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.

Tardy Policy: Each staff member will provide a tardy policy for his/her classroom. Excessive tardies will be turned over to the administration for disciplinary action.

- **Tardy # 1:** three unexcused tardies in any one class in one semester. Result is after school detention.
- **Tardy # 2:** any tardy from any other class in the same semester. Result is after school detention.
- **Tardy # 3:** the next tardy from any class in the same semester. Result is Saturday School.
- Unexcused absences will result in In School Suspension.

Counselor Message:

➢ Your counselor is assigned to you based on your last name.

- **Ms. Aarin Pinkstaff** (apinkstaff@scappoose.k12.or.us) is the counselor for students with the last names A-K.
- **Ms. Whitney Scott** (wscott@scappoose.k12.or.us) is the counselor for students with the last names L-Z.
- **Ms. Britany Phillips** (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.

➢ **Financial Aid Night** - SHS is hosting Financial Aid Night on **Tuesday, October 1st from 6:30-8:00 PM** in the Auditorium. Abril Hunt, Senior Financial Literacy Trainer, will be presenting information for students and parents on Financial Aid/FAFSA. This is an important presentation for junior and senior students and their parents.
SHS is participating in the nationwide initiative **College Application Week (CAW)** on October 29 and 30. CAW seeks to increase the number of students who are applying to college early in their senior year and expose students to a variety of post-secondary options and careers.

### PSAT Test (All Sophomores)

The Oregon Department of Education selected the PSAT/NMSQT® offered by The College Board in compliance with Oregon legislation, 329.488 which requires school districts to provide all 10th graders the opportunity to take a test predicting readiness for college/career and advanced coursework. This test is offered free of charge to all 10th graders enrolled in public schools.

- Our school will offer the PSAT/NMSQT® on **Wednesday, October 16, 2019 from 8:30 AM-11:45 AM**. All sophomore students will receive a PSAT Student Guide (with a full length PSAT practice test) and a parent letter on Monday or Tuesday, October 7-8 in their American Studies class.
- We have a limited number of seats for junior and freshman students for $17. If your junior or freshman student would like to test, please pay $17 to the counseling office.

**SENIORS:** [CLICK HERE](#) for Senior Portrait, Recognition Ads, and "NEW" Senor Quote details for Yearbook. All submissions are due by **JANUARY 15TH**.

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### ATHLETIC UPDATES

- The athletic schedules can be found at the OSAA website: [http://www.osaa.org/schools/79](http://www.osaa.org/schools/79)

### ARTS UPDATES

- **Fall Play:** *Decision Height* - October 24th-26th
- **Winter Auditions:** *Out of the Frying Pan* - November 4th & 5th, 3:30-5:30
- **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!

**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

- **CHOIR CONCERT:** October 29, 7:00pm @ SHS, FREE
- **SPOOK-O-GRAMS:** October 31, $5 on-campus, $20 off-campus; Email hmoorman@scappoose.k12.or.us to place your order today!!!!
- **Follow us on Instagram** @shsvarsitychoir & Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/scappoosehschoir/](https://www.facebook.com/scappoosehschoir/)

### ACTIVITIES UPDATES

- **Club Sign Ups:** Club sign ups will happen during our extended lunch schedule on September 27. Scappoose offers a lot of clubs and it is a great way to get involved at SHS!
- **Blood drive Oct 2nd.** SHS is hosting a blood drive on Oct 2nd open to students and parents. Students 15 years or less are not old enough to donate blood. 16 year olds need a signed parent permission form to donate. Parents can donate too! The drive is open to the public and donors should stop by SHS. During the last drive, SHS collected 56 units of blood which will be used by the Red Cross to help up to 168 people.
- **Custodial Workers Day:** Make sure and thank your custodians! Custodial Workers Days is October 2nd!
- **Homecoming Week is October 14-19**
  - **Themes:** Home Sweet Homecoming (Oregon Themed)
    - **Freshmen:** Crater Lake
Sophomores: Columbia River
Juniors: Multnomah Falls
Seniors: Mt. Hood
Staff: Haystack Rock

Dress Up Days:
- Monday, October 14 is Homerun Day (dress is sports gear)
- Tuesday, October 15 is Make Yourself at Home Day (wear your school appropriate PJs)
- Wednesday, October 16 is Homies Day (dress like your friends)
- Thursday, October 17 is Home Away from Home Day (dress like a tourist)
- Friday, October 18 is Home Field Advantage Day (wear your Hoco Shirt--$15)

➢ Homecoming Week Kick-Off Assembly is October 14 at 1pm. This is a non mandatory assembly. Students will either be at the assembly in the gym or study hall in the cafeteria.

➢ Homecoming Night Assembly is October 16 at 7pm. This assembly if a fun way to see the class videos, participate in homecoming team activities, showcase our dance team and cheerleaders, show our school spirit, and vote for the class murals! This assembly is $3 for students and $5 for adults. After the assembly we go outside for the traditional burning of the “S”.

➢ Homecoming Parade and Assembly is October 18 starting at 2pm. Students participating in fall sports and those on court will be part of the parade, other students will be in class until the parade comes back around to our school. A mandatory assembly will follow.

➢ The Homecoming Game is October 18 vs The Wilson Trojans. Kick-off is at 7pm and the court crowning will be at half-time.

➢ The Homecoming Dance is on October 19 from 7:30-10:30pm at the SHS Cafeteria. The dance is $10 during the week or $15 at the door. A photobooth will be available for $5. Small snacks and Italian Sodas will be available for purchase at the dance.

❖ Kindness Week: SHS Kindness Week will be October 21-25 and will feature guest speaker Jesse LeBeau.

❖ SHS Alumni: Are you an alumnus 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.


ATTITUDE SHOUT-OUTS

❖ Les Schwab’s “Tire”less Teacher/Staff Award: Each Friday starting in October, 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 starting in October, 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 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.