

Southside High– Center for International Studies

PTSA NEWS

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**PTSA OPEN
HOUSE
MONDAY,
SEPT 27
6:00 IB Council
6:30(ESL)
7:00 (GENERAL)**

Visit your student's classes but also a great time to join PTSA, sign up to volunteer and more. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for Bi-Lo's new fundraiser to benefit Southside. Please plan to attend.

Reunion de Padres y Representantes Hispanohablantes
Lunes,
27 de Septiembre
6:30 p.m. Lecture Room
7:00 p.m. Open House (visiten a las clases de su hijo(a), conozcan a los profesores)
Participen en la Asocia- cion de Padres y Rep- resentantes: \$3.00 por persona, \$10.00 por familia)

From the Principal's Desk

We have had a great start for the 2004-2005-school term. We began the year with our first annual First Day Celebration to welcome families back to school. We will post the pictures on the website.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the first Southside PTSA Meeting/Open House on September 27.

Several excellent staff members have joined our ranks this school year. The following teachers and staff are new to Southside: Nancy King -Guidance, B. J. Jackson - Media Clerk and Assistant Football Coach, Paula Bruce-English, Jennifer Furrow-English, Dorothy Cannon-Math, Ed Turner-Math and Head Football Coach, Linda Vissage-Science (returning after 1 year away from SHS), Thomas Labanick- Social Studies, Brice Laughter-Business Education, Kathleen Stables-Curriculum Resource Teacher, Paige Bordelon-Special Education.

Leroy Elrod Assistant Principal Leaving

It is with fond farewells that we wish good luck to Mr. Leroy Elrod who has accepted a position to assist Mr. Alex Martin at Golden Strip Career Center beginning on September 23. Mr. Elrod has served as assistant principal at Southside since 2003. Elrod came to Southside from Tanglewood Middle School and has served as the ninth grade academy administrator. We wish Mr. Elrod success in his new endeavor and we thank him for his hard work at Southside High. We will miss him. Mr. James Munroe will temporarily replace Mr. Elrod. Mr. Munroe is a retired Greenville County Administrator.

Ninth Grade Academy Up and Running

Southside High School has implemented its first ninth grade academy. All indications are that we are off to a good start. The ninth grade academy is designed to give first time freshmen a smoother transition from middle to high school. Although the design of our building prevents us from isolating ninth grade students into a separate wing, we have placed our core English and Math ninth grade college prep classes on the first floor. Teachers were carefully selected to work with novice students. Our goals for the academy are to

1. Increase the number of students who are promoted to the 10th grade
2. Decrease the number of ninth grade students who are referred to the assistant principal for disciplinary reasons
3. Improve ninth grade attendance
4. Develop academically strong students who are able to pass the exit exam after one attempt.

Worth Pondering

As we embark on the new school year, I would ask that parents help their students to help Southside High School become the institution that we want it to be. Our report card rating for the

Dates to Remember

September 23	Progress Reports
October	PSAT Test
October 26	Fall Exit Exam
October 25	Staff workday
November 6	Mr. Southside
November 4	Report cards
November 8	Newsletter
	Deadline

Dear Parents, Students, Teachers.....

The First Day Celebration was a great success for the community. Now that school has started, we find that we must now get into a routine so that we can maximize our day. We believe that success is earned and to reap the benefits are endless. We are off to a great start and we must continue. As the school's programs increase in the following months, students and teachers will learn that going to school is more than attending classes or going to a game. It is a privilege that we have. It is where our children are educated and encourage to dream and to have confidence in their choices. I do feel that the most important class of the day starts at home. Parents here is where we need your help as well.

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Your Help is Needed

VOLUNTEER—There are still many ways you can be involved with activities at SHS...Hospitality, school store, after prom, school improvement committee, fundraising, etc. Sign up at PTSA open house or contact a PTSA officer to find out how you can help.
Felix Blassengale 277-9096
Tobita Mckinney 422-9311

**Attend 1 Meeting,
 Volunteer 1 Hour, Attend 1
 School Event**

Watch for details.
 Yearbook Photo Contest.
 Fun & Prizes
 Plan to purchase a **YEARBOOK**
 (payment plan available)

Ways to Be Involved In your Child's Education...

- *Make appointments as needed to discuss your child's progress and concerns.
- *Attend Parent-teacher conferences with specific questions you want to ask. Give positive feedback and show appreciation for teachers and administrators.
- *Approach interactions with a positive attitude and an open mind.
- *Indicate the best way to give you information (phone, e-mail, notes, etc)
- *Visit your school's web page.

National PTA



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for the 2003-04-school year was below average. We are continually seeking ways to improve the SHS report card status. One thing that I ask parents to do is to be involved. Research has shown that statistically, students perform better academically when their parents are involved positively with the school. I encourage each parent to develop positive relationships with each of your child's teachers, counselors and

administrator. When you have questions or concerns call or schedule a conference to get clear and accurate information. Look for progress reports every four and a half weeks and report cards every nine weeks. If you do not receive them call the school. Look for ways to be involved positively in school through volunteer work. Join the PTSA. By working together we can create strong ties between the home and school.

Report Card Information We are awaiting information for the 2004-05-term. Our goals remain to increase student achievement, improve student technological skills and knowledge and to provide a pleasant and inviting learning environment.

SCHOOL STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Shifts available 8:00-8:30, 11:22-11:52 and 12:16-12:46 Every day except Tuesday
 Call Regina to help 235-3922 or 270-1194 or cookingina@msn.com

IB Parent's Council Meeting Prior to September PTSA Meeting

September 27, 2004 IB Parents are requested to meet at 6:00 prior to the 7:00 PTSA meeting on September 27. Come prepared to discuss how you can contribute to your child's school experience. The IB Parent's Council requests \$20 from each family to fund some of our activities. Each grade level has a major gathering. Freshmen will have some social activities to build team spirit. The Sophomore Retreat, which will inform 10th graders about the upcoming IB course work, will also have a social component. The Junior Treat is purely fun. And we have a very special evening for the Seniors and their families just prior to graduation. Please come and see how we can work together to make this a great year!

Carol Fisher fisher3960@bellsouth.net

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When your child enters the school he must be prepared for his or her education. We are proud and pleased to help you prepare your child for the future.

Remember it's our future

We are asking that all parents join the Southside PTSA. If you can attend at least One PTSA Meeting, One Athletic Game, and Volunteer 1 hour at the school, we can make big difference in the success of Southside High School.

I hope that you can attend the open house on September 27, 2004. You can join the PTSA and receive info on the many organizations and clubs throughout the school.

Red Ribbon Week is the first week in October. The PTSA and the ROTC TAD Parade will again go through the local community while promoting Tiger's against Drugs (TAD). We need parents to assist with refreshments for the participants and a Red Ribbon chairperson.

Again thank you in advance for your time, your dedication to get involved in your child's education. It is priceless and we do need you here, when ever you can. Please call me (277-9096) or the school for more information.

JOIN OUR PTSA

**Attend 1 Meeting, Volunteer 1 Hour,
 Attend 1 School Event..... You need
 to know....**

Felix M. Blassengale, PTSA President
fblassengale@charter.net
www.southsidehigh.org

Resources are available. Encourage your student to utilize them.

The GE mini-labs in rooms 202, 209, and 225 are available in the mornings before school (7:45) and after school for students who would like to use the GE labs or need a quiet, supervised place to study



Greenville County College Fair, Sunday, October 31, 2-5pm

Over 50 colleges will be represented at the Greenville County College Fair held at McAlister Square on South Pleasantburg Drive. College bound seniors and juniors will learn more about their options.

JOIN PTSA TODAY

Southside High School—PTSA Membership Form

Parent Name/Student Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Membership Level:

\$3.00 (individual) _____ \$10.00 (Family) _____

Donor Membership Levels:

\$25.00 (Bronze) _____ \$50.00 (Silver) _____ \$100.00 (Gold) _____

Return form at PTSA meeting or return to school (Enclose in envelope. Address ATTN: PTSA) Make checks payable to SHS PTSA.

Register BI-Lo Bonus Card for

contributions to SHS
Name on Card: _____

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Bonus Card # : _____

HELP SUPPORT Southside High! OUR BI-LO A+ FOR SCHOOLS # IS 2700. Even if you were signed up previously, we need you to re-enroll annually.

The daily student bulletin is published by 6:00 pm for the following day. **Please check the Southside Website, click on the button "News". You will be able to stay up-to-date with student activities, schedules, and other important information.** www.greenville.k12.sc.us/southside or www.southsidehigh.org Booster Club information for the Student Bulletin or for the Website may be e-mailed to jmorgan@greenville.k12.sc.us or e-mail Southside button on the Website.

June Trip to Europe If you missed the informational meeting on Sept. 14th and would like to join us for a fantastic trip to Europe next June, please contact Madame Robinson asap at 878-0571 or hrobinso@greenville.k12.sc.us). We will spend 8 days in France seeing the sights of Paris, the chateaux of the Loire Valley, the Palace of Versailles, Claude Monet's gardens in Giverny. We will then go to Brussels where we will see the Grande Place and to Amsterdam to see Anne Frank's hiding place, the beautiful canals, and works by Van Gogh and Rembrandt. The 2004 rates are locked in for all those who enroll and make their first payment by Oct. 1st. **Clemson University Declamation Contest** This year's foreign language declamation contest will be held on Sat., Nov. 13th. All students currently enrolled in a foreign language class are eligible to participate, but space is limited. The \$15.00 registration fee and transportation fee are due by Sept. 30th.

Student budgeting:

September-Pay class dues. Freshman-\$5, Sophomore-\$5, Junior \$10, Seniors-\$20 Pay class dues to Ms. Owens or Ms. Morgan

October- Senior graduation gowns, hats, diploma cover-\$65

If you would like to purchase a year-book using the payment plan, all you need to do is see Mrs. Jameson in room 107. She has forms that you can fill out. Put down \$10.00 (cash or check).

Purchase a Yearbook.

Pick up your Publix card at Open House to benefit SHS

*Report Cards Will Be Distributed
November 4. Exit Exam/BSAP
scores are available . Review It.
Schedule Teacher Conferences
through Guidance Office*

299-8445

First Day Celebration a success.

Thanks to supporters: Sticky Fingers BBQ, John Finger Mazda, Big "O" Dodge, Toyota of Greenville, Crown Nissan, Watkins Garrett & Woods Mortuary, PTSA board , Tiger Ambassadors, Student Government, Cheerleaders, ROTC, Community Residents, Teachers, Parents, Booster Clubs, Mr. Rogers and the "robot." Funding provided through a grant from the Alliance for Quality Education.

Plan to be part of this annual celebration!!!

SCHOOL WIDE TUTORING SPONSORED BY GE

**Tuesday and Thursday
SHS Media Center
4:00—6:00**

All students are encouraged to participate. Assistance in:
Reading Science
Math Foreign Language

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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

How to Contact a Teacher: You may call the school at **299-8393**. E-mail is one of the best ways to contact a teacher. A list of all teachers and links to their web sites can be found on the faculty page. Teacher web pages all contain an e-mail link. If you send an e-mail to a teacher at the beginning of the year they will have your address and can do a better job of keeping you informed.

Grade Reports: Your son or daughter will receive grade reports four times a year or in other words once per quarter. They will also receive progress reports in the middle of each quarter. This means that you will be informed of your son's or daughter's progress eight times a year. This information alone will help you stay on top of your son's or daughter's academic progress. For dates, check the school or district's calendars.

**FALL SPORTS
FOOTBALL**

SEPT. 24	BEREA(H)	7:30
OCT. 1	GREENVILLE (A)	7:30*
OCT. 8	WADE HAMPTON (A)	7:30*
OCT. 15	J. L. MANN(H)	7:30*
OCT. 22	BLUE RIDGE(H)	7:30*
OCT. 29	TR (A)	7:30*

*DENOTES REGION GAMES

CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 24	Blue Ridge	4:30 pm
Oct. 8	Travelers Rest	4:30 pm
Oct. 15	Wade Hampton High	4:30 pm

GIRL'S TENNIS

Sept. 22	J.L. Mann (A)	4:30
Sept. 27	Travelers Rest (A)	4:30
Sept. 29	Blue Ridge (A)	4:30
Oct. 4	Greenville (A)	4:30
Oct. 6	Travelers Rest (H)	4:30
Oct. 11	Wade Hampton (H)	4:30
Oct. 13	Greenville (H)	4:30
Oct. 18	J.L. Mann (H)	4:30

Come out and support our teams

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

meets 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00.

October 16
November 14

Join the Athletic Booster Club.
Info & membership form contact
Tyla Gary 422-2681

For information on activities and how to support the **Band**

Booster Club, contact Tobita McKinney 422-9311