

Winter 2008 SSVT Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents:

As we approach both the end of 2007 and a well-deserved winter vacation, I want to take an opportunity to update you on ongoing activities and further plans for the spring 2008. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I hope your family has an enjoyable vacation and a promising start to 2008.

Sincerely,

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School Security: SSVT works closely with Hanover Police and Fire Departments to ensure that we are prepared to handle an emergency. With this goal in mind, we will be practicing lockdown drills between January and June 2008. When we hold a lockdown or evacuation drill, I will notify you through a Connect-Ed automated phone message after the drill.

Improving Our Website
www.ssvotech.org
We are reviewing our website's current format. How can we improve our website? Please email me your feedback and new ideas.

New Student Group Coordinates Pep Rally and January Movie Night: Our Peer Leaders group, under the assistance of counselor **Todd Zahurak**, English teacher **John Scopeletti**, and science teacher **Amy Dow**, have made a positive impact on the school. They coordinated our fall pep rally, which was a great success. Their next event being planned is a **Movie Night on January 11th**. Our students want activities beyond the usual dances, and our peer leaders have come up with another great idea. I hope your child attends this event.

School Building Assistance Funds: Last year, SSVT applied to the Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) for funds to defray the cost of a new roof and windows. Last month, SSVT was placed on a list of schools possibly eligible for funding. An audit team from MSBA visited SSVT in December. Thank you to **Bob Kelley**, Treasurer; **Edna Robie**, Purchasing Officer; **Pat Butler**, Accounting Officer for their work on the application and with the audit team!

2008 Yearbooks are still available for purchase. The cost is \$90. Please contact **Mary Lou Merrick** at extension 130 for more information.

Student Recognitions: The late fall is an exciting time to celebrate our students' successes. In November, 31 students received MCAS-based Abigail Adams Scholarships, entitling them to free tuition at many Massachusetts state schools. In December, there was a huge Fall Sports Banquet for golf, volleyball, football teams and cheerleaders. We also inducted 17 students into the National Honor Society, and awarded Certified Nurse's Assistant pins to 5 Health Careers students

School Council & Parents Association. The following parents serve in leadership roles on School Council and Parents Association. School Council: **Ellie Grillo, Debbie Drago, Corrine Cafardo and Lisa Varasso**. Parents Association officers: **Erin Flinn**, President; **Debbie Drago**, Secretary; **Kim Notarangelo**, Treasurer. Thank you for your service to our school and students!

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School Sports Schedules.

Our wrestling, hockey, and basketball teams' game and practice schedules are at www.ssvotech.org. Click on the "Sports Schedules" link. Our Athletic Director, **Joe Marani**, can be reached at jmarani@ssvotech.org.

Window Project: I am happy to report that our cafeteria windows were recently replaced. In order to accomplish this, we had to move our lunch tables into the gym for three days. Our cafeteria manager, **Christina McPhee** and her staff, as well as our students, were very cooperative and accommodating during this process. In addition, special thanks to Director of Buildings and Grounds **Bob Moorhead** and his staff for assisting with this transition. Window replacements in our 100 wing will resume in the near future, possibly as early as the December vacation week.

Winter Weather Review:

Unexpected bus delay: In the event that your child's bus route is more than 15 minutes late, please tell your child to return to the bus stop one hour after the originally scheduled time. (For example, if the scheduled

time is 7:00 and the bus has not arrived by 7:15, the child should return at 8:00.) In the future, we will update our Connect-Ed system to allow for an early morning phone call to specific bus routes if such delays arise.

SSVT Alumni Wanted: We are looking to expand our alumni database and plan (in 2010) for a 50th anniversary of the school's charter. Do you know any SSVT graduates? If so, please ask them to contact our receptionist **Tracy Perakslis** at extension 113 or go to our alumni link at www.ssvotech.org.

Adult Education: SSVT has a very popular Adult Education program. Our Adult Education Registration is January 9th, 16th and 17th, and classes start January 28th. Our Assistant Principal **Gene Kelly** is also our Adult Education Director, and he has done a fantastic job to ensure that the interests of the SSVT community are being met through our Adult Education program. Please call Mr. Kelly or **Mary Lou Merrick** at extension 114 for more information.

Parental Contact

Information: December vacation is a good time to update your home/work contact information. If you have changed addresses, phone numbers, or work contact information, please contact our guidance office at **781.871.4153**. Also, if you have a new email address, let us know. Connect-Ed messages can be sent via e-mail, and this may be more convenient for you at work.

Mark Your '08 Calendars

Jan. 9: Parents Assn., 6:30

Jan. 10 Early Release, 11:00
Vocational Advisory, 6:30

Jan. 11: Student Movie Night

Jan. 29: Midterm progress reports

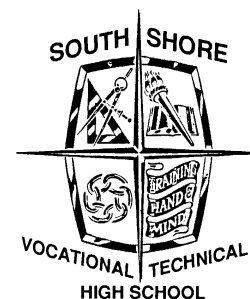
Feb. 18-22 Vacation

Mar. 5: Gr. 9 & 11 term closes

Mar. 13: Gr. 10 & 12 term closes

Mar. 19: Early Release, 11:00
Winter Sports Banquet

Mar. 25-27: Gr. 10 English MCAS



*More updates to come in our
Spring 2008 Newsletter!*

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