

# 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*



Dear Seymour High School parents and guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for all that you do to partner with our school and take advantage of the many wonderful opportunities our staff provides. Your involvement and support are invaluable in creating a positive educational experience for our students.

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of finishing strong. Encourage your children to stay focused and dedicated to their studies, as this will ensure their success not only in the current semester but also in their future endeavors.

On Monday, April 8th, we will be having an Asynchronous E-learning day. The building and grounds will be closed as Seymour anticipates great fanfare for the total eclipse. In addition, I am excited to inform you about an upcoming Career and College Transition Fair on April 17th. This event will provide our students with the chance to explore various career paths, interact with professionals, and learn about college opportunities. It's an excellent chance for them to gain insights into their future goals and make informed decisions about their education and career choices.

Stay tuned for more information regarding end of year AP testing, ILEARN Biology, Final Exams and more. We look forward to spring choir and band performances, spring athletics seasons, Seymour Scholars Dinner, Honor Day, graduation day and all of the exciting activities that will help bring the 2023-24 school year to a close.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and continuous partnership. Together, we can ensure that our students receive the best education possible and are well-prepared for their next steps beyond high school. I am grateful to be a part of such a supportive community. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to assist you and your children in any way possible.

Warm regards,

Steve Bush  
Principal, Seymour High School

# APRIL

## *Important Dates*

- Monday, April 8 - E-Learning Day (Solar Eclipse)
- Saturday, April 13 - ACT
- Saturday, April 13 - PROM
- Monday, April 15 - Indiana State University Visit (SRT)
- Wednesday, April 17 - Senior Meeting, 10:00
- Wednesday, April 17 - College and Career Transition Fair
- Friday, April 19 - ISSMA Concert Band Contest for Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble
- Tuesday, April 30 - Graduation Cap/Gown Pickup

# MAY

## *Important Dates*

- Wednesday, May 1 - Spring Band Concert with SMS 8th Grade, 7:00 in the SHS Auditorium
- Thursday, May 2 - Ivy Tech ASAP Program Visit (SRT)
- Saturday, May 4 - SAT
- Wednesday, May 15 - Senior Dinner 7:00, Pines Evergreen Room
- Thursday, May 16 - Choir Award Cook-Out
- Friday, May 17 - Honor Day, 8:45
- Friday, May 17 - Graduation Practice, 1:00
- Monday, May 20 - Band Awards Night, 7:00
- Tuesday, May 21 - SENIOR DUES, \$40 to the Main Office
- Wednesday, May 22 - Finals (Purple 1-4)
- Thursday, May 23 - Finals (White 5-8)
- Thursday, May 23 - Last Student Day
- Sunday, June 2 - Commencement Concert, 1:45
- Sunday, June 2 - Graduation, 2:30



# 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

It's not too late!

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

## REMINDER: CELL PHONES

- STUDENTS ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO HAVE THEIR CELL PHONE BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL HOURS AND DURING THEIR LUNCH.
- PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD NOT TEXT OR CALL STUDENTS DURING CLASS.
  - IF A STUDENT NEEDS TO LEAVE FOR AN APPOINTMENT, A GUARDIAN MUST CALL THE ATTENDANCE LINE (#2) AND MRS. KAISER WILL CALL THE CLASSROOM FOR THE STUDENT.

# 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](http://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.





# January-March **HIGHLIGHTS**



THE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM  
CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST HHC  
CHAMPIONSHIP WIN IN  
SCHOOL HISTORY!



FFA MEMBERS PLACED  
4TH OVERALL IN THE  
SOUTH CENTRAL  
INDIANA ENVIROTHON CONTEST!



STUDENTS AND STAFF ENJOYED OUR  
ANNUAL ACADEMIC CONVO!  
SHOUT OUT TO THE COMMITTEE FOR  
A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE.



GET READY  
FOR THE..

**BEST.  
NIGHT.  
EVER!**



SHS Prom  
Saturday, April 13th  
7:00-10:00  
Celebrations Hall  
Seymour, Indiana

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## JANUARY

Agriculture - Brylee Brewer  
Visual Arts - Brooklyn Cockerham  
Business - Olivia Clark  
English - Lauren Schepman  
FACS - Lauren Dowell  
Health - Pascual Pablo Mateo  
Math - Jennifer Baltazar Pascual  
Music - Teylor VonDielingen  
Physical Education - Tristen Shuffitt  
Principal's Choice - Esban Diego Antonio  
Principal's Choice - Matthew Carroll  
Science - Shunsuke Takeuchi  
Social Studies - Priya Singh  
Technology - Jacob Dahlquist  
Weights/Condition. - Hayden Alcorn  
World Languages - Mckenzie Davis

## FEBRUARY

Agriculture - Mario Martinez Salas  
Visual Arts - Fabianca Michel  
Business - Leah Bruner  
English - Rochiely Zarate-Gibson  
FACS - Alexis Tyler  
Health - Kailey Ginger  
Math - Vanessa Blanco Mendoza  
Music - Daniela Rodriguez  
Physical Education - Blake Stainbrook  
Principal's Choice - Willy Sebastian Juan  
Principal's Choice - Braden Richey  
Science - Claire Urbanski  
Social Studies - Alfredo Juan Santiago  
Technology - Ana Hernandez Martin  
Weights/Condition. - Larry Simons  
World Languages - Briley Compton

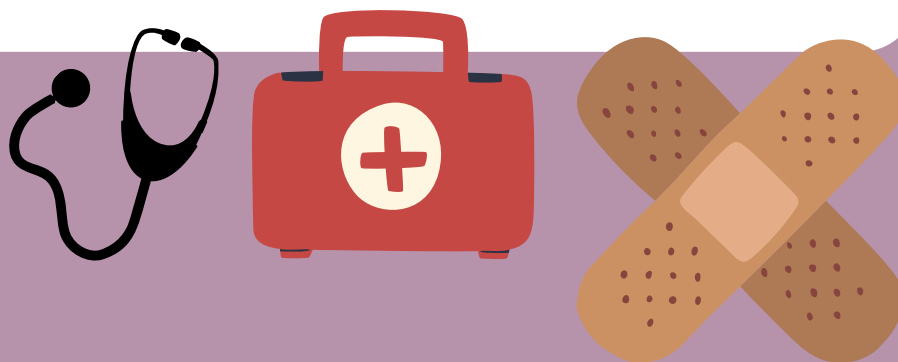
## MARCH

Agriculture - Christopher Garcia  
Visual Arts - Trenace Booker  
Business - Cheyanne Givens  
English - Addi Reece  
FACS - Kamryn Aynes  
Health - Xainder Wayt  
Math - William Vicente Juan  
Music - Alvaro Bornot Molina  
Physical Education - Dorphendy Eliacin  
Principal's Choice - Ana Nicolas Domingo  
Principal's Choice - Karsen Allman  
Science - Brian Waltermire  
Social Studies - Claire Sanders  
Technology - Drake Burkhardt  
Weights/Condition. - Wyatt Hartley  
World Languages - Lilli Williams

*Congratulations!*



# FROM THE NURSE'S STATION



## SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

CDC Updated Virus Recommendations which includes COVID Guidance:

- Stay up to date with vaccinations to protect people against serious illness, hospitalization, and death. This includes Flu, COVID-19, and RSV.
- Practice good hygiene by covering coughs and sneezes, washing and sanitizing hands often and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Taking steps for cleaner air, such as bringing in more fresh outside air, purifying indoor air, or gathering outdoors.

When people get sick with a respiratory virus, the updated guidance recommends that they stay home and away from others. For people with COVID-19 and influenza, treatment is available and can lessen symptoms and lower the risk of severe illness. The recommendations suggest returning to normal activities when:

- For at least 24 hours symptoms are improving
- If a fever was present, it has been gone for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Once people can return to normal activity, they are encouraged to take additional prevention strategies for the next 5 days such as wearing a well-fitting mask, enhancing hygiene practices, keeping a distance from others, and/or getting tested for respiratory viruses.

Please review these information sheets provided from the Indiana Department of Health and the Indiana Department of Education. This information will help parents decide whether or not your student is well enough to attend school.

## IMMUNIZATIONS

IC 20-34-4 requires that all children enrolled in an accredited school shall have the required immunizations. Now is a good time to review your child's immunization records and make an appointment for your child to receive needed vaccinations for the next school year. You can make an appointment at your doctor's office or at the Jackson County Health Department for your child to receive these vaccinations. Appointment times fill up quickly especially at the end of the summer.

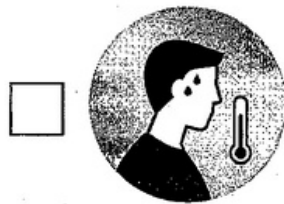
Jackson County Health Department's phone number is 812-522-6667. You will need to call for an appointment.

# SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

Please review these immunization charts for more information regarding general wellness and screening guidance.

## General Wellness Screening for Parents

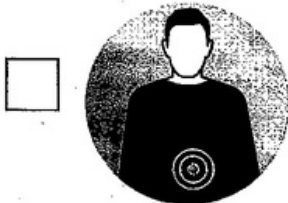
Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:



**FEVER 100.4\* OR CHILLS** \*or school board policy if threshold is lower



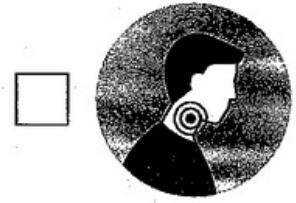
**COUGH\* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH**  
\*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough



**DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN**



**HEADACHE\***  
\*particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever



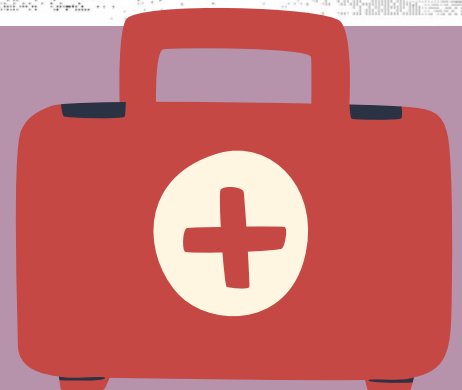
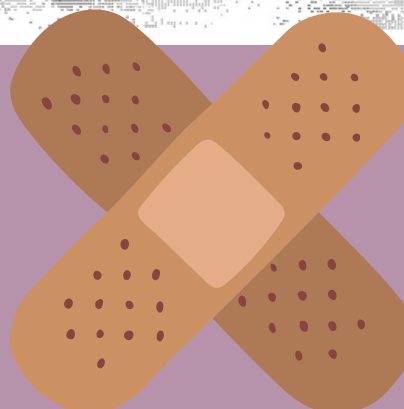
**SORE THROAT**

☐ Does your child have any sign of illness above?

☐ If yes, consider their history. For example, does the child have a chronic health condition (allergies, asthma) that can mimic a viral illness? When in doubt, keep your student home until symptoms improve.

- If you check any of the boxes, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, please keep your student home until they meet the criteria to return to school.
- Follow your school policy for returning to school.

Updated: 9/1/23





## How Sick is too Sick?

This information sheet is designed to be used as a general guidance for parents. If parents have medical questions, they are encouraged to consult with a healthcare provider.

Symptom	Send to School	Keep at Home
<b>Fever</b>	During the past 24 hours, the student's temperature has been below 100.4 degrees and no fever-reducing medication has been taken.	During the past 24 hours, the student's temperature has been more than 100.4 degrees.
<b>Diarrhea</b>	During the past 24 hours, no more than one watery stool has occurred.	During the past 24 hours, more than one watery stool has occurred.
<b>Vomiting</b>	During the past 24 hours, no vomiting has occurred.	During the past 24 hours, vomiting has occurred.
<b>Eye Irritation</b>	Eyes may be itchy, but are not red, crusty, or draining.	Eyes are pink, draining, crusty, itching, painful, sensitive to light, or student has vision changes.
<b>Cough/Runny Nose</b>	Slight cough or runny nose, but no fever, and the student is able to cover cough, blow nose, and wash hands.	Symptoms are severe enough that the student is unable to learn. The student has a fever, or is unable to cover cough, blow nose, or wash hands.
<b>Rash</b>	Rash is not draining or spreading. The student does not have a fever, and symptoms of itching are not severe enough to impede learning.	Rash is bothersome and distracting. The student has a fever or severe itching, or rash is spreading or draining.
<b>Asthma</b>	Symptoms are well controlled, and the student knows when to contact a school adult for assistance or the student has an asthma action plan on file at the school and is following the plan.	Symptoms are not well controlled. The student is not able to recognize when he/she needs assistance, and no asthma action plan is on file at the school.

Updated 6-20-22

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- EVERYONE NEEDS A BOOK OR MAGAZINE OF YOUR CHOICE (SCHOOL APPROPRIATE, OF COURSE) TO READ!
- EVERYONE AT SHS WILL PARTICIPATE!

## Self-selected reading is key to literacy success!



# ATHLETICS

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

Be sure to visit our website for all athletic events!



## 2023-2024 YEARBOOK

Reserve your 2023-2024 yearbook copy before May 1! We cannot guarantee there will be extras available. Buy IN PERSON for \$70 (check to SHS or cash.) See Mrs. Cottrill in room 109 or order ONLINE.

Check out the Deluxe (\$35) and Basic (\$25) bundles to personalize your student's yearbook. I like the Current Events supplement and the plastic cover to protect the book. Add a NAMESTAMP or ICONS to remember your activities at SHS.

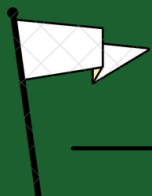
Do you own a business and want easy advertising? Design Your Yearbook Ad and Pay ONLINE! Choose the B/W 1/8 for the \$125 COMBO DEAL: 365 online advertising with The Owl online newspaper and a color business-card-sized ad in the yearbook.

You can do everything from this site:  
DON'T WAIT!



## Community Service Volunteer Hours

The students at Seymour High School have been committed to completing community service hours this year. Collectively, students have a total of **approximately 5,717 hours!** This is quite the accomplishment for our Owls!



Hosted by Global Accent!

# MUNDIALITO

## *Soccer Tournament*

**MAY 11, EL 11 DE  
2024 MAYO**

10:00AM-5:00PM

**SHS  
SOCCER FIELD**

Sign up in room 122 with  
Ms. Guerrero during SRT!

Apuntarse en el salon  
122 con Ms. Guerrero  
durante SRT!



Player fee for Men & Women: **\$10 each**

Precio por jugador: **\$10**