



**SHMS/SHHS's  
Hawk-Eye Newsletter  
"Community Outreach Letter"  
August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

*by P. Brown - G. Moore - T. Ash*

**WELCOME BACK & PROFESSIONALISM:**

We are excited with the start of a new school year and everything related to getting underway. Our facilities have never looked better and we thank Head Custodians Jed Nicholas, Woody Caynor and C.O. Custodial Supervisor Rebecca Jones for their efforts this summer.

We too are excited about continuing to align our programming where an academic focus can be given **"throughout grades 6 – 12"**. We believe the future looks bright for students in the southern end of the county. Please keep in mind every member on our staff has a job because you have children. **Both your and our responsibility is to work collectively together whether in the middle school years or the high school years to provide the best possible education to your children/our students.** Learning does not have to be an unpleasant experience. While difficult, we are determined such will be accomplished through a **"balanced environment of respect"**. If we encounter difficulty with your student concerning respect expect to hear from us – and also, if your child encounters difficulty from one of our staff members, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Ash and I personally expect to be called.

While operational expectations for both middle and high school students are outlined within SHM/HS's 6-8 Agendas and 9-12 Handbooks, we have taken many steps to assist parents to **"stay in touch"** with the learning process – just three examples include: the new CityNet online grade monitoring program, SHHS's Updated Website and SHM/HS's Staff Member email addresses found within multiple documents (*including this issue*). Please take every opportunity to remain involved with your child as he/she progresses through these critical learning years

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In order to ensure our parents/patrons are kept abreast of school developments we mail each edition of our **"Hawk-Eye"** home. We've attempted to streamline SHHS & SHMS address labels so that only one copy goes to each 6-12 family. In eliminating duplicate mailings we can distribute our news to local businesses – churches – senior centers – and our BOE Members. We hope you enjoy this initial issue of the 08-09 School Year.

**NEW 08-09 STAFF MEMBERS:**

**SHHS**

Debbie Bedell, Secretary  
Mindy Larew, Science  
Kristina Robinson, Counselor  
Matthew Knopp, VoAg

**SHMS**

Tracy Ash, Assistant Principal  
Amy Quinn, Sp Ed  
Stanley Lough, Science  
Marcie Boulden, Counselor  
Kelly Rohrbough, English



*A special Welcome Back from long medical absences to  
Linda Nosse and John Carter*



**ONE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM 6-12:**

We are pleased the two buildings have now been linked such that communication can flow from either office to everyone school wide. ***Special Levy Monies made this project possible.***



**OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE:**

On August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. South Harrison’s Student Council will kick off the 08-09 School Year with an orientation of South Harrison Middle & High School Programming. The main meeting will begin in the high school auditorium and then split out into the appropriate 6-8 & 9-12 grade levels. Individuals from Upward Bound, Gear-Up, Guidance, Athletic Boosters and the Administration will speak and answer questions. Refreshments will be provided through Gear-Up and tours conducted by the High School Student Council Members and Middle School Cheerleaders.

**SOUTH HARRISON RECEIVES COVERAGE:**

Harrison County’s Chief Sheriff’s Deputy Albert Marano and Marcel Malfregeot, Safety Director for the HCBOE, recently met with the SHM/HS Administration to “**fine tune**” the multiple details involving a School Safety Officer joining us on campus. Naturally, this program’s agenda is “**student & school safety**”. We are excited about this new resource and ask our students, parents and community to welcome our officer when given the opportunity.



**FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM: This is Important by pbrown!**

So often middle and high school students DO NOT take advantage of the offer of free or reduced meals -- therefore they go around hungry all day. **I want parents to realize no one knows how the expense of your child’s meal is covered. The record keeping of meals is handled either by an optional “finger scan” or by your child providing a “randomly assigned number” to our clerk on the serving line. If parents have not received a letter stating their children have already qualified for free/reduced meals or, if you have not received an application in the mail, please contact our school secretaries (M- Mrs. Smith // H- Mrs. Bedell) or the county office @ 624-3300 asking for Sandy Bartlett. WE WILL MAIL ALL SUCH REQUESTS DIRECTLY TO THE PARENT. Personally I know of very few children who aren’t hungry ALL THE TIME.**



**WOW LOOK @ THE WINDOWS:**

Talk about “**dressing up an older building**”! We are in the process of replacing throughout the academic building – breezeway – shops – and gym, all the “**old aluminum & plastic**” windows with modern units. Not only will circulation, heating and cooling improve but the appearance of the high school will be greatly impacted. **The cost of this project is being paid for with Excess Levy county voters approved two years ago.** We thank the county office for this assistance.

**ATHLETIC FIELD NEARS COMPLETION**



When one depends upon volunteer assistance, projects tend to take a “**little**” longer. Our new soccer field is moving forward and as of this writing we understand the final fill and top soil will be delivered Saturday (08.16.08). Just a few of the individuals and companies who have donated services/materials include Jeff Goldizen (*trucking, site equipment & dirt*), Bernie Bennett (*bulldozer*), J.F. Allen (*loader*), Charlie Smith (*top soil*) and Mike Queen (*trucking*). Additionally, HCBOE appropriated 25,000.00 this year to assist with final positioning/grading/seeding/fertilizing/etc.



**SOMEONE'S TRASH OFTEN IS SOMEONE ELSE'S TREASURE:**

SHHS has a new VoAg teacher this year and he wants to restart our FFA Club of years past. When Mr. Knopp found they were simply going to junk all the aluminum frames from our old windows he asked if he might recycle the material. Matt's been busy these past few days removing the glass and hauling the frames to a salvage company. We'll keep you posted on what kind of money is raised for Mr. Knopp's FFA Program.

**WARN CALLING SYSTEM: *Instant Communication with Homes & Parents***

In order to be able to contact parents in an emergency the county has purchased a system that will "roam through" those phone numbers parents supply the school until the family is reached. This system will be utilized for closing school due to weather, dismissing early, canceling or changing dates or times of athletic or school events, student attendance, etc.

IT IS CRITICAL that families use the "[COMBO Form](#)" in this Newsletter to provide the school with their latest contact numbers. If there is a divorce situation where the student resides at two locations list all numbers --- the system will alert both families.

**WV Safe Schools Help Line**

This 24-hour, free number is for everyone in West Virginia. It can be reached from in-state and out-of-state. When calling the helpline, a person answers not a recording. Operators will remind callers not to give information which might identify you. Your identity will be private. Report anything that could harm students, staff or school property. (i.e.: *violence, weapons, threats, thefts or property damage, drug or alcohol abuse, sexual harassment*)

**SCHOOL SPIRIT SHIRTS**

**SHMS maintains a variety of Spirit Clothing – Stop in the middle school office to check out the styles.**

*Quote of the Issue*

*"The strength of the United States is not the gold in Fort Knox or the weapons of mass destruction that we have, but the sum total of the education and the character of our people." Claiborne Pell*

**COMBO FORM**

**This form is our attempt to follow your wishes for a safe and enjoyable year. To guarantee we receive this information we ask families to return this form through the postal system or email. Email addresses are included on the document.**

**Discounts on Prescription Drugs**

The *United Way of Harrison County* has distributed to principals the attached flyer relating to obtaining discounts on prescription drugs. The SHM/HS Administration took a minute to visit the following website and finds this to be a service that can benefit your family. Please take a moment to make yourself familiar with this program.  
<http://www.familywize.org/faqs.aspx>

**Illegal Cyber Use**

Students and parents are reminded the possession of electronic devices in school is acceptable. However, the use of these devices during school hours is prohibited and devices will be taken from students who fail to adhere to this policy. Our building technology supervisors will be sending home a student/parent "**contract of technology use**" for you to review guidelines and provide a signature of understanding.

**Checkout Your School's News @**

Many patrons and educators have commented upon the quality of information listed on SHM/HS's Website. We thank Mrs. Sarah Vincent "**SHHS's Technology Guru**" for this resource. Use the following address to find this "**usable information**" on anything from Scholarships to the Master Calendar of Events to Daily Announcements

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

Please also visit our middle grade's website through a link found on the high school site **or** @

<http://www.harcoboe.com/SouthHarrisonMiddleSchool>

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### **Art Work Display:**

Watch for a new **“Student Art Display Area”** just inside both the high school and middle school’s front entrances. Additionally (*on the high school side*) we will update our **“Pillars of Responsibility”** located in the cafeteria. We thank Art Instructor Kathy Jackson for suggesting these projects.

**AEROSOL ISSUES – NO student or staff member is to have or use any aerosol deodorant, perfume, cleaning agent, air freshener, or any other item contained in an aerosol container. We have a student within the SHMS/HS complex who would experience anaphylactic shock and would need immediate emergency care if aerosols were used in our school.**

### **\$30,000.00 AP Grant Obtained:**

The West Virginia Center for Professional Development has announced South Harrison High School was one of six high schools within our region to receive funding for the establishment/expansion of Advanced Placement Courses. Funding will be used for development of our **“Vertical Team”** including middle & high school personnel; student materials; substitute coverage, Mentor subsidies, etc. We thank Dr. Moore and our staff for pushing for this endeavor.

[Sexual Predator statement in Hawk-Eye - go to state police website](#)

### **Tidbits**

- SHM/HS has received \$25,000.00 from next year’s BOE Budget for the new athletic field’s grading and top soil.
- South Harrison Winners in this year’s Exponent Telegram **“Adventures in Advertising Contest”** included: 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Shane C., and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Kayli B. & Lakin B.

- A Food Inspection Report by State Inspector recently resulted a rating of “**Great Job**” for both kitchens. We thank our cooks for maintaining these facilities.
- **Show Choir Tryouts:** Wed. & Thursday, May 21 & 22 (*vocal tryouts during the day— sign up for a time on the doors to the music room*); Choreography tryouts are Thursday, May 22 from 3:00 -- ?.
- The GFWC Bridgeport Jr. Woman’s Club Art contest selected several SHHS’s Students as award recipients. Please congratulate the following “**State Level Winners**”: Jeff T. 1<sup>st</sup> P – \$200.00; Kevin M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$150.00; Haley S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$75.00. SHM/HS’s Art Department received a \$100.00 dollar check.
- Congratulations to Brandon C. & Joel A. for being selected to participate in this Summer’s 2008 Science and Engineering Apprentice Program at **NASA’s IV & V Facility** in Fairmont
- South Harrison High School is the only high school in Harrison County to receive the services of College Summit.
- The HCBOE will fund a “**Calling System**” (*to alert parents/groups to student absences – Snow Days – Early Dismissals – Booster Meetings – etc.*) next year which will save SHM/HS \$1,200.00!

### **SHHS National Honor Society:**

Mrs. Anne Yost, Club Sponsor of the South Harrison Chapter of the National Honor Society, announces the induction of thirteen new members in a formal evening ceremony April 24<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony was conducted by officers and members of the chapter with a nice group of parents and grandparents present. The following students became members of this elite group: Jessica H.; Joel A. Shelby B.; Brandon C.; Riley D.; Jacob H.; Caitlin M.; Kristin R.; Amanda S.; Heather S.; Haley S.; Robert S.; Davisson W.. After the Induction Ceremony, senior members of the Society also were recognized and awarded their NHS pins. Officers who were elected for the 2007-2008 school year are: President-Michael F.; Vice President-Joanna D.; Secretary- Leah F.; Treasurer- Logan F.; Reporter- Matt L.; Historian- Elizabeth D..

### **Johns Hopkins University Center:**

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth has announced that South Harrison Middle School’s very own **Denny C.** will receive the “**State Award with High Honors**” at the awards ceremony in Charleston in June. Denny’s score was high enough to also earn “**Distinction!**” Denny has taken the ACT (*the real deal*) as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, and scored a 24 on the math section! The mean score of college-bound seniors is 20.8! This is one OUTSTANDING accomplishment!

#### **Internet Safety**

Just a note to let our readers know we make every attempt to protect student identify. Please note we use only the first name and initial when listing students.

#### **Quote of the Issue**

**“Don’t set your wit against a child!”**  
Jonathan Swift