

# OWL EXPRESS

## *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*



October 2023

The leaves are starting to change, the nights are getting cooler, and the days are getting shorter. We have just finished a round of parent/teacher conferences at Seymour High School. Parent/teacher conferences are not the only way to contact your students' teachers. Please use email, telephone, or Harmony Portal to stay in touch with your students' grades. If you would like to meet with a teacher, please contact student services at 522-4384.

It's hard to believe that we are talking about graduation already, but seniors will soon meet with representatives to order graduation announcements and caps and gowns. Seniors will also participate in mock interviews next month. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to gain experience by talking to experts in their chosen field. The SHS band tour will be October 16.

**October 24 will be a special day for us. 9th grade students will stay home on that day and participate in eLearning. 10th and 11th grade students will come to school and take the PSAT test, 12th grade students will have several options. Some will go on college visits, some will participate in job shadows, and some will do volunteer work. Seniors will complete a Google form indicating their choice.**

Some upcoming events for the month of October:

October 6	End of 1st nine weeks
October 7	SAT at SHS
October 7	Oktoberfest Parade
October 13	First Quarter Report Cards distributed in class.
October 16	Senior meeting with Herff Jones
October 18-20	Fall Break. No School.
October 24	9th eLearning, 10th and 11th grade PSAT, 12th grade college visit, job shadow, volunteer
October 25	Seniors order graduation announcements/cap and gown measurement
October 28	ACT given at SHS
October 30	Senior interviews begin

I would like to emphasize this point again. Parents, when dropping off students for school, please use Entrance/Exit 3 and Exit 1 only. Entrance/Exit 2 is intended for student use only. Minimizing the left hand turns into the student parking lot off of northbound Community Drive will help keep traffic moving and the road clear. Please remember that for safety reasons, Exit 1 is a RIGHT TURN ONLY exit.

**Also, if your child is going to miss school, please notify us as soon as you know of the absence so that we can excuse the absence. Call us at 812-522-4384 and choose option 2 or extension 1600. Having the absence excused in advance will prevent the student from being marked UNEXCUSED because we are unaware of why the student is missing.**

As always, if you have any questions, please give us a call or an email. We are ready to help.

Greg Prange  
Principal



# STUDENT SERVICES

1. Seniors and Parents: As we receive information about scholarships, we post those to our website. Please visit this page frequently to find new scholarship postings.

2. **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®):** The General Assembly has recently passed legislation requiring all high school senior families to complete the FAFSA. This year the application process will be simplified, however details are not yet available from the federal government. We will send out information about completing the FAFSA as soon as details are made available. [Click here](#) for more information about the FAFSA and to get started creating your FSA ID which is required when completing the FAFSA.

3. Junior and Seniors are invited to register for our College Visits @ SHS. We have several college representatives who are scheduled to visit SHS during SRT throughout September, October and November. Juniors and Seniors are invited to register for these 30 minute meetings to get a quick overview of colleges. Students should check their Google Classroom for invitations to register. We have already had visits from Indiana State University, IU Indianapolis and Ball State. Upcoming visits include:

10/9 IU Columbus

10/12 University of Indianapolis

10/23 Purdue Polytechnic

10/25 Anderson University

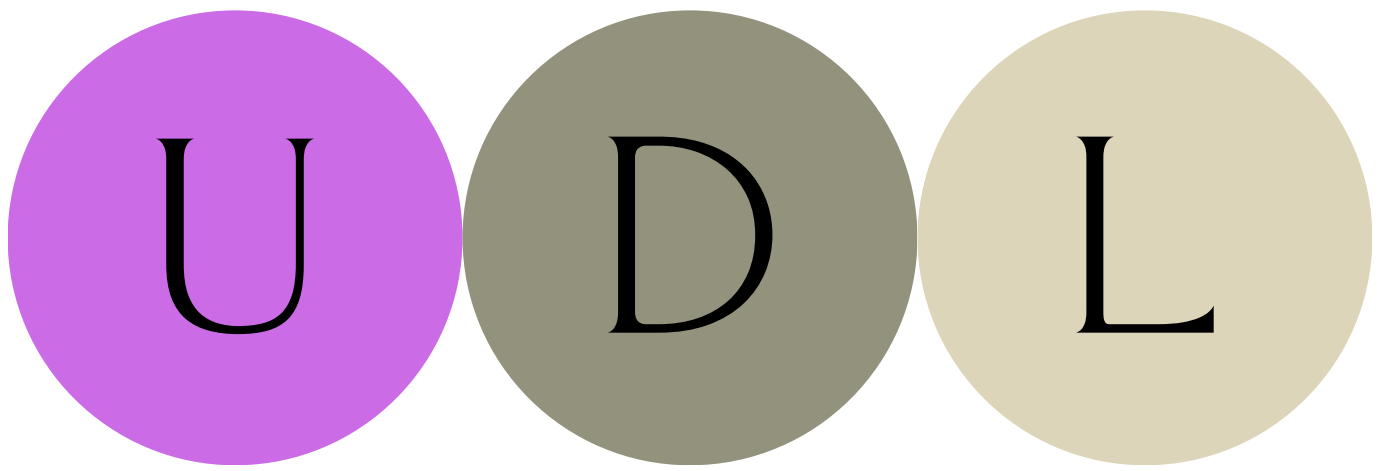
10/30 IU Southeast

11/8 Marian University

11/15 University of Alabama

11/16 Hanover College

4. Several Indiana colleges, including IU Bloomington and Purdue, have an early application deadline of November 1st. When applying by November 1st you may have access to a wider range of scholarship opportunities offered by these colleges than if you apply at a later date. If your student plans to attend college next fall, now is the time to apply.



## *Universal Design for Learning*

### *Cultivating a Sense of Belonging for All Students*

Seymour High School is implementing Universal Design for Learning (UDL), a proven framework for creating learning experiences that are accessible to and inclusive of all learners. It is based on the idea that everyone learns differently, and that we can design instruction to provide multiple ways for students to access and demonstrate knowledge.

UDL has three main principles:

- Provide multiple means of representation: This means 1) presenting information in a variety of ways, such as through text, images, audio, and video; as well as 2) providing students with options to learn the information or skill, such as offering a choice to work in groups or individually, or allowing them to use different tools and materials to create their work.
- Provide multiple means of action and expression: This means giving students multiple ways to demonstrate what they know, such as through writing, speaking, drawing, or creating. This can be done by providing students with different types of writing prompts, offering them opportunities to work in groups or individually, or allowing them to use different tools and materials to create their work.
- Provide multiple means of engagement: This means creating learning experiences that are motivating and interesting to all students. This can be done by using games, simulations, or other active learning strategies, or by incorporating student interests into the curriculum.

# OCTOBER

## *Important Dates*

- End of the Grading Period: October 6th
- SAT at SHS: October 7th
- Report Cards Distributed: October 13th
- Senior Class Meeting: October 16th
- 4H Open House (BCHS) – October 16th
- Math League Contest (3:00–4:00): October 17th  
Anyone is welcome to attend.
- Fall Break – No School: October 18th – 20th
- October 24th: 9th eLearning,  
10th and 11th grade PSAT, 12th grade college  
visit/job shadow/volunteer.
- Announcement/Cap and Gown Order:  
October 25th
- ACT at SHS: October 28th
- Senior Interviews Begin: October 30th and 31st
- Musical Tech Week Begins: October 30th



# NOVEMBER

## *Important Dates*

- Senior Interviews Continued:  
November 1st – 3rd
- SAT: November 4th
- Election Day: November 7th
- Veterans Day: November 11th
- Choir Musical: November 9th – 11th
- Math League Contest (3:00-4:00): November 14th – Anyone is welcome to attend.
- Jazz Ensemble Concert: November 15th
- Dance Marathon: November 18th
- Thanksgiving Break  
No School: November 22nd – 24th
- Thanksgiving: November 23rd

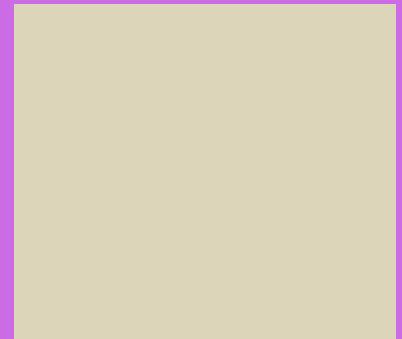




# DECEMBER

## *Important Dates*

- SAT: December 2nd
- SHS Band Christmas Concert: December 6th
- ACT: December 9th
- Math League Contest (3:00-4:00): December 12th  
Anyone is welcome to attend.
- Final Exams:  
December 18th (Periods 1-4) and 19th (Periods 5-8)
- End of Grading Period: December 19th
- Christmas Break: No School:  
December 21st – January 7th
- Christmas: December 25th



# WORK BASED LEARNING

Any senior who is interested in adding Work Based Learning to their schedule second semester - Please see Mrs. Cathy Reasoner to pick up a WBL application. The application must be completed and turned in no later than October 13th. For those students who meet the October 13th deadline, they will need to pick up a Training Agreement and Training Plan that will need to be completed by parents and employer supervisor. The deadline to turn in the Training Agreement and Training Plan to Mrs. Cathy Reasoner is November 22nd.



*SHS Choral Department Presents:*

## *Footloose*

*Thursday, November 9th - 7:00*

*Friday, November 10th - 7:00*

*Saturday, November 11th - 2:00*

*Saturday, November 11th - 7:00*

*Earl Prout (SHS) Auditorium*



# ATHLETICS

*[www.seymourathletics.com](http://www.seymourathletics.com)*

*Be sure to visit our website for all athletic events!*



## 'CAN DO U'

*Seymour High School introduced our first Can Do U curriculum lesson on Tuesday, September 5th. Can Do U is our new platform for delivering guidance lessons to our students. Video lessons are approximately five minutes long and will be delivered every other week during SRT. Lessons are research-based and focus on building self-awareness, self-management, relationship and decision making skills. Parents can expect to receive updates and/or parent guides throughout the semester about the content of the lessons. Please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Nikki Storey with any questions ([storeyn@scsc.k12.in.us](mailto:storeyn@scsc.k12.in.us)).*

# BAND

## *Important Information*

For many decades, the Seymour Marching Owls & Guard (SMOG) & Basketball Pep Bands have experienced great community support and a loyal following at all home football/basketball games and community events. These groups have developed a tradition of excellence over the years. They are seen and heard by thousands of fans each year. But, did you know that Seymour High School has fantastic concert bands and jazz ensembles that present several concerts each year? These concerts are entertaining, diverse in musical programming, prepared well, and connected to curricular goals each semester. Concerts are a natural celebration after weeks of hard work during the rehearsal process for hundreds of students in the SHS bands. If you have never attended a band concert, or rarely attend, we would like to invite you to our concerts this school year.

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| • OCTOBER 5, THURSDAY    | OKTOBERFEST FALL STREET CONCERT 4:45-5:30 P.M.       |
| • OCTOBER 6, FRIDAY      | SMOG FOOTBALL GAME #5                                |
| • OCTOBER 7, SATURDAY    | OKTOBERFEST PARADE 1:30                              |
| • OCTOBER 30, MONDAY     | HALLOWEEN PARADE, 5:40 P.M. @ POST OFFICE            |
| • NOVEMBER 15, WEDNESDAY | JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT, SHS, 7:00 P.M.                |
| • DECEMBER 6, WEDNESDAY  | CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT, 7:00 P.M. (ALL BANDS)        |
| • FEBRUARY 22, THURSDAY  | POPS CONCERT BAND, 7:00 P.M. (ALL BANDS)             |
| • APRIL 19, FRIDAY       | ISSMA DISTRICT CONCERT BAND CONTEST, COLUMBUS NORTH  |
| • APRIL 24, WEDNESDAY    | JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT WITH SMS JAZZ BAND, 7:00 P.M.  |
| • MAY 1, WEDNESDAY       | SPRING BAND CONCERT WITH SMS GRADE 8, 7:00 P.M.      |
| • JUNE 2, SUNDAY         | COMMENCEMENT CONCERT 1:45 P.M. SHS GYM (ALL IN 9-11) |

### Quick band facts:

Three SHS band directors, Mr. Cottrill, Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Carroll. 225 students participate in band at SHS. Band is a year-long season. It never ends but it changes to another musical genre. Marching season changes to concert band, concert band coincides with basketball pep band and jazz band, solo and ensemble preparation happens in December/January. Most band students will perform several hundred pieces of music in four years. Many band students know how to play more than one instrument. Of the 225 band students, nearly 100 participate in at least one sport at SHS. If you are interested in joining band in 2023-24, contact Mr. Cottrill [cottrillk@scsc.k12.in.us](mailto:cottrillk@scsc.k12.in.us)

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## AUGUST

- Agriculture - Hannah Reedy
- Visual Arts - Doris Iscoa Pineda
- Business - Averie Linville
- English - Jonathan Scott
- FACS - Tatiana Stalker
- Health - Javier Roblero-Bautista
- Math - Sophie Skidmore
- Music - Lucas Jablonski
- Physical Education - Ian Williams
- Principal's Choice - Kimberly Salas-Cazares
- Principal's Choice - Apolonia Noemi Sebastian Juan
- Science - Kayla Martinez
- Social Studies - Rene Clemente-Cordoba
- Technology - Jadrix Zumhingst
- Weights/Conditioning - Xavier Dubois
- World Languages - Norah Campbell

## SEPTEMBER

- Agriculture - Kaylee Gerbig
- Visual Arts - Kelsie Napier
- Business - Cohl Moore
- English - Salvador Mendez
- FACS - Yuki Kawai
- Health - Rayne Booker
- Math - Addie Norman
- Music - Bryce Peters
- Physical Education - Erik Pascual Baltazar
- Principal's Choice - Brenda Miguel Gaspar
- Principal's Choice - Ana Pascual
- Science - Jada Barker
- Social Studies - Cayli Cooper
- Technology - Bryson Russell
- Weights/Conditioning - Shana Spray
- World Languages - Ismael Santiago Cruz

*Congratulations!*