



High School Updates!

Schenectady High School

October 2021

Upcoming Dates:

- **September 28** - SHS Main Campus Back to School Night - 6:30pm
- **September 30** - Free College Fair @ SHS from 6:30-8:00 - Enter through the Fine Arts doors
- **October 4** - 6pm National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- **October 5** - 6pm Virtual Financial Aid Night for 11th and 12th graders and their families
- **October 6** - 5pm SHS Family Forum - "Chank Chat" - SHS Commons - enter at Door #2 or virtually: <https://rb.gy/q7bjr4> or using the QR code - these sessions are open to all!
- **October 12** - Interim Progress Reports
- **October 27-28** - Picture Days at SHS in PE class - <http://jostenpix.com>

If you have any questions:

- * call (518) 881-2044
- * email at chankc@schenectady.k12.ny.us
- * "Text the Principal" at (518) 952-0969

High School Highlights and Updates!

Greetings from Schenectady High School! The school year is in full swing and we are very excited to have all of our students and staff back in our high school buildings.

COVID Protocols - We know that there is a lot of anxiety around our protocols addressing COVID, masking and physical distancing in order to keep our school community safe. We have been following the CDC, DOH and district guidance and have had excellent cooperation from students and staff. Specific guidance can be found at the top of the SCSD website.

We are striving to hold events in-person when possible, outside when feasible. Our main goal is to prevent our building (and district) from having to go back to virtual

SHS College Fair - On Thursday September 30th from 6:30 until 8:00pm SHS will host a college fair in the main hallway. This is an opportunity to speak with college and university representatives from across the country. There will be public and private, four-year and two-year, large and small, liberal arts and vocational colleges represented as well as the military, unions, and local employers.

Financial Aid Night - SHS will be hosting a virtual Financial Aid Night on October 5th @ 6:00 PM. Our presenter will be

Mark Bessette, Director of Financial Aid at SUNY Schenectady. This is an opportunity to learn about the financial aid process, federal grants and loans, and other sources of financial assistance. All students planning to attend a two or four-year college program will need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form starting October 1st of their senior year. This event is also an opportunity to learn more about that process.

A link to attend the event will follow. It will be posted on the district website and Cohort Google Classrooms.

Class Rank - Schenectady High School is investigating changing how we recognize student achievement at graduation and how we report it to colleges and universities. We are exploring moving away from class rank and the valedictorian / salutatorian model and move to the college style Cum Laude system.

Please view this presentation and then give us feedback:

Presentation: <https://rb.gy/7iljdn>

Feedback Form: <https://rb.gy/p3lwwc>

Family Forum - all of the issues identified here will be discussed at our next Family Forum on Wednesday October 6th from 5 to 6pm in the Commons at SHS. There is also a virtual option for those that cannot attend in person.



JROTC Cadets overlooking Lake George

TODAY A LEARNER... TOMORROW A LEADER!