

Welcome Back, Sophomores!

Sophomore Class Meeting – Wednesday, September 4, 2024



SVTHS Mission



SVTHS Mission Statement: 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.



SVTHS Core Values

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Accountability	Integrity	Respect
<i>Take responsibility for your words, actions, and commitments.</i>	<i>Be honest and do the right thing, even when no one else is watching.</i>	<i>Treat everyone the way you wish to be treated.</i>
At SVTHS, we strive to be our best selves, and hold ourselves accountable for our own words and actions. We follow through on our commitments and take responsibility when we fail to meet this standard.	We believe in being honest and doing the right thing. We hold ourselves to this high standard even when it is inconvenient or when no one else is watching.	We are committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning environment for all members of our community. We exhibit respect for one another through our words and actions, and by assuming best intentions of one another.
<i>We exhibit accountability by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Showing up on time.▪ Showing up prepared.▪ Following through on our commitments.▪ Asking for help when we need it.▪ Learning from our mistakes.▪ Being a part of the solution.	<i>We exhibit integrity by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Being honest and trustworthy.▪ Doing what is right.▪ Putting in our best effort.▪ Setting a good example for our peers.▪ Accepting responsibility for our mistakes.▪ Repairing our mistakes.	<i>We exhibit Respect by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Speaking kindly to one another.▪ Listening to one another.▪ Cleaning up after ourselves.▪ Accepting & celebrating differences.▪ Treating every day like a new day.▪ Assuming best intentions.

Our Mission in Action...

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL SKILLSUSA MEDALISTS!!!

GOLD MEDALISTS

- Jasmine Johansen – Class of 2024 – Nurse Assisting
- Cole Kelley – Class of 2024 – HVAC-R (3rd national gold medal)



SILVER MEDALISTS

- Alyssa Costantiello – Class of 2025 – Basic Health Care
- Isaac Schmidt – Class of 2026 – CNC Turning Specialist
- Jonathan Hureau – Class of 2025 – CNC Milling Specialist



Our Mission...

- Positive learning experience
- **Safe educational environment**
- Full potential of students
- Strong work ethic
- *Prepare for adult life in a competitive world*

How We Achieve It

- Student cooperation and understanding
- Passionate & qualified staff
- Supports for students
- Rules, procedures, and **accountability**
- Industry/real-world expectations



Do YOUR PART to keep Shawsheen a SAFE Place!

- Follow school rules/expectations.
 - EXTRA important in a CTE school.
- Be a **friend** not a bully.
- **Think** before you act or speak?
 - How will this impact others?
- Be **kind** to others.
- Disagree **respectfully**.
- Be who you are without judging others.
- Report concerns to staff members.



Alice Response & Fire Drill Reminders

Fire Drills/Alarms

- If you hear a fire alarm, calmly exit the building and follow your teacher outside to a safe location – remain there until cleared to enter
- If you are not in class/shop, calmly exit the building at the nearest location and stay with another teacher/class until cleared to enter – **do not spend extra time in the building reporting back to your class/shop**

ALICE Response Procedures

- If there is a dangerous intruder evacuate the building if possible and get away from the danger
- If evacuation is not possible due to the location of the intruder, barricade the area you are in and remain quiet
- We will always announce the dates of ALICE drills in advance – no surprise drills



What is Bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived **power imbalance**. The behavior is **repeated**, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. There is a **clear intent** to harm the victim, socially, emotionally or physically

The real or perceived “imbalance of power,” can be physical, social, or emotional.

Bullying is repetitive behavior; however, bullying can also occur in a single incident if that incident is either very severe or arises from a pattern of behavior.



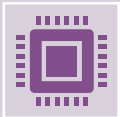
What is Cyberbullying?



Cyberbullying is [bullying](#) that takes place using electronic technology. Electronic technology includes devices and equipment such as cell phones, computers, tablets, iPads, etc., as well as social media sites, text messages, chat, and websites.



Examples of cyberbullying include cruel text messages or emails, rumors sent by email or posted on social network sites, videos or photos, etc. The behavior hurts, humiliates, or harms another person physically or emotionally.



Cyber Bullying can lead to serious harmful outcomes for the victim.

What is Discriminatory Harassment?



“Harassment” means unwelcome conduct on the basis of gender, gender identity, race, age, color, national origin, disability, or religion that is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive to create or contribute to a hostile environment for the individual at school.

Harassment may include insults, name-calling, off color jokes, threats, comments, innuendoes, notes, display of pictures or symbols, gestures or other conduct which rises to the level of a hostile environment.

Your intent does not matter – it is the impact that matters.

Even if you are “joking” with friends, you could be creating a hostile environment for others in that space.

What is sex-based harassment?

Sex-based harassment is a form of sex discrimination and means sexual harassment and other harassment on the basis of sex, including on the basis of sex stereotypes, sex characteristics, pregnancy or related conditions, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

If something happens, report it:

Bullying/Retaliation: Kevin Caruso, Assistant Principal (ext. 1505; kcaruso@shawtech.org)
Christine Tobin, Dean of Students (ext. 1506; ctobin@shawtech.org)

Civil Rights Coordinator: Jim Carlson, Director of Guidance & Health Services (ext. 1315; jcarlson@shawtech.org)

Title IX Coordinator: Jim Carlson, Director of Guidance & Health Services (ext. 1315; jcarlson@shawtech.org)



Safety-Related Reminders & Updates

Cell Phones/Personal Electronic Devices

- Must be powered off and out of sight from 7:25am – 2:04pm (except lunch)
 - Includes air pods/headphones/etc. (even in hallways) - school will issue headphones in settings where needed.
- Today = the only 'reminder day' - goes into effect fully tomorrow
- Devices will be turned into the Dean and each time, the consequence will increase (see handbook)

Electronic Pass System

- Must sign out from classes/shops in Securly hall pass & use assigned lanyards in the hallways – one student at a time (no pairs/groups).
- Use shop bathrooms (when applicable).

Vape Detectors & Security Cameras

Laptop/Internet Monitoring



Reminders from the Dean's Office

- The Dean's office is a resource to students - report any concerns you have regarding issues with other students, bullying, or harassment to **Ms. Tobin, Dean of Students**
- Make good choices and have a successful year! To do so, make sure you understand the:
 - Attendance Policy (section 3 of the SVTHS Student Handbook)
 - 7+ days absent in one quarter = automatically fail that quarter & ineligible for sports/clubs/activities/proms/dances during the next quarter
 - 5+ absences in two different quarters = probation for the rest of the term
 - Excessive tardiness = loss of parking pass (after 10) and detentions for each tardy (starting with 11th tardy)
 - Discipline Policy (section 5 of the Student Handbook)
 - Treat yourself and others with respect
 - Use cell phones before & after school and during lunch ONLY
 - Throw away all food/drinks/coffee before reporting to homeroom in the morning
 - Eligibility – MIAA & Shawsheen (section 7 of the Student Handbook)
 - Drug & Alcohol Violations
 - MIAA consequences for Athletes (whether violation was on or off campus – also includes tobacco violations)
 - Shawsheen consequences as well
 - Academic Eligibility
 - Must pass at least 35 credits worth of courses each quarter to be eligible for sports/clubs/activities/proms/dances during the next quarter



SPORTSMANSHIP AT SHAWSHEEN

- While attending sporting events school rules apply
 - Including the prohibition of drugs and alcohol
- Behavior should be appropriate and positive- **Cheer for OUR Team**
- Do not yell at the officials
- MIAA and Shawsheen prohibits **taunting**
 - Actions/words intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others, including actions/words based on race, gender, ethnic origin, or background, and conduct that attacks religious beliefs, size, economic status, speech, family, special needs or personal matters.
- **You represent Shawsheen at these events: Be respectful and kind**
- *Unsportsmanlike conduct/violation of rules may result in being asked to leave the contest and possible disciplinary action*



Guidance Counseling & Health Services

Mr. Carlson – Director of Guidance and Health Services

Guidance Counseling Department

What we do:

- Academic, career, and post-secondary planning
- Technical program planning
- Armed services information and planning
- Scheduling conflicts
- Social-emotional support
- Crisis intervention/resources
- Job placement and career counseling
- Work and Driver permits

Guidance Counselors:

- **Mr. Harrison** – Advanced Manufacturing, Auto Body, Automotive, Dental Assisting, Medical Lab Assisting and Metal Fabrication
- **Ms. Henry** – Business Tech, Drafting, Graphic Arts, Health Assisting, Masonry
- **Ms. McFadden** – Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing
- **Ms. Samaha** – Cosmetology, Culinary, DVC, Electronics/Engineering, ISSN, Programming/Web Development



Guidance Info for Sophomores

- Developing a career plan with your Guidance Counselor.
- MCAS testing in the spring.
- Concurrent Enrollment (Dual Enrollment) – Opportunity to take college level courses and receive college credit as well as high school credit.
- PSAT 10 Exam in February
 - Scores part of Concurrent Enrollment course eligibility for Junior year.



Guidance Counseling & Health Services

Health Services Department

What we do:

- Care for students with chronic medical diagnoses.
- Routine & emergency first aid treatment.
- Health education.
- Mandated screenings.
- Medication administration.

School Nurses:

- Ms. Brophy
- Ms. Croteau
- Ms. West

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



Student Responsibilities for School Laptops

Mrs. Schrimpf – Director of Educational Technology

- Bring your laptop to school every academic week, and if instructed for shop week
- Bring your laptop to school fully charged everyday
- Bring your charger to school everyday
- Shut down your laptop completely when leaving for school and leaving home
- Run updates as needed
- Follow the Acceptable Use Policy located in Shawsheen Student Handbook
- Pens and chargers will be available for purchase at the school store soon
- Upon graduation the laptop is yours to keep. Treat it with care.



Academic Updates

Mrs. Johnston – Director of Academic Programs

- Schedules are set - see your guidance counselor with any course change concerns
 - Course changes are **not** made for specific teacher requests, lunch requests, etc.
- New Year = Fresh Start
 - Start off the year strong as you continue to build your high school transcript & work toward your post-secondary goals
- MCAS Year
 - Your teachers are here to prepare and support you to be successful – work with them



Vocational/Technical Updates

Mr. Norkiewicz – Director of Vocational/Technical Programs

- Getting a solid foundation in your vocational/technical program, especially the theory (related class)
- Get involved with extracurricular activities, such as SkillsUSA
- Time to focus on your career path – Set goals and work toward them
- Set yourself up to be a strong candidate for co-op at the end of your junior year



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and
Have an AWESOME
SOPHOMORE YEAR!

