



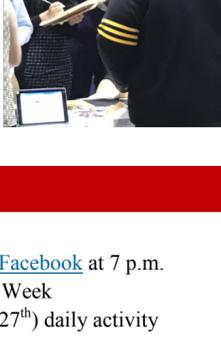
Greetings SCH Family,

I was encouraged to see so many of our seniors participating in the Urban League/Infinite Scholars fair at the Genesis Center this past week. At this event, recruiters are authorized to actually award money and grant college admission on site! Many of our students took their next educational step and committed to their school of choice.



This week also is College Go! week across Indiana! I hope to see many of you wearing your school colors and encouraging kids of all ages to pursue additional education after high school.

Scott



SCH Events

- Monday, September 23rd
- Hess ES - "Make it a Good Night Monday" live on Facebook at 7 p.m.
- Morton HS - Homecoming & Go College Kick-Off Week
- O'Bannon ES - HELLO WEEK (Sept. 23rd to Sept. 27th) daily activity
- Chesterton HS Soccer @ Morton HS - 5 p.m.
- Gavit HS Volleyball @ West Side - 5 p.m.
- Hammond HS Soccer @ Gavit HS - 5 p.m.
- Hammond HS Soccer @ Gavit HS - 7 p.m.
- Morton HS Tennis @ East Chicago - 4:30 p.m.
- Morton HS Soccer @ East Chicago - 5 p.m.
- Morton HS Freshmen Volleyball @ Michigan City - 5 p.m.
- Steele City Academy JV/V Volleyball @ Morton HS - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24th
- Hess ES - PTA Meeting & Potluck Dinner - 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Jefferson ES - Book Fair - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Jefferson ES - Open House - 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- East Chicago Central Volleyball @ Gavit HS - 5 p.m.
- Gavit HS Cross Country vs. Clark @ Forsythe Park - 4:30 p.m.
- Gavit HS Tennis vs. HAST @ Harrison Park - 4:30 p.m.
- Hammond HS Soccer @ Morton HS - 5 p.m.
- Hammond HS Soccer @ Morton HS - 7 p.m.
- Morton HS Tennis @ Highland HS - 4:30 p.m.
- Morton HS Soccer @ Lake Central - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25th
- Hess ES - Wear your College Wednesday for College GO! Week
- Lincoln ES - PTSA Candy Night - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Morton HS - Powder Puff Game - 6 p.m.
- Clark HS Soccer @ Gavit HS - 5 p.m.
- Clark HS Soccer @ Gavit HS - 7 p.m.
- Gavit HS Tennis @ Griffith - 4 p.m.
- Gavit MS Volleyball @ Clark - 5 p.m.
- Riverforest HS Volleyball @ Morton HS - 5 p.m.
- Morton HS Soccer @ Lake Central - 5 p.m.

Thursday, September 26th
- Gavit HS Volleyball @ Clark - 5 p.m.
- Griffith Soccer @ Gavit HS - 5 p.m.
- Gavit Tennis vs. Wheeler @ PNW - 5 p.m.
- Morton HS Tennis @ Westside - 4:30 p.m.
- Morton HS Volleyball @ Hammond HS - 5 p.m.
- Westside Football @ Morton HS - 6 p.m.
- Morton HS Soccer @ Morgan Township - 6 p.m.

Friday, September 27th
- Morton HS - Homecoming Parade - 4 p.m.
- Morton HS - Homecoming Game vs. Gavit - 7 p.m.
- O'Bannon ES - School Picture Day
- Gavit HS Tennis @ Illiana Christian - 4:30 p.m.
- Gavit HS Football @ Morton HS - 7 p.m.
- Morton HS Soccer @ Hammond Baptist HS - 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 28th
- HAPA - Dancing with the Hammond Stars - 7 p.m.
- Griffith Soccer @ Morton HS - 10 a.m.
- Morton HS Cross Country @ Highland HS - 9 a.m.
- Morton HS Tennis @ East Chicago (GLAC) - 9 a.m.
- Morton HS Football @ Gavit - 10 a.m.
- Morton HS Soccer @ East Chicago - 10 a.m.

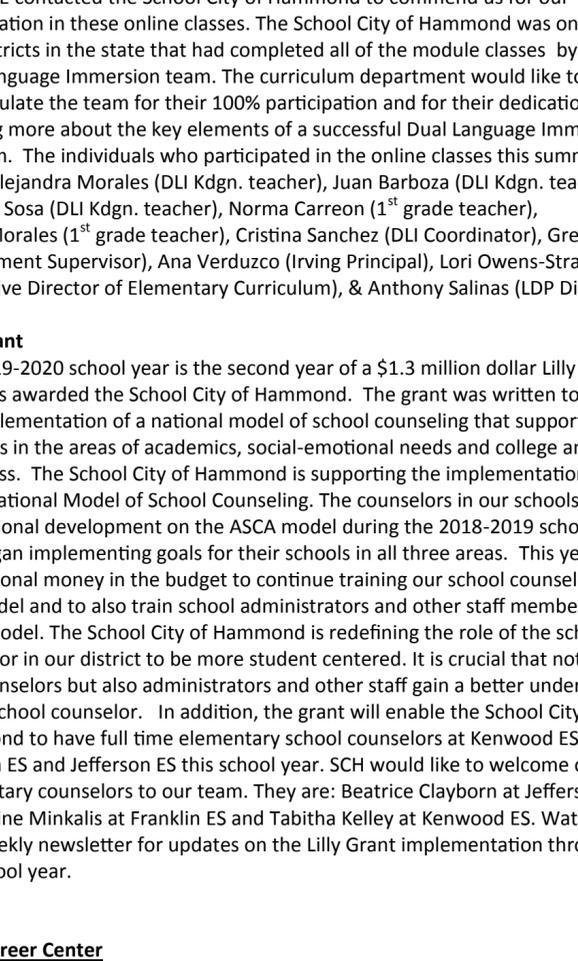
Curriculum

Guest Chinese Teacher Program

The 2019-2020 school year marks the ninth year in a row that the School City of Hammond is a recipient of the Guest Chinese Teacher Grant. The Guest Chinese Teacher Grant is sponsored by the College Board and Hanban Confucius Institute of China. This grant supports the Mandarin Chinese programs in our middle and high schools by bringing teachers directly from China to teach in these programs. This grant helps save the School City of Hammond about \$300,000 annually in salaries and benefits for World Language teachers. This year the curriculum department would like to welcome the following Guest Chinese teachers to our district: Yang Fan, 1st year teacher at Hammond HS; Yin Pan, 1st year teacher at Gavit MS/HS; Lu Zhengrui, 1st year teacher at Scott MS; Yungfang Zhou, 2nd year teacher at Morton HS; Deyu Kong, 3rd year teacher at Eggers MS; and Chen Ting, 3rd year teacher at Clark MS/HS.

Chinese Field Trip

On Sunday, September 22, 2019, approximately 200 School City of Hammond middle and high school students, who are studying Mandarin Chinese, took a field trip to Chicago to learn more about the language and culture that they are studying. The students and their chaperones started their day in Chinatown with lunch at a Chinese restaurant. After lunch the students boarded buses which took them to the Chicago Symphony Center for the 2019 Friendship Lasts Forever Concert. This is the third year in a row that our students have traveled to Chicago for this music festival. The festival was sponsored by the Confucius Institute of Valparaiso University and the Chinese American Association of Greater Chicago. The students were able to see over 500 individuals sing in both Chinese and English, play various Chinese instruments and dance traditional Chinese dances. One of the featured groups was the vocal group from Southern China Normal University. This field trip was possible due to the partnership that the School City of Hammond has with the Confucius Institute at Valparaiso University. The Confucius Institute helped fund the lunches, the buses and purchased the tickets for our students for the concert. The SCH curriculum team would like to thank the Confucius Institute at Valparaiso University for their support as well as the SCH transportation department, the Chinese teachers and chaperones who gave up a Sunday afternoon to make this trip possible for our students.



DLI Online Classes

This summer the Indiana Department of Education offered online module classes for schools that are offering Dual Language Immersion programs. This past week the IDOE contacted the School City of Hammond to commend us for our participation in these online classes. The School City of Hammond was only one of two districts in the state that had completed all of the module classes by their Dual Language Immersion team. The curriculum department would like to congratulate the team for their 100% participation and for their dedication to learning more about the key elements of a successful Dual Language Immersion program. The individuals who participated in the online classes this summer were: Alejandra Morales (DLI Kdgn. teacher), Juan Barboza (DLI Kdgn. teacher), Mariela Sosa (DLI Kdgn. teacher), Norma Carrene (1st grade teacher), Osiris Morales (1st grade teacher), Cristina Sanchez (DLI Coordinator), Greg Ruiz (Assessment Supervisor), Ana Verduzco (Irving Principal), Lori Owens-Stranc (Executive Director of Elementary Curriculum), & Anthony Salinas (LDP Director).

Lilly Grant

The 2019-2020 school year is the second year of a \$1.3 million dollar Lilly Grant that was awarded the School City of Hammond. The grant was written to support the implementation of a national model of school counseling that supports our students in the areas of academics, social-emotional needs and college and career readiness. The School City of Hammond is supporting the implementation of the ASCA National Model of School Counseling. The counselors in our schools began professional development on the ASCA model during the 2018-2019 school year and began implementing goals for their schools in all three areas. This year there is additional money in the budget to continue training our school counselors in this model and to also train school administrators and other staff members on the ASCA model. The School City of Hammond is redefining the role of the school counselor in our district to be more student centered. It is crucial that not only our counselors but also administrators and other staff gain a better understanding of the school counselor. In addition, the grant will enable the School City of Hammond to have full time elementary school counselors at Kenwood ES, Franklin ES and Jefferson ES this school year. SCH would like to welcome our three elementary counselors to our team. They are: Beatrice Clayborn at Jefferson ES; Jacquelyn Minkalis at Franklin ES and Tabitha Kelley at Kenwood ES. Throughout the SCH weekly newsletter for updates on the Lilly Grant implementation throughout the school year.

Area Career Center

Amy Schaeffer, CTE College & Career Pathways Coordinator; Michelle Udchitz, Career Pathways Specialist; and Juanita Camacho, Early College Guidance Counselor presented the requirements to receive the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate to the students at the Area Career Center.

The development and adoption of a community and employer-recognized Work Ethic Certificate (WEC) is critical to providing a pipeline of skilled high school graduates for today's workforce. The employability skills recognized in the Governor's WEC have been vetted by Hoosier employers, community based organizations and post-secondary education institutions and are designed to encourage students to meet the benchmarks that will assist them in their college or career goals.



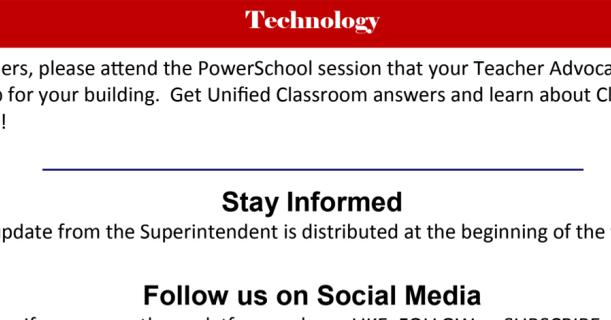
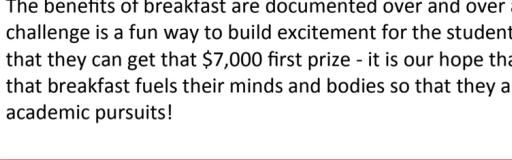
Head Start

Each year Head Start conducts a survey of parents designed to help us understand how we are doing, identify areas in which we may need some improvement and provide us with information that we can use to help us better support families in the next program year. One of the questions on the survey asks parents - "Where was the last place you bought a book for your child?". The primary source listed by parents was stores like Wal-Mart, Target, Meijer, etc. (37.7%). Book Fairs was the second highest response at 12.2%, followed by dollar stores at 7.1%, On-line 6.1%, and bookstores 4.1%. In addition, 4.1% of parents listed their last purchase was through a used book retailer, while 6.1% received books as gifts and 5.1% borrowed books from the library for their children. To support parent efforts in acquiring books, they will be given the opportunity to purchase books through Scholastic. In addition, the program provides books to children at various times during the year and incorporates the same books into the classroom routines.

Language Development Program



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Food & Nutrition

SCH Department of Food & Nutrition's Secondary Breakfast Contest Dates Have CHANGED!!!

New Date Range: Sept 23 - Feb 28

In order to make sure that we have the most accurate numbers for the Secondary Breakfast Challenge we have moved the contest dates to run from September 23rd 2019 through February 28th 2020.

The benefits of breakfast are documented over and over again. While this challenge is a fun way to build excitement for the students to get breakfast so that they can get that \$7,000 first prize - it is our hope that the students will find that breakfast fuels their minds and bodies so that they are successful in their academic pursuits!

Technology

Teachers, please attend the PowerSchool session that your Teacher Advocate has set up for your building. Get Unified Classroom answers and learn about Class Pages!

Stay Informed

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

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