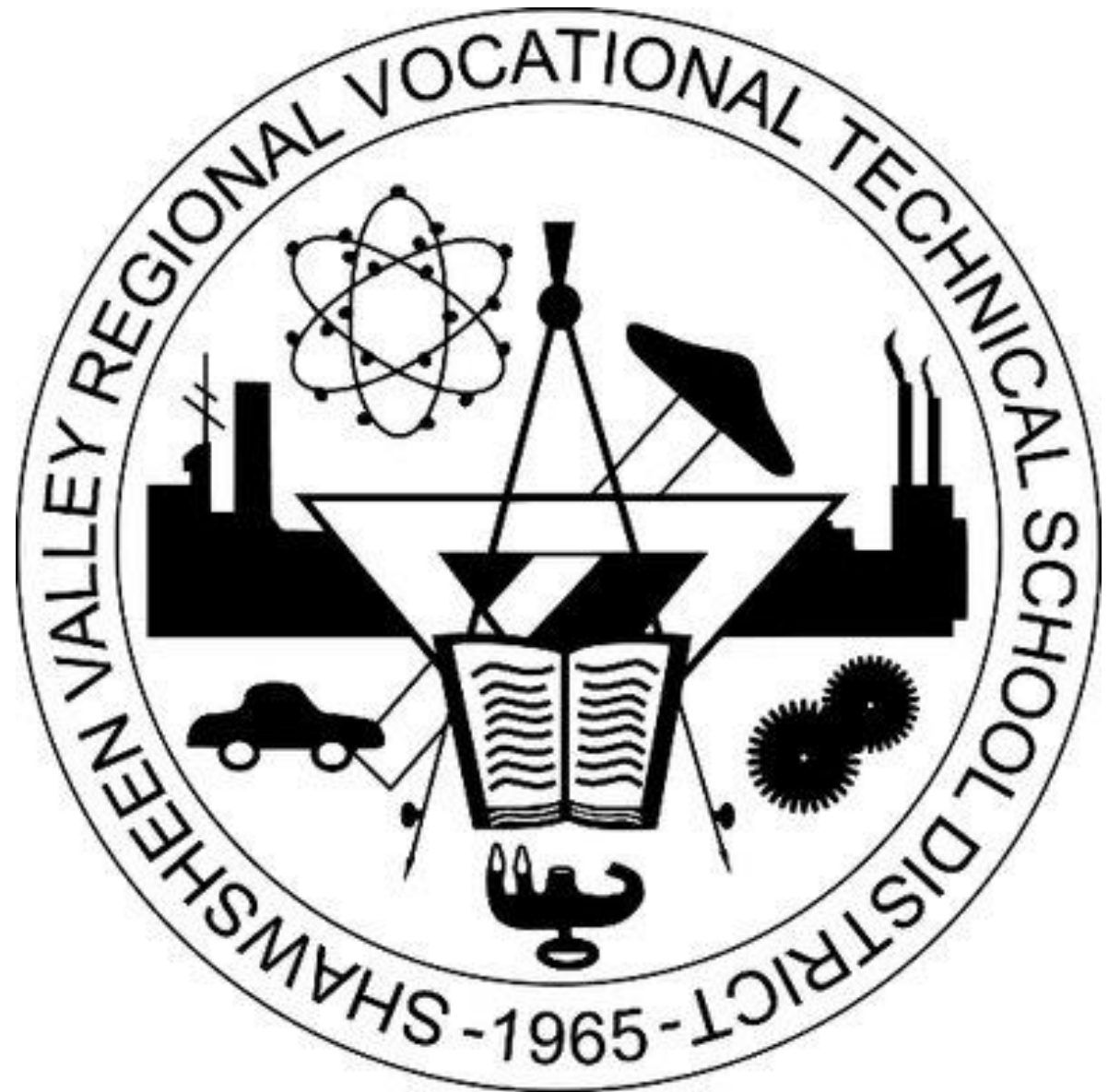


Welcome!

Class of 2026 Parent/Guardian Orientation

September 22, 2022





Our Mission

At Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, it is our mission to provide a positive learning experience in a safe educational environment that encourages all students to reach their full potential, emphasizes the value of a strong work ethic, and prepares them for adult life in a competitive world.

Tony McIntosh, Superintendent-Director
Jessica Cook, Principal

A photograph of a long line of yellow school buses parked in a lot, receding into the distance. The buses have "SCHOOL BUS" signs on their roofs. The image is used as a background for the schedule information.

Shawsheen Tech School Day Hours

7:30am Students
Report
to Homerooms
Periods 1-8 (43
minutes each)

10:47am–12:36pm
Lunch Periods
(5) 21 minute lunch
periods

2:04pm Students
Dismissed

3:15pm Late Bus
Leaves (Mon-Thurs)

5:30pm "Sports" Bus
Leaves (Mon-Fri)

Everyone is welcome
to take either
late bus. Neither late
bus is restricted to
any population of the
student body.

ATTENDANCE

Dean of Students—Christine Tobin

Attendance & Behavior Monitor—Kylee Hodnett



****Daily attendance is crucial to success****

The homeroom bell rings at 7:25 AM. Students **must** be in homeroom at 7:30 AM. Students will be marked **TARDY** if they arrive to homeroom past 7:30 AM.

Students are marked **absent** if they **arrive to school past 9:00 AM.**

Students are marked **absent** if they **are dismissed before 10:43 AM.**

Students must be present for a full day to participate in after-school activities

Excused **vs.** Validated absences — If your child accrues 7 or more unvalidated absences = Administrative Failure

Guidance Counseling & Health Services

Jim Carlson – Director of Guidance and Health Services

504/Title IX/Civil Rights Coordinator

Guidance Counselors:

- **Angela Caira** – Grade 9
- **Greg Harrison** – Advanced Manufacturing, Auto Body, Automotive, Dental Assisting, Medical Lab Assisting and Metal Fabrication
- **Terry Henry** – Business Tech/Marketing, Drafting, Graphic Arts, Health Assisting, Masonry
- **Kelly McFadden** – Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing
- **Amanda Samaha** – Cosmetology, Culinary Arts/Hospitality, DVC, Electronics/Engineering, ISSN, Programming and Web Development

Nurses' office:

- **Nina Brophy** - RN, BSN
- **Elizabeth West** - RN, BA
- **Susan DeMarco** - RN

***Please turn in your medical forms if you haven't already**





CHOOSE JOY & BE
RESILIENT
The Courage to Continue

Resilience

The Courage to Come Back

EXPLORATORY PROGRAM

9th Grade Guidance Counselor—
Angela Caira




Expectations of the Exploratory Experience

14 Different Program Cycles

- Each Cycle is Week-long
- All programs have enrollment capacities.
- A student's performance is essential in obtaining their top selection.
- Students will select their shop at the beginning of the 4th Quarter.



David Norkiewicz
Director of Vocational Technical Programs



Co-Op Placement – Class of 2022

Brian Smith - Co-op Coordinator

- 61% of the seniors participated in Co-Op as well as 111 juniors last year. So far this year 141 Seniors are on Co-op.

Student Support Services (Special Education)

Jeff Albert – Director of Special Education

Shelia Fitzpatrick – Department Chair

Tracy Lucci – School Psychologist

Lisa Driscoll - Team Chair/School Psychologist

Julie Yentile – School Adjustment Counselor

Felicia Holmes – School Adjustment Counselor

Please join our Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)!



Educational Technology and Digital Learning

Annamaria Schrimpff – Director of Educational Technology/Digital Learning

All 9th Graders participate in Digital Literacy

We have a 1:1 laptop program

Important for students to:

- Charge their laptop overnight
- Update laptop when needed
- Laptop is for student use only
- Week 1- ACADEMIC week students should bring laptop everyday
- Week 2 – SHOP week dependent on student's teacher

Help desk ticket located on Shawsheen website → About Us → Ed Tech → Digital Learning Resources

- Assistance for ASPEN login issues
- Parent contact information changes



Get involved with our Shawsheen Clubs

Assistant Principal for Student Affairs—Kevin Caruso

GET INVOLVED!

Clubs & Activities

Alumni Association	Parents' Adv. Council
Art Club	Ramblings
Anti-Bullying Club	Robotics Club
Book Club	Ski Club
Chess Club	SkillsUSA
GSA	Student Council
Gaming Club	Student Orientation & Mentoring
Music Club	TDVA
Literary Magazine	Theater Arts Club
Math Club	Traveling Rams
NVT Honor Society	Yearbook
Public Speaking	Sportsmen Club
Diversity Club	
Newspaper Club	

Sports

Football	Swimming
Volleyball	Boys Lacrosse
Wrestling	Girls Lacrosse
Boys Soccer	Track and Field
Girls Soccer	Cheerleading
Cross Country	Baseball
Boys Hockey	Football
Girls Hockey	Softball
Boys Basketball	Tennis
Girls Basketball	Golf
Football Cheering	
Esports	

HAVE FUN!

MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



ATHLETICS AT SHAWSHEEN

Director of Athletics—Al Costabile





The Freshmen Year Academic Experience

Director of Academic Programs—Danica Johnston

All students take:

- English 9
- Geometry or Algebra I
- US History I
- Civic Literacy
- Digital Literacy
- Biology
- PE/Health

(students on an IEP may have an educational & organizational strategies course)



Grade 9 English Identity and Self

This course is an introduction to five major standards in the Massachusetts English Language Arts and Literacy Framework: reading, writing, language, speaking, and listening. Students experience a broad range of literature, including novel, short story, poetry, drama, and non-fiction informational text. Writing will focus on argument/persuasion, exposition, analysis, and narrative tasks with emphasis placed on text-based evidence/support.

~Students will take the English MCAS in the Spring of grade 10.





Grade 9 Mathematics

- **Algebra I-** This course provides a solid foundation in the algebraic skills that are necessary to pursue upper-level mathematics.
- **Honors Geometry:** This course covers a wide range of topics, including points, lines, planes, properties and uses of congruent triangles, similar polygons, right triangles, circles, areas of plane figures, areas and volumes of solids, coordinate geometry, and transformations.

~Students will take the Mathematics MCAS in the Spring of their Sophomore year.

9th Grade Social Studies

United States History I: This course examines the significance of major periods of our nation's history. In studying these topics, students apply reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, and learn vocabulary and concepts related to history and social science.

College Preparatory 21st Century Civic Literacy: This course examines topics such as analysis of media, and the impact of journalism at various periods of United States history. As part of this course, students engage in a student-led, civics project supporting the development of civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions as defined in the MA DESE History and Social Science Curriculum Framework.



9th Grade Science- Lab Cell Biology

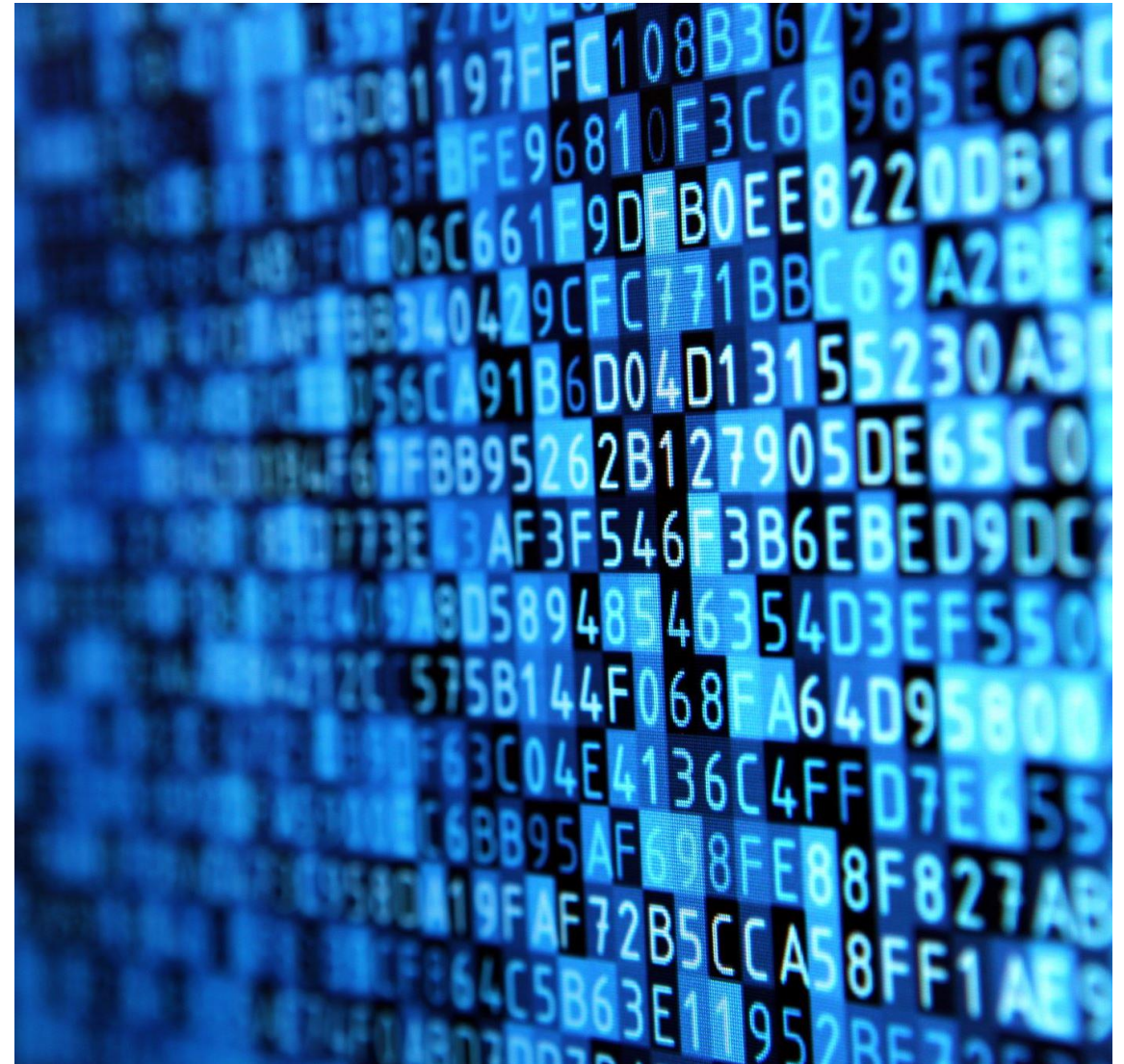
This course will broaden student understanding of the chemistry of life, cellular biology, anatomy and physiology, and ecology. Critical thinking skills will be developed through pre- and post-activities, discussions, and lab reports. Microscopes and computers will be used to enrich laboratory work and scientific investigation. Students will be expected to work individually as well as collaboratively on projects designed to provide further evidence of standard attainment.

Students will take the Biology MCAS Exam in the Spring of 2024 (Sophomore year)



Digital Literacy

- In this introductory course, students become familiar with the basic principles of a personal computer, including the internal hardware, operating system, and software applications. Students gain practice in using key applications such as word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software, as well as understanding social and ethical issues around the Internet, information, and security.

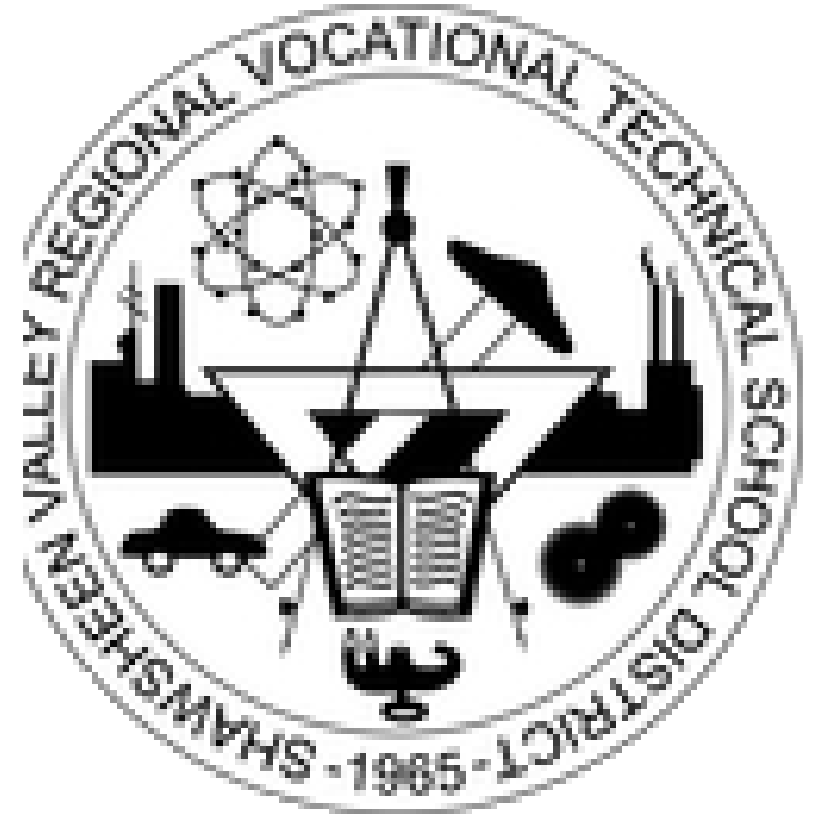


Exciting Opportunities in the years ahead

- Concurrent Enrollment Course
- Articulation agreements with many colleges
- Elective courses (PE, History, Science)
- Spanish courses
- Graduation Requirements:
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Math
- 2 years of Science
- 2 years of Social Studies
- 1 additional year of either Science or Social Studies

All course descriptions are available in the *SVTHS Program of Studies 2022-2023*

(located on the School Website)



Parent Advisory Council & Special Education Parent Advisory Council

2022-2023 Meetings:

Monthly PAC and SEPAC meetings are held the ***first Tuesday of each month at SVTHS***

SEPAC starts at 6 PM and PAC at 7 PM

September 14	March 7
October 4	April 4
November 1	May 2
December 6	May 30
January 10, 2023* (no school ⅓)	June 6
February 7	

- Like us on Facebook!

Shawsheen Tech Parent Advisory Council



School Store

- Open tonight 6pm – 8pm!
- Open all school days from 11:00am – 12:30pm.
- Follow us on Instagram & Twitter for updates and latest releases!

@shawtech_store





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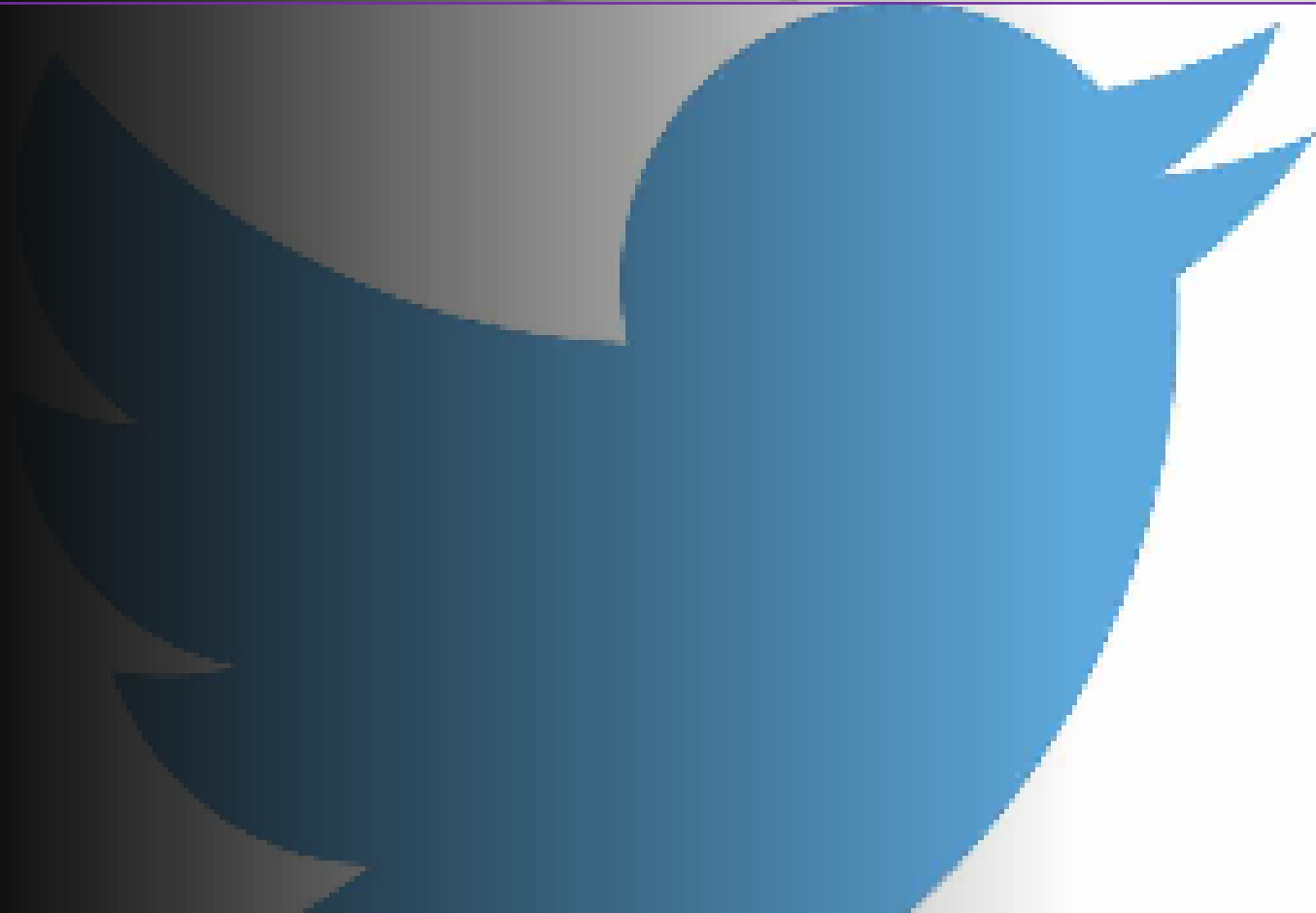
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THANK YOU
FOR
COMING—ANY
QUESTIONS?

