ACADEMIC UPDATES

◆ No School Days for December
  ➢ Winter Break- December 23-January 3

◆ Finals Schedule
  ➢ December 18: Periods 1 (8:30-10:00), Period 2 (10:10-11:40), Lunch (11:40-12:10)
  ➢ December 19: Periods 3 (8:30-10:00), Period 4 (10:10-11:40), Lunch (11:40-12:10)
  ➢ December 20: Periods 5 (8:30-10:00), Period 6 (10:10-11:40), Lunch (11:40-12:10)
  ➢ Please remember buses are on their regular routes.

◆ ATTENDANCE: Absences and Excuses
To increase accountability, **written notes are not accepted**. Parents are required to **CALL or email** within 24 hours to the Attendance Office 971-200-8052 to excuse their student. **Unexcused absences will result in the inability to make up work.** An automated call system will begin each evening at 4:00 pm. The system will notify parents if a student has an unexcused absent or tardy for one or more periods during the day. Absences from school or class will be excused under the following circumstances:
- Illness of the student;
- Illness of an immediate family member when the student’s presence at home is necessary;
- Emergency situations that require the student’s absence;
- Field trips and school-approved activities;
- Medical/dental appointments;
- Other reasons deemed appropriate by the school administrator when satisfactory arrangements have been made in advance of the absence, such as appointments at the DMV.
- Pre-arranged absence. Forms available in the Main Office.
**NOTE:** Oversleeping, even when excused by a parent/guardian, is not considered as excused.

◆ Counselor Message:
  ➢ Your counselor is assigned to you based on your last name.
  Ms. Aarin Pinkstaff ([apinkstaff@scappoose.k12.or.us](mailto:apinkstaff@scappoose.k12.or.us)) is the counselor for students with the last names A-K.
  Ms. Whitney Scott ([wscott@scappoose.k12.or.us](mailto:wscott@scappoose.k12.or.us)) is the counselor for students with the last names L-Z.
  Ms. Britany Phillips ([bphillips@scappoose.k12.or.us](mailto:bphillips@scappoose.k12.or.us)) works on Mondays and Tuesdays and helps with counseling duties, attendance, and testing.

  ➢ **College & Career Update** - The counseling department has a monthly newsletter, which includes upcoming events, SAT/ACT testing dates, college prep information, financial aid information, an updated scholarship list, and other helpful post-secondary tips and recommendations.  They are available under the College & Career Update tab on the school's website [www.scappoosek12.org/shs](http://www.scappoosek12.org/shs)
The athletic schedules can be found at the OSAA website: [http://www.osaa.org/schools/79](http://www.osaa.org/schools/79)

Winter sports offered at Scappoose High School are Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Wrestling & Boys and Girls Swimming.

ARTS UPDATES

**WINTER COFFEEHOUSE - A partnership of SHS Performing Arts & Cathedral Coffee**
- A festive night of music and poetry for the whole family!
- December 9th, 7PM-8PM
- Pay What You Will
- **Cathedral Coffee, 33555 E Columbia Ave #111, Scappoose, OR 97056**

**Don’t forget** to follow @ScappooseTheatre on Instagram and Facebook.

**Join the Theatre Club Remind** - Check below for details. You’ll get updates on meetings, auditions, competitions, and trips!

The SHS Band Winter Concert is on **Thursday, December 12th at 7:00pm** in the SHS Auditorium! Come out and see our three high school bands put on a great show!

Join the Chamber Choir at The Grotto’s Festival of Lights in Portland on **Friday, December 13th at 7:00pm**. Admission to The Grotto is $12.50 for adults and $6.50 for children up to 12 years old. For more information on The Grotto: [https://thegrotto.org/christmas-festival-of-lights/](https://thegrotto.org/christmas-festival-of-lights/)

The SHS Choir Winter Concert is on **Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00pm** in the SHS Auditorium.

**YEARBOOKS**: Go to [WWW.YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM](http://WWW.YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM) to order your yearbook online today!

- $60 - Fall Price (Sept. 1 - Dec. 31)
- $65 - Winter Price (Jan 1 - April 30)
- $70 - DISTRIBUTION DAY (May 31st)

Interested in a yearbook **BUSINESS AD**? Contact Tyler Baker (yearbookshs@scappoose.k12.or.us) for business ad inquiries and submissions or go to [https://yearbookforever.com](https://yearbookforever.com) for more details.

**SHS CHOIR: Follow us on Instagram @shsvarsitychoir & Facebook:**
[https://www.facebook.com/scappoosehschoir/](https://www.facebook.com/scappoosehschoir/)

ACTIVITIES UPDATES

**Winter Ball**: Winter Ball Week is December 2-6. Each day in the week is a spirit day.

- **Monday**: Sleeping Beauty Day (PJs)
- **Tuesday**: Rapunzel Day (Crazy Hair)
- **Wednesday**: Cinderella Day (Dress to Impress)
- **Thursday**: Little Red Riding Hood (Hats/Hoodies)
- **Friday**: Once Upon a Time (Modern Version of Favorite Fairy Tale Character)
- **Saturday**: Winter Ball, 7:30-10:30pm

Tickets will be on sale all week for $20 or will be $25 at the door. Winter Ball will be at Victorian Belle Mansion in Portland, OR.
Breathalyzing at Winter Ball

Parents, Students and Community Members,

The Winter Ball Dance and other school events can be the source of many great memories. They can also, unfortunately, be associated with an increased level of unsafe behavior, including the use of alcohol. In an effort to assist our students in making good choices, those students wishing to attend our upcoming Winter Ball Dance at the Victorian Belle Mansion will be asked to use a breathalyzer. The request to use the breathalyzer will occur before, during and/or upon exiting the event. Students refusing to do so will lose the privilege of attending the event and their guardian(s) will be contacted. Students who are suspected of being under the influence will be required to have a parent come pick them up. In the event that someone is found to have used alcohol or illegal substances or is in possession of an illegal substance, the expectations in the Student Handbook and Board Policy will be followed. Students at Winter Ball who are reasonably suspected of using alcohol and other drugs may be questioned and asked to use the breathalyzer.

We are attempting to make sure that all students are aware that the breathalyzer will be in use at the Winter Ball dance. We are raising the level of awareness by sending this email. Our goal is not to catch students doing something wrong but rather to help them make safe and appropriate choices.

We look forward to a safe and enjoyable evening for all.

Sincerely,
Scappoose High School Administrative Team

Turkey Baskets: Thank you to everyone who participated in this years Turkey Baskets. We were able to put together 47 Turkey Baskets for families in our district!

Foster Care Holiday Party: We will be celebrating our 20th Foster Care Holiday Party at SHS on December 18th from 5:30-7:30pm. This party is put on by Dude Be Nice and Leadership. We provide a present and dinner for foster care families in Columbia County. A Giving Tree is up by the auditorium if you’d like to contribute a gift to the party!

SHS Alumni: Are you an alumni of SHS and actively serving in the military? SHS is putting together a military board to recognize our graduates who are currently serving. If you would like to be on the board, please email Courtney Scott (cscott@scappoose.k12.or.us), with your name, graduation year, branch, and a picture.


CLASS OF 2020

Is your student graduating in 2020? The SHS Safe & Sober group is raising funds for Baccalaureate, a meal, and the all-night party after graduation for our students. Join us and/or spread the word on these upcoming volunteer opportunities and fundraisers! Here are a few things to know:

- **Saturday, December 7**: Can/bottle drive, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Scappoose Middle School turnaround. Let us recycle your empties! It’s our biggest fundraiser, plus we always need volunteers. See the event on Facebook - name/link below.
- **Wednesday, December 18**: Safe and Sober Committee Meeting @ SHS Library
- **Tuesday, December 31**: Email your student’s baby and senior pictures to shs2020slideshow@gmail.com for the Baccalaureate slideshow.
- **Saturday, January 4**: Can/bottle drive, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Scappoose Middle School turnaround generously agreed to give a percentage back to Safe and Sober! Watch for an event on Facebook.
- **Monday, January 13**: Ixtapa give back night. Our Friends at Ixtapa have generously agreed to give back a percentage to Safe and Sober! Watch for an event on Facebook.
Friday, May 1: Are you an early bird? Here if your chance to shine by planning your students graduation poster now! This tradition displays the student’s name and photos throughout their lifetime on any color 22” poster board. Please, no foam core, tri-fold posters, glitter, thick media or items hanging off the boards. Get creative!

Now-May: MCE ROOFING is donating $25 for EVERY job they work on in Scappoose. If your roof needs attention, please contact this generous business. #shoplocal

Thank you!: Speaking of generosity, a shout out to companies and individuals who have volunteered, made donations, dropped off cans and bottles, contributed to the football game 50/50 raffles, hosted restaurant give back nights and more. We couldn’t do this without you!

Ongoing: Like our Facebook group (SHS Safe & Sober 2020 Planning Group) for the latest info on fundraising and volunteer opportunities. https://www.facebook.com/groups/362629044387960

Seniors/Senior Parents: Click here for Senior Portrait, Recognition Ads, and *NEW* Senior Quote details for Yearbook. All submissions are due by January 15th.

Seniors/Senior Parents: Please send in your pictures (baby and senior picture) for baccalaureate to shs2020slideshow@gmail.com. The deadline is December 31st.

Attitude Shout-Outs

Les Schwab’s “Tire”less Teacher/Staff Award: Each Friday, one teacher/staff is chosen as the Les Schwab “Tire”less Teacher. To nominate a teacher or staff member, please go here or fill out a nomination card during Monday Late Start at the Activities Table near the main office!

Students of the Week: Each Friday, one student will be chosen as the Student of the Week. To nominate a student, please go here or fill out a nomination card during Monday Late Start at the Activities Table near the main office!

Stay in the Know

Scappoose High School Website: https://www.scappoosek12.org/

Remind--To get texts with updates, text @ and the corresponding code below to 81010.

CLASS of 2020: @scap2020
CLASS of 2021: @scap2021
CLASS of 2022: @scap2022
CLASS of 2023: @scap2023
Scappoose High School: @scaphigh
SHS Volunteers: @shshelper
Scappoose Athletics: @scapsports
Scappoose Theatre: @scaptheatr

Scappoose High School Social Media:
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/scappoosehighschool/
Instagram: @scappoosehighschool

Monthly Updates and Social Media: If you are interested in getting SHS relevant information out in our monthly updates (this) or on our social media, please contact Courtney Scott (cscott@scappoose.k12.or.us).

SHS Mission Statement: To nurture, inspire, and challenge students to become confident critical thinkers, socially responsible citizens, and life-long learners.