



Hi SCH Family,

I would like to thank everyone one more time for your patience and understanding as we worked through the school safety incident last Wednesday. We are working to improve our processes and communication so all stake holders stay informed during a crisis situation.



I would like to give a shout out this week to our Data team of Larry Follrad, Marci Hendricks, and Sandy Moser as they have been working non-stop to get PowerSchool up and running optimally. I know it's been a tough go, so please let them know you appreciate them if you have a moment!

Have a great week!

- Scott

SCH Events

- Monday, September 16th
- Clark MS Volleyball @ Gavit MS - 5 p.m.
- Clark MS Football @ Eggers MS - 5 p.m.
- Clark HS Volleyball @ Calumet New Tech HS - 6:30 p.m.
- Gavit MS Football @ Scott MS - 5 p.m.
- Lowell HS Soccer @ Clark HS - 6 p.m.
Tuesday, September 17th
- School Board Meeting - 6 p.m.
- Franklin ES - Open House & Title 1 Meeting - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Lincoln ES - Math Side-by-Sides for Kdgn & 1st grade
- Clark HS Varsity Tennis @ Hobart HS - 4:30 p.m.
- Hammond HS Soccer (Girls) @ Clark HS - 5 p.m.
- Hammond HS Soccer (Boys) @ Clark HS - 7 p.m.
- West Side HS Volleyball @ Clark HS - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 18th
- Lincoln ES - Math Side-by-Sides for 2nd & 3rd grade
- Clark HS Tennis @ Illiana Christian HS - 4:30 p.m.
- Clark MS Volleyball VS Scott MS @ Franklin ES - 5 p.m.
- Clark HS Soccer @ Kouts HS - 5:30 p.m.
- Gavit MS Volleyball @ Eggers MS - 5 p.m.
- Riverforest HS Volleyball @ Clark HS - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 19th
- Lincoln ES - Math Side-by-Sides for 4th & 5th grade
- Scott MS - PTSA Meeting (Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural Potluck) - 5:30 p.m.
- Clark HS Tennis @ East Chicago Central HS - 4:30 p.m.
- Clark HS Soccer @ Griffith HS - 7 p.m.
- Grimmer MS Volleyball @ Gavit MS - 5 p.m.
- Morton HS Volleyball @ Clark HS - 6:30 p.m.

Curriculum

ACC

The Area Career Center welcomes new team members Michelle and Stephanie!

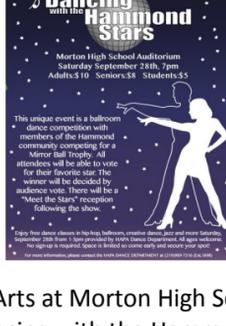
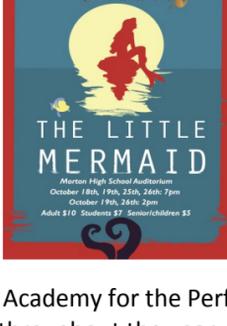


Michelle Udchitz
Career Pathway Specialist



Stephanie Phillips
Culinary Arts Instructor

HAPA



The Hammond Academy for the Performing Arts at Morton High School holds several events throughout the year. Both Dancing with the Hammond Stars and The Little Mermaid include members from our community and SCH students. Please check us out at hammondapa.com and visit us at one of our many events. It is through your support that we ensure the development of our fine and visual arts in Hammond.

Head Start



Head Start classrooms are in week two of individually scheduled developmental screenings. The Speed DIAL-4 (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning-4) is a screening tool that provides a snapshot of each student in the areas of concept, language and fine/gross motor skills development. The tool also helps to identify students that may need additional evaluation in order to best meet the student's needs. The Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) Preschool Program offers a strength-based approach designed to promote resilience in children. The DECA serves as a screener in the Fall and provides baseline information as it relates to a student's development in the areas of attachment, initiative, self-control and behavioral concerns. Parents and teaching staff each complete a DECA screening for each student. Results of the screening connect to specific Conscious Discipline strategies (SCH Head Start's social-emotional program) for use in the classroom and at home. Head Start is based on the premise that we prepare a "whole" child for school, so health screenings (heights, weights, vision and hearing) also are a part of the developmental screenings conducted during the first 45 calendar days of enrollment.

Language Development Program



Hispanic Heritage Month is upon us!

The celebration begins on September 15 and is set to continue for a full month until October 15. The purpose of the celebratory month is to recognize the contributions and vital presence of both Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and to observe their native heritage and contributing culture.

The history of Hispanic Heritage Month has deep roots in the United States. Originally the celebration was not a month long; in fact it was only a week. President Lyndon Johnson first approved Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, and was expanded to a full month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988. Finally, Hispanic Heritage Month was officially enacted into law on August 17 of that year.

September 15 was not a date chosen at random; in fact the date contains a large amount of significance for multiple Hispanic nations. The date is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

They all declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21, respectively. Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted to celebrate the fundamental contributions Hispanics have made to the growth, vitality and culture of North America, highlighting many important and groundbreaking accomplishments.

Title One

We all know how important it is to have strong family support as a classroom teacher. The Title One challenge for this week is to make positive contact with 10 or more individual student's families. You can call, email, dojo, remind, text, etc. Once you have done that, send me an email and let me know how it went. You will be automatically entered to win 25 free books for your classroom library! I will pick a winning elementary, middle, and high school teacher. Can't wait to hear all about it!

Food & Nutrition

Hammond Harvest



Hammond Harvest is the wonderful idea of Assistant Director Lynn Strle and it is one of the ways that the Department of Food and Nutrition encourages our students to try food that is in season.

One day each month all of our kitchen staff prepare the 'Hammond Harvest'. The month of September we are serving Watermelon Pizza and so far it has been a hit!!

Students are able to try the Hammond Harvest as part of their reimbursable lunch meals - if staff would like to try - and we hope you do! - it is just \$0.50!

Technology

How are you doing with PowerSchool? We are moving forward every day with the new features and capabilities. We are also working on getting additional training.

- Don't forget these resources available to get answers to your questions:
- Teachers - touch base with your building Teacher Advocates
- Check out the Back to School FAQ
- There are resource materials on Alisha's Tech Deck
- We have the entire self-paced training courses and videos from PowerSchool: https://support.powerschool.com/training/

If you still need help, please fill out this new SCH PowerSchool Help form.

Stay Informed

An update from the Superintendent is distributed at the beginning of the week.

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