan Stanfield

NOVEMBER

Agriculture - Marlene Diaz
Visual Arts - Alexander Franklin
Business - Kaydan Noblitt
English - Betzabe Santiago-Rodriguez
FACS - Ivy Ye
Health - Brittany Zink
Math - Oliver Williams
Music - Elise Hartung
Physical Education - Spencer Walker
Principal's Choice - Mia Arrona Olvera
Principal's Choice - Yesica Juan-Tomas
Science - Isabelle Foley
Social Studies - Savannah Easterday
Technology - Tristan Dowell
Weights/Conditioning - Owen Kruse
World Languages - Gunnar Gorbett

DECEMBER

Agriculture - Morgan Waskom
Visual Arts - Jennifer Diego
Business - Carter Baxter
English - Hannah Baker
FACS - Addyson Castetter
Health - Blayke Chase
Math - Charlie Rockey
Music - Ben Beavers
Physical Education - Emanuel Hernandez
Principal's Choice - Ange Lafleur
Principal's Choice - Machy Burton
Science - Francisco Reyes
Social Studies - Emilee Followell
Technology - Marcos Augusto Baltazar
Weights/Conditioning - Mason Nugent
World Languages - Sydney Bush

Congratulations!



Athens, Florence & Rome

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June 09 - June 18, 2025

Day 1 Start tour

Day 2 Yassou Athens

Meet your tour director and check into hotel
Athens city walk : Plaka district, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch

Day 3 Athens landmarks

Athens guided sightseeing tour: Parthenon, Acropolis site visit, Temple of Athena Nike, Omonoia Square, Syntagma Square, 2004 Olympic site

Day 4 Athens--Delphi

Cape Sounion guided excursion
Travel to Delphi

Day 5 Delphi--Patras

Delphi guided sightseeing tour : Delphi site visit, Temple of Apollo
Travel to Patras
Overnight Ferry to Ancona

Day 6 Ancona--Florence

Travel to Florence

Day 7 Florence landmarks

Florence guided walking sightseeing tour with Whisper headsets:
Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, Chiesa di Santa Croce, Ponte Vecchio, Duomo visit, Leather Workshop, Gates of Paradise, Giotto's Bell Tower, Dante's House
Optional Pisa guided excursion : Baptistry visit, Leaning Tower

Day 8 Florence--Rome

Travel to Rome
Ancient Rome guided walking sightseeing tour with Whisper headsets:
Colosseum visit, Forum Romanum visit, Piazza Venezia

Day 9 Vatican City

Vatican City guided walking sightseeing tour with Whisper headsets:
Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel visit, St. Peter's Basilica visit

Day 10



Reserve Your Spot!



Tour Center ID: Robinson-3358
Registration deadline: November 16, 2023

What's included

We provide everything you need for a remarkable trip:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 overnight stays (9 with extension) in hotels with private bathrooms
- 1 overnight stay in cabins on ferry
- Full European breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-time services of a professional tour director
- Guided sightseeing tours & city walks as per itinerary
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- Tour Diary™
- Local Guide and Local Bus Driver tips; see note regarding other important tips
- Note: On arrival day only dinner is provided; on departure day, only breakfast is provided
- Note: Tour cost does not include airline-imposed baggage fees, or fees for any required passport or visa. Optional excursions, optional pre-paid Tour Director and multi-day bus driver tipping, among other individual and group customizations will be listed as separate line items in the total trip cost, if included.

Tour investment

Students (travelers under the age of 23): \$4,336
Adults (age 23 and over): \$4,846

Price reflects savings of \$200 scholarship. Sign up by 11/16/2023 & enter code 2025EarlySavings in order to take advantage of this limited-time offer!

Automatic monthly payment plan

Pay just \$50 upon enrollment and the balance will be divided into equal monthly payments, charged automatically to your credit card or checking account. As of November 07, 2023, your monthly payment would be just \$252.12. (Manual plan also available; learn more on explorica.com/paymentplans.)

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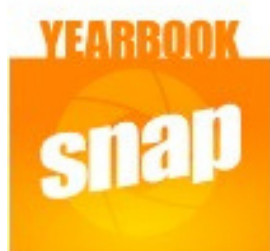
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