

Welcome Class of 2026 Parent/Guardians!

Thursday, September 28, 2023





Core Values

SVTHS Core Values		
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.
<p><i>We exhibit accountability by:</i></p> <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. 	<p><i>We exhibit integrity by:</i></p> <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. 	<p><i>We exhibit Respect by:</i></p> <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.

Guidance Counseling & Health Services

Mr. Carlson – Director of Guidance and Health Services

School 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

School 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



Sophomore Year Focus

- Learning technical and theory related skills in selected shop area.
- Exposure to academic and career pathways.
- Obtaining skills and certifications in preparation for co-op (Junior year).
- Developing self-confidence.
- Goal setting.
- Decision making.
- Career Planning.
- Problem-solving.



Sophomore Courses

10th GRADE COURSES				
			Level	Credits
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS				
1021	Honors Sophomore English		1	5.0
1022	CP Sophomore English		2	5.0
1023	CP Sophomore English		3	5.0
1024	CP Sophomore English		4	5.0
1025	CP Sophomore English		5	5.0
9124	Sophomore English *		5	5.0
MATHEMATICS				
3020	Honors Algebra II		1	5.0
3021	CP Geometry		2	5.0
3022	CP Geometry		3	5.0
3023	CP Geometry		4	5.0
3024	CP Advanced Algebra I		2	5.0
9322	Geometry*		5	5.0
SCIENCE				
5021	Honors Lab Biodiversity		1	5.0
5022	CP Lab Biodiversity		2	5.0
5023	CP Lab Biodiversity		3	5.0
9522	Biodiversity & Ecology*		5	5.0
SOCIAL STUDIES				
2020	Honors U.S. History II		1	2.5
2021	CP U.S. History II		2	2.5
9223	U.S. History II*		5	2.5
PHYSICAL EDUCATION/ WELLNESS				
6200-6201	Sophomore Physical Education and Wellness Students take two semesters of Sophomore Fitness and one semester of Sophomore Health/Aquatics		1	1.5
CVTE PROGRAM & RELATED THEORY				
	Sophomore College Preparatory Related Technology		1	2.5
	Technology Shop/Lab		1	20.0
TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS				41.5
* Enrollment in this course requires an IEP, TEAM recommendation, and parental consent.				
**Administrative recommendation required.				

Guidance/School Events

- Developing a career plan with their Guidance Counselor.
- MCAS testing in the spring.
 - English Language Arts (March 26th and 27th)
 - Math (May 21st and 22nd)
 - Biology (June 4th and 5th)
- 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 are part of Concurrent Enrollment course eligibility for Junior year. Middlesex Community College requires PSAT scores of 480 or higher on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing portion of the PSAT in order to qualify for Concurrent Enrollment classes.
 - Practice for the PSAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) Junior year.



SHAWSHEEN TECH GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

September

WELCOME BACK!

The Guidance Department would like to welcome all returning and new students to the 2023-2024 school year! We had a great time meeting our new students during the New Student Orientation and then welcoming back all students the following day.

We would also like to welcome Andy Alsup to our department. Andy is joining us this year as an additional 9th grade counselor. Welcome Andy!

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER



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