



Important Dates:

- 1/13 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
 - 1/19 Home and School Mtg. 7:00 pm
 - 1/19 Young Playwrights Mini-Festival 6:00 - 9:00 pm
 - 1/20 End of Marking Period 2
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SHMS Sports:

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| 1/9 | Boys Basketball vs. Beverly Hills | Home | 3:30 PM | 8/7 |
| 1/9 | Girls Basketball vs. Beverly Hills | Away | 3:30 PM | 8/7 |
| 1/10 | Wrestling vs. Beverly Hills | Home | 3:45 PM | |
| 1/11 | Girls Basketball vs. Springton Lake | Home | 3:30 PM | 7/8 |
| | Boys Basketball vs. Springton Lake | Away | 3:30 PM | 7/8 |
| 1/12 | Wrestling vs. Garnet Valley | Home | 3:45 PM | |

SHMS Music:

1/9 Music Day 1: 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Chorus and 6th Grade Select Chorus
Connections - 3:00 pm: 6th Grade Orchestra
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm: Ellington Jazz Band

1/10 Music Day 2: 6th Grade Band and 7th Grade Chorus
Connections: MLK Band
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Cantabile and Basie Jazz Band

1/11 Music Day 3: 8th Grade Band, 6th Grade Chorus and 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra

1/12 Music Day 1: 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Chorus and 6th Grade Select Chorus
Connections: MLK Band
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Cantabile and Basie Jazz Band

1/13 Music Day 2: 6th Grade Band and 7th Grade Chorus
Connections - 3:00 pm: Ellington Jazz Band

Parents of 8th Graders Please Read Below:



200 SOUTH PROVIDENCE ROAD, WALLINGFORD, PENNSYLVANIA 19086-6334

January 5, 2017

Dear Parent,

In response to the standards-based initiative in the state of Pennsylvania, language arts course content and expectations reflect the rise in challenge and rigor prescribed in the PA Common Core. This shift prepares students for the demands of reading, writing, speaking and listening required in the four years of high school along with the skills needed for both college and career readiness.

The placement data used to assign students to levels in Ninth Grade English include a placement test that will be given on Wednesday, January 18th and Thursday, January 19th to all 8th grade students in Enriched Language Arts. The makeup day for the test is Friday, January 20th. To be considered for placement into the Ninth Grade Honors course, *students currently enrolled in the Language Arts 8 course may opt to take the test as well*. Please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it to your child's Language Arts teacher no later than **Wednesday, January 11th** to indicate whether you are interested in having your child included in the placement test. *Students who do not take the placement test will not be eligible for Honors level recommendations.*

The test will consist of a writing prompt based on a reading selection. Students will be evaluated on their understanding of the literary piece as well as their ability to respond in writing with analysis, evidence, and the stylistic skills indicative of Honors level work. Students do not need to prepare for the test. High School teachers will score the tests and return them to the Eighth Grade teachers for inclusion in the placement data set.

The placement test score will *not* be the deciding factor for admission into the Ninth Grade Honors course. Rather, the score will be one indicator among others. The placement criteria can be found on both the middle school and the Curriculum and Education webpage. Our efforts to create successful learning environments for all students in the acquisition of language arts concepts and applications will allow us to continue to challenge and support students' success.

Please return to your child's 8th Grade Language Arts teacher by January 11th.

Student Name: _____

Yes, I would like my child to take the Ninth Grade Honors Placement Test to be considered for this level in the coming year. We are aware that this test is one component of the placement criteria. Upon successful completion of the test, all other criteria must be met in order to obtain an Honors level recommendation.

No, I do not wish for my child to take the Ninth Grade Honors Placement Test. I understand that this test is a requirement for consideration into the Ninth Grade Honors course at the high school.

Parent Signature

Date



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Springton Lake MS vs. Strath Haven MS

January 25, 2017

Springton Lake Middle School Auditorium

6:30 PM

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Candy Land at CADES

INDOOR PUTT-PUTT PALOOZA

Call For Mini-Golf Hole Makers!

We're looking for mini-golf hole makers of all ages! We need 18 holes for our Indoor Putt Putt event. Choose a candy theme and develop your hole around it. Contact Anne Merz at anneb88@comcast.net and start designing your tasty golf hole.

WHEN:

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Tee times from 12 pm to 4 pm

WHERE:

CADES

401 Rutgers Ave, Swarthmore, PA

Get out of the cold for a sweet family event - a fun afternoon of indoor putt-putt golf, prizes and food to benefit our own community treasure—CADES. This indoor mini-golf course, designed by families and groups in the community, will give you an inside look at the amazing CADES organization, which has been serving children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities for more than 60 years. Last years event drew over 500 participants and we want this year to be even bigger.

TO SIGN UP: Details to come. For more information visit CADES.org



An invite to SHMS...

Strath Haven Middle School would like to invite active service personnel, veterans, fire fighters, and police officers to our annual Martin Luther King Day of service assembly. Our theme this year is "Live like a Hero." We will be honoring heroes like you with song, poetry, and music for all of your courageous efforts to make our world a better place. Your presence would be an honor, and we would simply like to say THANK YOU!

The assembly will take place at Strath Haven Middle School (200 S. Providence Road Wallingford, PA) from 8:15 – 9:15 a.m. followed by a light breakfast for our men and women of service! **Please R.S.V.P via email or phone by January 6, 2017 so we can plan accordingly.** You can contact Lisa Cobb at (610) 892-3470 ext. 7313.

Clubs and Activities...

1/9/2017	1/10/2017	1/11/2017	1/12/2017
Minecraft	Anime Club		Amateur Radio Club
Coloring Book Club	Babysitting Club		Sewing Club
French Club	Dungeons and Dragons		Art Club 6,7,8
Step Team	Ski Trip Money Due		American Sign Language
Select Chorus	Chess Club		Dungeons and Dragons
			Project DANCE
			Select Chorus
			Interact Club

WALLINGFORD  SWARTHMORE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

*The Brave Child: Help your Children to Adapt,
Move Forward, and Thrive -- Even When They're Scared*



Special Guest
Presenter:

Dr. Katherine
Dahlsgaard

January 10, 2017

6:30PM – 8:00PM

SHMS Auditorium



Presenter Bio

Katherine Dahlsgaard, P.D., ABPP is Lead Psychologist of the Anxiety Behaviors Clinic and the Picky Eaters Clinic in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at CHOP. She is a licensed psychologist in the states of New York and Pennsylvania and is Board Certified in Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology (currently, only 4% of all psychologists hold a Board Certification). She lectures widely, publishes articles on child mental health for the Philadelphia Inquirer, and is frequently called on as an expert in the field for national outlets. In her presentations to parents, Dr. Dahlsgaard draws on her groundbreaking research as well as her decade-long practice in evidence-based psychosocial interventions with children, adolescents, and young adults with anxiety- and related disorders.



FEBRUARY 16TH AT 7:00 PM

In an effort to raise money for the Connor Holland Foundation we are selling both t-shirts and bracelets for the upcoming Student-Faculty Basketball Game. A t-shirt and/or bracelet will be your ticket into the event. Tickets will also be available the night of the game.

Please fill out the form below, place the cash or check made out to SHMS in an envelope and return to your Connections Teacher ASAP. Cutoff date is February 8, 2016.

T-Shirts (\$10)		Bracelets (\$3)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Small	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quantity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Medium		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Large		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Extra Large		

Name: _____

Connections Teacher: _____