

# Shelby Senior High School

## Parent's Newsletter August/September 2011

### **Principal's Piece:**

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! We especially welcome this year's freshmen class. This is always an exciting time of the year. I love to hear the band practicing, the volleyball and football teams practicing, and the hustle and bustle of the office as everyone prepares for the new year. Please read this newsletter carefully, we have listed many important dates and other information for you. I look forward to seeing you at our Open House on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Go Whippets!  
Principal John Gies



### Schedules & Fees

Sophomore, junior and senior schedules will be mailed out by the end of the second week of August. Freshmen will pick up their schedules at Orientation. You can contact the guidance office if you have any questions about your schedule.

Fee Day for SHS students will be on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 7 am-3 pm. Please make checks payable to Shelby City Schools. You may also pay fees the night of Orientation and Open House, but the wait will probably be significantly longer. If you have had your fees waived in the past, please do not pay your fees yet. We will be determining fee waivers for this year after September.



### Freshman/New Student Orientation

All freshmen and new students should plan on attending our orientation on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. We will start in the gym and then give you the chance to find your lockers, classrooms, bathrooms and allow you to get oriented with the high school. It is important that you plan on arriving early to pick up your schedule and other important paperwork in the gym. Also, plan on staying for the Open House at 7:00 on the 18<sup>th</sup> so you can meet your teachers.

### ACT TEST

### September 10th

The regular registration deadline for the September 10 ACT test is Friday, August 12. Students can register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Contact Mr. Grady if you have questions. Preparation materials are available in the guidance office.



**Yearbooks from the 2010-2011 school year should be available for pick up by the end of September!!**



### Early Release & Parent-Teacher Conference Dates

We have scheduled four 2 hour early release dates for this year. Students will be released at

12:40 pm on:

September 21<sup>st</sup>      December 7<sup>th</sup>  
February 1<sup>st</sup>              May 9<sup>th</sup>

Our conferences are scheduled from 3:15-7:15 pm on:  
September 21<sup>st</sup>      November 30<sup>th</sup>  
March 21<sup>st</sup>

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### High School Open House

Our Open House will be Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. We will start with a brief meeting in the gym at 7:00 pm and then parents will follow their child's schedule. You will have ten minutes in each class to meet the teacher and ask questions. Please make sure to bring a copy of your child's schedule. At the end of the night you will have the opportunity to meet your child's second semester teachers. Please make plans to attend our Open House.



### Locks and Lockers

Over the past few years we have had many issues with locks on the lockers. We have decided to disable all of the locks and make available combination padlocks. We will sell Master combination locks in the office for \$5. I encourage all students to purchase a lock and make sure that your locker is locked. You may keep this lock or you can turn the lock in at the end of the year or at the end of your senior year and we will refund the \$5 cost. You may not bring in your own lock to use on your locker. You must purchase a lock from the office. Any lock that is not purchased from the school will be cut off immediately. Feel free to call the office if you have any questions.



### Shelby City Schools Alert System

You can now receive text messages and/or emails from a wide variety of groups in the Shelby City Schools to keep you informed of school closings, athletic practice time changes, ticket information, and information from many other groups. All you need to do is log onto <http://www.ohioalerts.org/scs> and follow the directions to register your cell phone and/or email address. You will need to register again if you used this service during the past school year.



### FYI – Oct. Dates

#### **October 10th**

Fall In Service-no school

#### **October 21**

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks

#### **October 31**

Happy Halloween



### School Pictures

Ohio School Pictures will be at SHS on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. All freshmen, sophomores and juniors must have their pictures taken, even if they do not purchase a photo package. Students wishing to purchase a photo package must bring the form and payment on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Please make checks payable to **Ohio School Pictures**. Any senior who does not wish to use a professional photographer for senior portraits can have their picture taken on the 31<sup>st</sup> as well.

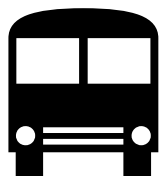
### Student Absences

As much as we would like to see every student in class everyday, we know that there will be times they will be sick or have an appointment. Please try to schedule appointments after

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school as much as possible. If your child is absent from school, please call the Attendance Office at 419-342-6584 (automated line). If we do not make contact with a parent, your child must bring in a note signed by a parent to excuse the absence (within 48 hours). Any time a student misses school because of an appointment, please get a note from the doctor or dentist stating the time of the appointment. If your child will miss school for an extended time due to illness, please call Mr. Calver or Mrs. Haney so that we can work with your child's teachers to get assignments. When requesting assignments, please allow at least one day for teachers to have enough time to gather work. The attendance policy is explained starting on page 14 of the student planner.



### Attention Parents of Seniors

Please note that we need baby photos and senior photos ASAP! Deadline for submission is December 21<sup>st</sup>. All photos must be done electronically via email to [mahon.amanda@shelbyk12.org](mailto:mahon.amanda@shelbyk12.org) or submitted on a CD. Please contact Amanda Mahon at the above email with any questions. Also, please note that we do offer PDA's for Seniors. These are special messages that are included in the senior section of the yearbook. It truly makes a nice memento or gift for your graduate. We can design it for you or you can design your own. We do have a Senior Special again this year! For \$90.00, you get 1/8 page PDA, a yearbook and FREE name stamping. Please email Amanda Mahon for additional information. All seniors will receive a mailing about this special offer!



### Credit Flexibility

Students now have the opportunity to earn high school credit by means other than the traditional class offered at SHS. Our Flexible Credit policy allows the parents and student the option to create an educational plan for any course. Please contact our guidance office or Mr. Gies if you have any questions or if you need additional information.



### 2011-2012 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale NOW for the 2011-2012 school year. You can expect a mailing from our printing company, Herff Jones, in the near future. The cost is the exact same as it has been in the past 4 years, \$42.00 for a book or \$48.00 for a book with name stamping. (Please note that there will be a price increase on January 1st so reserve your copy today!) If you send a check into school with your child, please make the check payable to: Scarlet "S" Yearbook.



Welcome 2011-2012 SHS  
Students!