

**SFHS OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (except Holidays)**  
**COUNSELING OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 3:15 P.M. (except Holidays)**  
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# South Fork High Newsletter



## *Den of the Cubs*

January 26, 2012

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Bear Cub Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the end of the first semester and the start of the second half of the school year. The enclosed semester report card indicates earned credits and the grades. The expectation is that 5 credits are earned for each passing score, (a passing score is D- or higher).

As most of you know, our school's funding is based on attendance. There is a period of time during the school year when it is most crucial that the school has maximum attendance possible; this affects funding for the 2012-2013 school year. Please see that your child attends from this day forward until April 6, 2012. Do not plan vacations during this time. We do get funding if a student makes the effort to attend school for part of the day, so please see that your child attends at least part of the day if s/he has an appointment. As you have heard, our funding has been cut dramatically and we need to get funds every way possible. With your help, we can get the maximum amount of funding. First, send your students to school; also, continue to pressure the politicians. There are letters in the school office, and on the district and school website that may be sent to the decision makers.

The community, staff, and students at SFHS have been working hard to create a positive experience for everyone. Unfortunately, our elected officials in Sacramento have not been keeping pace with our efforts. Budgetary conditions have been deteriorating over the last few years, but the most recent cut to transportation funding can't be allowed to stand. As you are aware, the people of Southern Humboldt have been leading the charge to reverse this disproportional cut to rural areas. Our road trip impressed many people in the Capitol and shed light on this injustice. Keep up the pressure, your efforts are working; continue to send letters, emails, and good old phone calls.

If I can summarize the results of the meetings with the politicians, it would be to keep working on this issue. Citizen efforts to this point have brought about "unusual" and "uncommon" movements on Senate Bill 81 (SB81). The main focus of SB81 would be to make the cuts more proportional across school districts in the state, instead of just cutting transportation. This more even cut is something we were told to prepare for and we can withstand. This SB81 would only restore transportation funding for this school year with no promise for the future. Governor Brown's budget plan contains no mention of continued funding of HTS (Home to School) Transportation. All of these items are still being negotiated in Sacramento. The prospects are good according to our representatives, although they are unable to provide a timeline as to when these negotiations will be complete. Ultimately, the governor must sign any bill that is submitted to him. The members of the school board have authorized spending money from the reserves to continue some level of bus service; what this level will be is yet to be determined and you will be informed as quickly as possible.

As with any important issue, there can be many rumors circulating. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are receiving information that doesn't match what you are hearing from the school district. We want you to have the best information.

The Center for Investigated Reporting is conducting a survey on how critical is bus transportation to you. If you would like to participate please go to the following link:  
<http://www.publicinsightnetwork.org/form/center-for-investigative-reporting/6891bd8c52af/do-school-buses-matter>

As always, please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Yours truly, Jim Stewart 707.943.3144 ext. 3107 jimstewart@humboldt.k12.ca.us

### **CAREER FAIR**

Carole Willard Clark is arranging a Career Fair for SF 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade students on February 2. A wide variety of community professionals will discuss their career paths. Students will have the opportunity to select four presentations that may interest them from a list of over twenty careers.

## RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS

We appreciate the Rotary Club honoring our outstanding students with lunch, a certificate, monetary reward, and the monthly feature in the Times Standard. CONGRATULATIONS to the following Rotary Students of the Month: Sept: Natalie Finch – Business; Oct: Megan Cardoza – Art; Nov: John Roark – Voc Ed; Dec: Isabel Maggiani – English; Jan: Rebecca Brown – Science.

## TEXTBOOKS

Often students misplace the textbooks, sports uniforms etc. Please look around the house for missing and/or unused textbooks, and return them to SF. We need full class sets of books, and it is very expensive to replace missing textbooks.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 27	Date of Determination for athletic eligibility	Mar. 13	CAHSEE make-up E/LA	May 9	Progress Reports due
Feb. 2	Career Day	Mar. 14	Winter Sports Awards	May 10	Board Mtg 4:30 @ Casterlin
Feb. 6	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Spring Sports	Mar. 14	CAHSEE make-up Math	May 17-20	Spring Play
Feb. 7	CAHSEE (E/LA) all 10 <sup>th</sup> graders (some 12 <sup>th</sup> ) 9:25 AM @ Osprey	Mar. 13	Choral Festival @ HSU	May 22	Instrumental Festival @ HSU
Feb. 8	CAHSEE (Math) all 10 <sup>th</sup> graders (some 12 <sup>th</sup> ) 9:15 AM @ Osprey	Mar. 27	SSC @ 3:45	June 2	SAT
Feb. 9	Board Mtg 4:30 @ AJJ	Mar. 29	Minimum Day periods 1-3	June 6	Sr. Awards/Scholarship Night
<b>Feb. 20-24</b>	<b>Intersession</b>	Mar. 30	Minimum Day periods 4-6	June 7	SARB
Feb. 29	Progress Reports due	Mar. 30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter ends-	June 13-14	Minimum Days 12:50
Feb. 29	Special Board Mtg @ SF	Apr. 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q grades mailed	June 13	8-11 <sup>th</sup> Awards Assembly
Mar. 2	FAFSA & GPA Deadline	<b>April 9-13</b>	<b>Spring Intersession</b>	June 14	Finale Rally
Mar. 8	Board Mtg @ Redway	Apr. 19	Board Mtg. 4:30 Whitethorn	June 14	Last day of school
		Apr. 21	Prom	June 15	Graduation 7 PM
		Apr. 26	Jazz Festival @ HSU	June 15	Teacher workday
		May 7	STAR testing begins	June 21	Board Meeting

## ATHLETIC DEPT. NEWS

Thanks to the Booster Club's continuing support we are able to offer extracurricular sports, which are an integral part of the high school experience. Donations to fund our athletics programs are greatly appreciated and enable our programs to exist. Booster Club meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Redway Family Resource Center. Donations may be mailed to South Fork High School, Athletic Reserve, Box 188, Miranda, CA 95553. Please join this dynamic group and be part of keeping Bear Cub pride alive at SFHS. For more information call Michelle Bushnell @ 223-3977. Thank you.

## COUNSELING & GUIDANCE From the Career Center and Counseling Department:

Your student has the opportunity to use a computerized career guidance program called Bridges – Explorer and Planner. Bridges - Explorer and Planner programs are the district's computer-based career planning programs you and your child(ren) can use to help explore different career and training options. *Explorer* is for students 6-9<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents; *Planner* is for 9-12 graders. To access, go to [www.cx.bridges.com](http://www.cx.bridges.com), select the Site ID tab, *username: 0099140* and *password: south*. You can access this from any computer with internet access, "24/7/365". If you need assistance, or if you want to know your student's log-in, call Aletta Sauer at 943-3144 ext. 3110.

## A-STEP

A-STEP is a program of the Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board, which provides **Academic Support, Training and Employment Preparation** for eligible students. If your student needs extra academic support and/or is interested in learning about careers and workplace skills, please call Carole Willard-Clark at ext. 3140 to see if this will work for you and your child.

## SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION: STUDENTS WITH IEP'S, OR "504"

WorkAbility I: If your 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade student has an IEP (Individual Educational Plan), s/he is eligible to receive work and other transition services from the WorkAbility I program. This can include help with learning about what they like, are good at, researching different jobs, help with finding work, and attending college or vocational schools. Call Sally Chagolla at 943-1843 or 943-3144, extension 3141 if you are interested.

## TRANSITION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

If your student is age 16-18, a junior or senior, and has any documented disability (asthma, learning disabilities, emotional issues, ADD, etc.) they may qualify for the Transition Partnership Program (TPP). This program provides personal mentoring and vocational training assistance. We also work with students for up to 2 years after high school, and they can be paid for placement training. There are a limited number of openings for this program. Speak with your student's case carrier, or call Sally Chagolla at 943-1843 or 943-3144, extension 3141 if you have any questions about these programs or career opportunities.

### **INCOMPLETE GRADES**

If there is an "I" on your child's report card, s/he has up to two weeks to finish course work. After two weeks, the teachers will turn in the appropriate final grade.

### **CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM**

The class of 2012 is required to pass both the Math and English portions of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), pass Algebra 1, as well as meet SHUSD requirements (including 210 credits) to receive a high school diploma. Seniors and juniors who have not yet passed both sections were given an opportunity to pass one or both sections this past November, and will have another opportunity on **March 13 (English/Language Arts)** and **March 14 (Math)**. SFHS Sophomores (10<sup>th</sup> Graders) will take these tests for the first time on **February 7 and 8**; seniors who have not yet passed will also be able to test on those dates. The exam will be given at Osprey Learning Center Campus beginning at 9:15 AM. It is important that your child be prepared and attends on these days. The exam will not be given on any other days this school year.

### **SENIOR NEWS**

- **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the FAFSA DEADLINE. The main concern for most seniors right now is getting their financial aid applications turned in. FAFSAs should be completed immediately and must be done electronically.
- GPA verification forms must be completed on or before **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. See Randi or Sue for forms and assistance.
- There are many SCHOLARSHIPS available. Read the Splinter, check the school website and see counseling.

### **GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN**

If you have not ordered your cap and gown for the June 15<sup>th</sup> graduation, call Mary Moore in the office at 943-3144, ext. 3100. All students walking in the procession need to have a cap and gown. If you do not want to purchase one, you may borrow a used one from the school.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE/SERVICE LEARNING HOURS**

Students of the class of 2011 must complete 15 hours of community service prior to graduation. The principal and counseling techs serve as advisors if needed. In addition, a reflective paragraph must accompany the form documenting the student's completed hours; the hours will not be recorded on a student's transcript without the reflective paragraph. If you have questions, please contact Randi or Sue in the counseling office.

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Counseling Department and Healthy Start are working in collaboration with Changing Tides counselors, Emily Siegel and Nels Atkinson, to provide individual counseling. These services address a range of topics from anger management to social skills and are designed to address your teen's personal concerns, which may include reducing stress, improving communication with family members, reducing risky behaviors, improving academic performance and encouragement of positive personal growth. (Students may be referred to one or more of the groups as a result of a disciplinary issue, self-referral, staff referral, and/or parent referral. The groups are considered to be supportive and **not** punitive /treatment groups.) Michelle Cartier, a YouthServe Ameri-Corps worker, is also on campus to offer student support services, focusing on tutoring credit deficient students, as well as mentoring and offering service learning opportunities to high school students who are at risk of not graduating. If you are interested in your student participating in these services or you would like more information regarding our support groups and/or individual counseling, please contact Counseling Techs, Sue Eldridge, at ext. 3114 or Randi Perkins at ext. 3143.

**SCHOOL LIBRARY PROTECTION FUND TAX CHECK-OFF** We hope you are so inclined to use the tax check-off for school libraries. Please consider checking school libraries on your California Income Tax Return. You may also help by sending funds directly to Friends of the Library, SFHS.

**ELECTRONICS AT SOUTH FORK** The staff appreciates the students complying with the cell phone off during class rule at SFHS. We ask that students please honor the teacher's policy in regard to I-Pods, MP3 players, portable DVD players and other electronic devices. Parents please don't call or text your child on their cell phone during class!

**REDWOODS RURAL HEALTH CLINIC** Redwoods Rural Health Clinic is now serving South Fork and Osprey students on South Fork Campus in the nurse's office (C9) two times a month on Tuesday mornings. Mandy Battles, PAC, is our new practitioner and Dr. Wendi Joiner is our consulting physician. Sign up with Randi in the counseling office.

### **REPORT CARDS**

***If your child's report card is not included in this mailing, s/he has school property that needs to be paid for or returned. Contact Mrs. Bowman for more information or to return the item.***

**Remember...Attendance Is Important For Student Success!**

Call Donna Bowman with attendance concerns and to clear absences! 943-3144 ext. 3101

<u>M.T.TH.F</u>	<u>Begin</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>	<u>Begin</u>	<u>End</u>
Period 1	8:15	9:15	Period 1	8:15	9:05
<b>Break</b>	<b>9:15</b>	<b>9:20</b>	<b>Break</b>	9:05	9:10
<i>Passing</i>	9:20	9:25	<i>Passing</i>	9:10	9:15
Period 2	9:25	10:25	Period 2	9:15	10:05
<i>Passing</i>	10:25	10:30	<i>Passing</i>	10:05	10:10
Period 3	10:30	11:30	Period 3	10:10	11:00
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<i>Passing</i>	11:00	11:05
<i>Passing</i>	12:00	12:05	Period 4	11:05	11:55
Period 4	12:05	1:05	<b>Lunch</b>	11:55	12:25
<i>Passing</i>	1:05	1:10	<i>Passing</i>	12:25	12:30
Period 5	1:10	2:10	Period 5	12:30	1:20
<i>Passing</i>	2:10	2:15	<i>Passing</i>	1:20	1:25
Period 6	2:15	3:15	Period 6	1:25	2:15

**TEACHER PREPS AT A GLANCE WITH EXTENSIONS:**

Name	Prep Period	Voice Mail Ext.
Gregg Allbright	6	3120
Trace Sampson	1	3116
Gillian Brown	4	3147
Marlien Fish	varies	3109
Justin Gyenis	3	3136
Brice Gummersall	6	3132
Scott Harrison	3	3126
Marianne Lancaster	2	3122
Jim Lowry	5	3138
Kathy O'Day	1	3145
Bill Richards	5	3121
Casey Pape	4	3109
Aletta Sauer	2	3110
Paul Schmollinger	1	3113
Rob Standish	1	3118
Gloria Valdez	4	3119
Leslie Yale	1	3134

***Communication is the best way to help your student succeed. For information, you may access the daily Splinter Bulletin on our website @ [http://www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/sohumb\\_usd/sfhs/index.html](http://www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/sohumb_usd/sfhs/index.html), and the district calendar, including SFHS activities, on the district website @ [http://www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/sohumb\\_usd/school.html](http://www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/sohumb_usd/school.html)***

**SCHOOL HEALTH NEWS FROM DISTRICT NURSE, PATTY RADENBAUGH R.N.**

Prevent Infection. Stay in School! The single most effective way to prevent illness and infection is hand washing – We have cold water here at school but it works! Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly during the day to prevent the spread of infection. Use the hand sanitizers that are on the wall next to the doors in most classrooms and other places throughout the school. Cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow or into tissues. REST, SLEEP, DRINK PLENTY OF WATER, EAT NUTRITIOUS FOODS, EXERCISE, AND GET PLENTY OF FRESH AIR, BREATHE DEEPLY, AVOID SUGAR AND ENERGY DRINKS, DRUGS AND ALCOHOL!

