Welcome to Southern High School
Class of 2024

Within the community of Southern High School, we strive to foster the development of a safe and inclusive culture and build positive relationships. We will provide students with opportunities to gain knowledge, improve skills and share experiences that will prepare them for college and/or career. We will honor the beliefs, values and traditions of Southern High and the community.

Dear 9th Grade Parents and Students,

Welcome to Southern High School. We hope you are excited about the 2020-2021 school year. While we know this year will look different, we are confident that our administration, teachers, counselors, and staff have planned for engaging opportunities for our students using the eLearning platform.

To kick off the year, we have created a welcome video presentation that will be sent via connect ed and viewable on our website. This video will be emailed on Sunday, August 30th. We hope this video will help our students and parents plan for the upcoming school year.

On August 31st, students will be able to view their schedules in the student portal, as well as the parent portal. Schedules have also been mailed. Directions for schedules change requests are attached to the paper schedules.

August 31st: Pick-up of Southern Bulldog Swag, Books, Materials and School Supplies. 12:30 pm -6:30 pm (Connect ed with procedures will be emailed home) - 9th Grade Only

September 1st: 9th Grade Meet and Greet Meetings Alpha O-Z, 6:30pm

September 2nd: 9th Grade Meet and Greet Meetings Alpha G-N, 6:30pm

September 3rd: 9th Grade Meet and Greet Meetings Alpha A-F, 6:30pm

September 8th: First day for students

September 8th: Course change request window closes

Angela Hopkins, Principal
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Melissa Pfisterer, 9th Grade Administrator
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August and September Dates to Remember:

August 25th-27th: Chromebook distribution to priority two students (emails have been sent)

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Enjoy your last weeks of summer. We look forward to seeing all of you virtually very soon! Go Bulldogs!

Bulldogs Lead with strength, Honor, and Success
Meet our team:

Administration:
Ms. Hopkins, Principal
Ms. Pfisterer, Assistant Principal, A-F
Mr. May, Assistant Principal, G-N
Ms. McPherson, Assistant Principal O-Z

School Counseling:
Ms. Blanchette, A-E
Ms. Bauer, F-L
Ms. Lane–Sullivan, Department Chair, M-P
Ms. Shaughnessy, Q-Z

Support Staff:
Ms. Hamilton, School Psychologist
Ms. Wright-Bonaparte, Social Worker (Specialized program)
Ms. McDaniel, Social Worker
Dr. Roundtree, Pupil Personnel Worker
Mr. Rey, Bilingual Facilitator
Ms. Brooks-Powell, IEP Facilitator
Ms. Bordwell, Special Education Department Chair
Ms. Rubino, 504 Facilitator
Ms. Nutwell, Registrar
Corporal Carrier, School Resource Officer
Ms. Cienki, College and Career Resource Support
Ms. Comly, School Nurse

Department Chairs and Lead Teachers:

Ms. Atwood-Starkey, Math
Ms. Larney, Science
Mr. Brace, Social Studies
Ms. N Smith, English
Ms. M Smith, HPED
Ms. King, WCL
Ms. Kramer, Art
Mr. Forte, Music
Ms. Stewart, FACS
Ms. Choulis, Media Specialist
Ms. Gaulding, Signature
Mr. Bittinger, AVID
Dr. Eckels, Agricultural Science

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

A minimum of 26 credits to graduate. Credits should be earned in the following areas:

English: 4 Credits; 1 credit each in English 9, English 10, English 11, and English 12

Math: 4 Credits; 1 credit earned in Algebra 1 and 1 credit earned in Geometry; all students are required to take a math course each year in high school

Science: 3 Credits

Social Studies: 3 Credits; 1 each in U.S Government, World History, and History of the U.S

Physical Education: 1 Credit; 0.5 credits in Fitness for Life & a Physical Education Elective

Health: 0.5 Credit

Technology: 1 Credit earned; Technology modules or AP Computer Science Principals

Fine Arts: 1 Credit

Electives: 7.5 credits total; any electives result in the successful completion of a Completer Program Pathway

Global Citizenship Course: Required for all 9th grade students

All students must pass Maryland State Assessment tests prior to graduation.

Service learning requirements: Students must complete 40 hours of service learning in high school for a total of 75 hours. Hours will be completed during specific classes at the high school. Students completed 35 hours during their enrollment at middle school.

Do You Want To…

⇒ Make Career and College connections with guest speakers and mentors?
⇒ Participate in hands-on Design challenges in your classrooms daily!

Join Signature!

Our Signature Program:
Southern’s signature program is Design: Preservation and Innovation. Signature connects classroom instruction with real-world situations and workforce relevant skills. Through this theme based program, all students become design thinkers with virtual workforce skills such as communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. Our Signature brings community into the classroom and the classroom to the community. Please contact Ms. Gaulding for more information.