



South Hunterdon Regional High School

6th into 7th Grade
Student Orientation

Meet the Administrators

Dr. Louis Muenker, Superintendent

Mr. Mark Collins, Principal

Mr. Jason Miller, Athletic Director

Meet the Counselors

Mrs. Joanne Fenimore, Guidance Grades 7-9

Ms. Susan Laird, Guidance Grades 10-12

Ms. Margaret Christofely, Student Assistance
Counselor

South Hunterdon Regional School District Mission Statement

The South Hunterdon Regional School District, a small close-knit school working in partnership with our community, provides dynamic and innovative educational experiences that challenge and empower each student to strive for personal excellence and responsible global citizenship.

South Hunterdon Points of Pride

- Recently completed rigorous Middle States evaluation and accreditation
- Exceeded “Annual Yearly Progress” (AYP) 4 continuous years
- Upward trends on all statewide assessments- most recently earned 96% proficient in 11th grade Language Arts
- 90% of Class of 2014 attended college this year. 82% in 4 year colleges
- Ranked 21st in New Jersey Top High Schools Ranking in 2013

New Initiatives...

- AFG Goal – COMMUNICATION with all stakeholders!
- Student Growth Objectives
- Parent Portal
- PARCC Testing
- Teacher Evaluation Process
- Google Classroom

Characteristics of Middle Schoolers

- Intellectual Development
- Physical Development
- Psychological Development
- Social Development
- Moral & Ethical Development

Naviance

- 7-12 College and career exploratory program
- Career interest and abilities inventories to be explored in middle school
- Students can add to their Naviance profile every year

A Team Approach

7th Grade Team

1 teacher for each core subject

(4 teachers – Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading & Language Arts)

1 Special Education teacher

Middle Level Teams

- An Educationally Based Research “BEST PRACTICE”
 - Heterogeneously Grouped
 - Exemplary middle schools engage in less tracking than other middle schools....
 - Studies find tracking unjust and inequitable...
 - The effects of tracking have long been recognized as detrimental to students...

Academic Core

- Language Arts
- Reading
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Health and Physical Education

Specials / Cycles

- Taught by a content teacher
- Students rotate through 4 exploratory subjects each semester approximately every 7 weeks.
- Provides exposure to related arts and electives subjects

7th Grade Cycle Classes (“Specials”)

4 Cycles per Semester

Semester 1

- French Language & Culture
- Spanish Language & Culture
- Intro to Choral Music
- Intro to Financial Literacy

Semester 2

- Intro to Agricultural Science
- Intro to Fine/Studio Art
- Computer Literacy
- STEM/Intro to Engineering, Robotics, and Technology

Middle School Arts Block

- Even greater exposure to fine and performing arts
- One full block every other day
- 7th graders may choose Chorus, Band, or Chorus/Band Combination
- In 8th grade, students can stay with Chorus/Band or take STEM or Art

Music Program

- Chorus
- Concert Band
- Ensembles
- Marching Band
- Middle School Play
- School Musical



Unit Lunch

- 60 minutes in duration
- 10:51-11:20 – Students eat lunch in High School Commons
- 11:21-11:51 – Clubs/activities/academic support/library & computer access
- Opportunities for physical movement
- PARCC Development

Tutorial/Unit Lunch

- Core teachers are in their classrooms
- Students can:
 - meet with teachers for extra help
 - work on projects
 - begin homework assignments
 - gain access to media center/computers
 - participate in club meetings

Sample Student Schedule

A DAY	B DAY
Block 1: Phys. Ed/Health	Block 1: Language Arts
Block 2: Science	Block 2: Math
Unit Lunch/Tutorial	Unit Lunch/Tutorial
Block 3: Specials/Cycle	Block 3: Social Studies
Block 4: Reading	Block 4: Arts Block

Reporting Terms and Grading

- Quarterly timeline
- Eight (8) comprehensive grade reports
 - 1 mid-marking period progress report per marking period
 - 1 report card at the end of every marking period
- Parent Portal – On-Line Tool for Parents!



TRANSPORTATION

- **DROP OFF 7:40**
- HOMEROOM 7:55
- DISMISSAL
 - Bus Dismissal 2:43
 - Late Bus Dismissal 4:00 Tuesday-Thursday



LOCKERS

SHR Middle School Athletics

Fall

MS Cross Country
MS Girls Soccer
MS Boys Soccer
MS Girls Field Hockey

Winter

MS Boys Basketball
MS Girls Basketball

Spring

MS Boys Baseball
MS Girls Softball

How Do I Join?

- Complete Physical and online registration
<http://www.shrhs.org/athletics/index.asp>
- Physical and Registration Deadlines
 - Fall: August 1st
 - Winter:
 - Spring:
 - Sports Medicine /Full time Trainer
 - Physicals are good for 365 days

Athletic Schedules

- All practice and game schedules can be found on SHR Athletic website.
- Register your phone and email for schedule change alert notifications and emails.

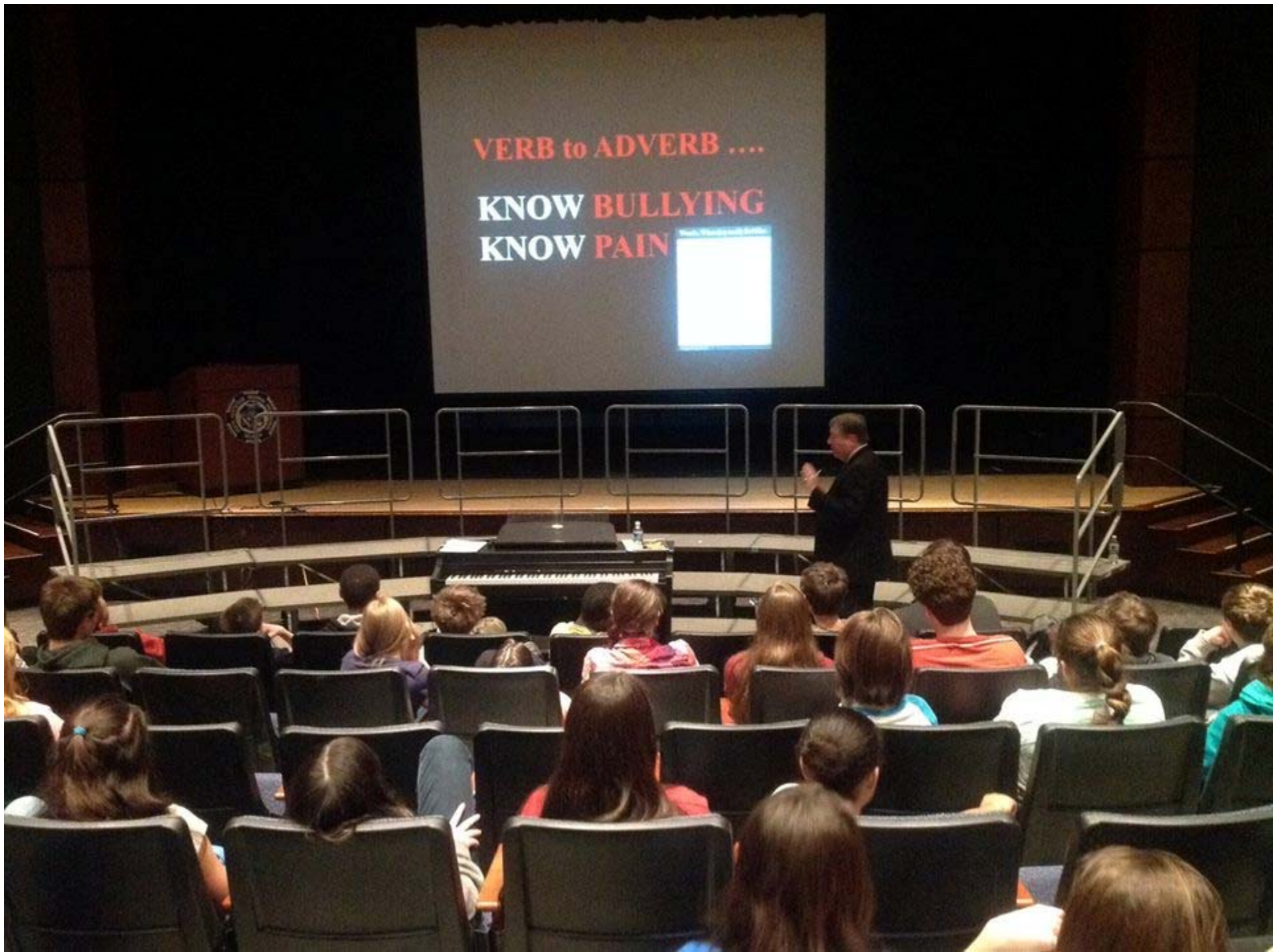
Important Info...

- Most teams will have try-outs that may result in limiting rosters.
- Athletes are expected to attend all practices and games.
- Middle school sports are the transition from community based sports to interscholastic sports.
- Commitment and Expectations

VERB to ADVERB

KNOW BULLYING

KNOW PAIN





What about ?

- Attendance
- Cell phones & other electronic devices
- Activity Nights/Dances
- School Spirit/Night at The Nest

Tips for Success

- Organization is Key!
- Agenda Book
- Color Coded Notebook System
- Complete Homework on Day Assigned
- Utilization of Teacher Web Blog for Homework Assignments When Absent from School

Visit

6th graders will visit South during the afternoon on Thursday, May 12th

- Presentations
- Chorus performance
- Tours with high school Peer Leaders

Sneak Peek!

- School will be open one evening in August. Parents and students are welcome to come try out lockers and walk through students' schedules.
- This year's Sneak Peek date will be announced shortly and will be sent out on List Serve to parents.

Work Hard.

Be Kind.

Q&A